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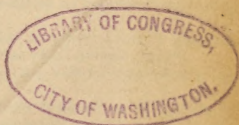
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“Ἄλλοι κεκοπίακασι, καὶ ὑμεῖς εἰς τὸν κόπον αὐτῶν εἰσεληλύθατε.”

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P R E F A C E.

THE utility of larger commentaries on the Holy Scriptures has long been admitted; but no attempt has ever before been made to produce one on the precise plan of this work, although it was greatly needed. It suits the convenience of those who have no time to consult larger works; it accommodates those whose finances are limited; it is a useful *vade-mecum* for those who are from home, or travelling, when a larger volume would be an incumbrance; even those who have large libraries will find it serviceable in refreshing their memories; and it may easily furnish valuable hints to those who are in any way engaged in the work of religious instruction.

The Editor has had recourse for the notes, of which there are nearly *fifteen thousand*, to a large number of the most eminent and esteemed authorities; but the limits of his pages would not admit of swelling them out by quoting his authors: nor is it necessary here to mention a long list of names, in order to make his labours appear of importance. Suffice it to say, that *Patrick, Lowth, and Whitby; H. Horne, Horsley, Bloomfield, Elsley, and Slade; Henry, Scott, Gill, Doddridge, A. Clarke*, and various foreign commentators, are among the numerous writers whose notes abbreviated illustrate THE PORTABLE COMMENTARY.

Authorities are, however, occasionally quoted, but chiefly where a new view is taken of the subject, or a new rendering of the text is given, or where opposite opinions are mentioned; and it will be seen that the latest critical works of eminence have not been overlooked, that the Commentary might be rendered as complete as its limited plan would allow. Where the Editor has introduced any note of his own, he has affixed his mark.

Notwithstanding the small size of the volume, it is hoped that very few difficult and important passages have escaped notice.

As such a work would not generally admit of various opinions upon the same text, the Editor has, in most instances, adopted those only which he considered as the best; a circumstance which in the estimation of some will rather be thought advantageous for general readers, who have not time to compare and discriminate.

The Editor believes that he has not cursorily passed through any of the books; but to some he has paid considerable attention:—to *Genesis*, as the opening book of the inspired volume; to *Job*, as the most difficult book in the Old Testament; to the *Psalms*, on account of their being most frequently selected for meditation; to the *Proverbs*, from their unique character; to *Isaiah*, as the key-book of prophecy; to *Matthew*, as the leader of the evangelists; to *Romans*, as introductory to the epistles, besides treating so largely on the great doctrine of justification; and to the *Hebrews*, that epistle being so striking a comment on the types and shadows of the Levitical dispensation, and unfolding so clearly the grand and glorious doctrine of the ATONEMENT.

It will doubtless be readily perceived that the notes must be understood in various ways. Sometimes the passage is explained by a continuation of the Scripture words quoted in the explanation of the Editor: as Matt. xxvi. 60, '*none* whose testimony agreed.' Sometimes there is a brief comment on the word, as Psalm lxiii. 1, '*thirsteth*, i.e. is ardently desirous:' sometimes a glossary, Isa. xxxiv. 14, '*satyr*, 'shaggy he-goat:' and sometimes an improved translation, which is enclosed with inverted commas.

It may be necessary to inform some readers, that *comp.* (that is, compare) refers to passages which by analogy or otherwise may throw some light on the terms which the text employs.

The word or words in italics must sometimes be read in connexion with the whole text, or the note will not be well understood.

Least any should suppose that THE PORTABLE COMMENTARY is merely an abridgment of the Editor's other Biblical works, he wishes it to be clearly understood, that by far the greater part consists of entirely different matter, and very much has been collected from different sources. The Marginal References are but rarely referred to in the notes; but the reader will find them valuable helps, and should not pass them over. *Dr. Blayney's* references have been adopted as a basis; omitting, however, his useless repetitions: but many of them are original: and great care has been bestowed in the selection of others from various standard commentators. They amount to more than *sixty thousand*. For these the Editor is indebted to another hand.

PREFACE.

The *Connexion between the Old and New Testaments* is given in its proper place. It must be useful to those not conversant with ancient history; and to those who are, it is serviceable as a help to the memory.

An *Alphabetical List* of Orders of Men and Sects, and of Weights and Measures mentioned in Scripture, together with the Jewish and Roman modes of computing time, is also inserted; for though most of these are cursorily noticed in the notes, they may often be found useful for reference, and are explained more at length.

The Editor must be allowed to mention, in terms of high commendation, the beauty of the type, which is so bold and clear (being of an unique cast), that the smallness of the size will not in general, as in many other Bibles, be felt as an inconvenience.

Notwithstanding the unavoidable brevity of the notes, it is hoped that the general reader will find no difficulty in understanding them; and the Editor has reason to believe, from the numerous expressions of approbation which he has already received from various parts of the kingdom, that this little work will not rank among the least serviceable and acceptable of his labours to facilitate the understanding of the sacred Volume.

Abbreviations in the notes:—*Sept.* Septuagint; *Targ.* Targum; *comp.* compare; *Ed.* Editor; *Boothr.* Dr. Boothroyd; *Hend.* Dr. Henderson.

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THE NAMES AND ORDER OF ALL THE BOOKS OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT, WITH THE NUMBER OF THEIR CHAPTERS.

THE BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

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The First Book of MOSES, called GENESIS.

This word in Greek means *generation*; the Hebrew text is, 'in the beginning.' The title is descriptive of the origin of all things in the visible universe.

CHAP. I.

IN the ^a beginning ^b God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. ^c And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 ^d And God said, ^e Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it *was* good: and God divided ^f the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light ^g Day, and the darkness he called Night. ^h And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 ⁱ And God said, ^j Let there be a ^k firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, ^l and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* ^m above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 ⁿ And God said, ^o Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land *Earth*; and the gathering together of the waters called *he Seas*: and God saw that it *was* good.

11 And God said, Let the earth ^p bring forth ^q grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding ^r fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it *was* good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 ^s And God said, Let there be ^t lights in the firmament of the heaven: to divide ^u the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and ^v for seasons, and for days, and years:

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^a Jno. 1. 1, 2.
^b He. 1. 10.

^c Ps. 8. 3.
146. 6.

^d Is. 44. 24.
^e Je. 10. 12.

^f Ac. 17. 24.
^g Col. 1. 16, 17.

^h *for the rule of the day.*
ⁱ Ps. 33. 6.

^j Is. 40. 13, 14.
^k Ps. 33. 9.

^l 2 Co. 4. 6.
^m Je. 31. 35.

ⁿ *between the light and between the darkness.*
^o Ps. 104. 20.

^p *And the evening was, and the morning was.*
^q Job 37. 18.

^r Ps. 136. 5.
^s Je. 51. 15.

^t *expansion.*
^u *or, creeping.*

^v *soul.*
^w *let fowl fly.*

^x *face of the firmament of heaven.*
^y Pr. 8. 28.

^z Ps. 148. 4.
^{aa} Job 26. 10.

^{ab} Je. 5. 22.
^{ac} 2 Pe. 3. 5.

^{ad} He. 6. 7.
^{ae} *tender grass.*

^{af} Lu. 6. 44.
^{ag} Ec. 7. 29.

^{ah} 1 Co. 11. 7.
^{ai} De. 4. 19.

^{aj} *between the day and between the night.*
^{ak} Ps. 104. 19.

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light ^{al} to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to ^{am} rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it *was* good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the ^{an} moving creature that hath ^{ao} life, and ^{ap} fowl that may fly above the earth in the ^{aq} open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it *was* good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 ^{ar} And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it *was* good.

26 ^{as} And God said, ^{at} Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said

CHAP. I.—1. *beginning*, origin of the visible creation, i.e. when he created the world, there was a beginning made to every thing except God. *God*, a plural noun, and yet implies in the verb, a singular. *created*, called into existence and form. *heaven*, solar system. *earth*, entire substance of the globe. Dr. Boothroyd thinks the 'matter' was now created, and afterwards formed, but perhaps it is better to understand the words as a general statement, the particulars being afterwards given.—Ed. 2. *without form and void*, a rude desolate mass. *deep*, abyss of 'waters' covering more solid materials. *moved upon*, gently agitated. 3. *said*, i.e. willed, *Let*, &c. 'Light be! and light was.' 4. *saw*, 'approved,' good, adapted for its purpose, and fit to promote creature comfort. *divided*, distinguished. *evening and morning*, the Jews began their day at evening. *were*, 'had been.' 5. *Firmament*, expansion of the atmosphere surrounding the earth; it signifies something spread like a tent. *divide*, separate. 7. *waters under*, ocean, lakes, and rivers. *waters above*, clouds. 10. *Earth*, i.e. low, inferior. *seas*, the word signifies agitation, referring

perhaps to currents and tides. 11. *grass* may mean wild grass and flowers. *herb*, perhaps esculent or farinaceous products cultivated by man. *tree*, either wild or cultivated. *seed in itself*, has the vegetative power of propagating and multiplying. 14. *lights*, 'light-bearers,' or 'light-kindlers,' reflecting light. The moon and planets are opaque; possibly the sun is so. *divide*, distinguish. *signs*, of weather, Acts xxvii. 20. *seasons*, time appointed for religious festivals, new moon, &c. *days*, by a circular motion in twenty-four hours. *years*, by annual motion. 16. *great lights*, sun and moon. *rule*, regulate. 20. *bring forth abundantly*, 'abound with,' *moving creature*, meaning fishes. 21. *great whales*, or great sea-monsters, these may include crocodiles. 24. *cattle*, tame animals. *creeping thing*, reptiles. *beast*, wild animals. 26. *Let us*, denotes plurality in the Godhead, for no creatures made creatures. *man*, from a word signifying red earth. *our image*, intellectually and morally. See Eph. iv. 24, Col. iii. 10. *likeness*, the word is doubled to engage attention: likeness means resemblance. 27. *and female*, Eve

unto them, ^a Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that I moveth upon the earth.

29 ^b And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb ^c bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed: ^d to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, where ^e in there is ^f life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And ^g God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

CHAP. II.

THUS the heavens and the earth were finished, and ^h all the host of them.

2 ⁱ And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God ^j blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God ^k created and made.

4 ^l These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not ^m caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

6 But ⁿ there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the LORD God formed man ^o of the ^p dust of the ground, and ^q breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and ^r man became a living soul.

8 ^s And the LORD God planted ^t a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow ^u every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food; ^v the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth ^w the whole land of Havilah, where ^x there is gold;

12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

13 And the name of the second river is

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^a Le. 26. 9.^b Ps. 127. 3.^c Cush.^d Da. 10. 4.^e or, east-^f ward to^g Assyria.^h creepeth.ⁱ Seedlingseed.^j or, Adam.^k Job 36. 31.^l Ac. 14. 17.^m eating thouⁿ shalt eat.^o a living soul^p Ps. 104. 24.^q Ti. 4. 4.^r dying thou^s shalt die.^t Ro. 6. 23.^u Ja. 1. 15.^v 1 Co. 11. 9.^w 1 Ti. 2. 13.^x as before^y him.^z Ps. 33. 6.^{aa} Ps. 8. 6.^{ab} Ex. 31. 17.^{ac} He. 4. 4.^{ad} or, the man.^{ae} called.^{af} Ne. 9. 14.^{ag} Is. 58. 13.^{ah} created to^{ai} make.^{aj} 1 Sa. 26. 12.^{ak} Ps. 90. 1, 2.^{al} built.^{am} Pr. 18. 22.^{an} He. 13. 4.^{ao} Ep. 5. 30.^{ap} Job 38. 26-28.^{aq} S. Isha.^{ar} or, a mist^{as} which went^{at} up from, &c.^{au} P. 1 Co. 11. 8.^{av} Ish.^{aw} ch. 31. 15.^{ax} Ps. 45. 10.^{ay} Mar. 10. 7.^{az} 1 Co. 6. 16.^{ba} dust of the^{bb} ground.^{bc} Ps. 103. 14.^{bd} Ec. 12. 7.^{be} Job 33. 4.^{bf} Ex. 32. 25.^{bg} 1 Co. 15. 45.^{bh} Is. 51. 3.^{bi} Re. 20. 2.^{bj} Mer. 10. 16.^{bk} Eze. 31. 8.^{bl} I.e., be-^{bm} cause, &c.^{bn} Re. 22. 14.^{bo} ch. 2. 17.^{bp} ch. 25. 18.^{bq} 2 Co. 11. 3.

Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of ^c Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river is ^d Hiddekel: that is it which goeth ^e toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

15 And the LORD God took ^f the man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden ^g thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof ^h thou shalt sure ⁱ die.

18 ^j And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; ^k I will make him an help ^l meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and ^m brought them unto ⁿ Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20 And Adam ^o gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a ^p deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, I made he a woman, and ^q brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now ^r a bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called ^s Woman, because she was ^t taken out of ^u Man.

24 ^v Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ^w ashamed.

CHAP. III.

NOW ^x the serpent was ^y more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, ^z Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 ^a But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 ^b And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be

was virtually in Adam. 28. replenish, fill. subdue, exercise dominion. 30. every green herb, all vegetables.

CHAP. II.—1. host, armies; the heavenly bodies so called, from their perfect order. 2. ended, had ended, for all was finished on the sixth day. rested, ceased, a rest of satisfaction, not from weariness. 3. blessed, pronounced the sabbath a day to promote happiness. sanctified, separated it from other days, and for holy purposes. 4. generations, true account of their origin. Lord, rather 'JEHOVAH.' God, meaning He who necessarily exists. 5. before it grew, i.e. by culture, and by the heat of the sun, and rain. 6. a mist, rather 'a flood had risen.' A fountain or spring.—Sept. 7. breathed, the very life of Deity was communicated to man—a pure spirit. 8. Eden means 'pleasure' and 'delight,' rendered by the Sept.

'Paradise.' 9. tree of life, because a sacramental pledge of immortality. of knowledge, &c., because, refraining to eat, the knowledge of good would be enjoyed: and eating, the knowledge of evil would follow. 14. in the midst, i.e. the most conspicuous place. 15. the fourth river, Euphrates, Tigris, Phasis, and Araxes, are thought to have been the four. 17. die, this included the body, and alienation from God of the soul, and consequent exposure to his wrath. 18. not good, not suited to the design of the Creator, ch. i. 28. 19. brought them, influenced them to assemble. 21. deep sleep, 'an ecstasy.'—Sept. A state of body in which the mind was awake. See Job xxxiii. 15. 22. woman means, 'a she-man.'

CHAP. III.—1. the serpent, Satan, who bears this name, (see Rev. xii. 9.) he was the real agent, and might not even assume the form, but only the subtilty of

opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it

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* cause to bud.

a 2 Th. 3. 10.

† a desire.

† Rom. 5. 12.

Heb. 9. 27.

‡ Chavah,

i.e. living.

§ or, things

to gird

about.

¶ Job 38. 1.

d ver. 5.

like is. 19. 12

47. 12. 13.

|| wind.

¶ Job 31. 33.

† Jno. 3. 20.

§ Ps. 104. 4.

Heb. 1. 7.

¶ Pro. 28. 13.

* i.e. gotten,

or, acquired.

† Hebel.

‡ a feeder.

§ at the end

of days.

¶ Ex. 21. 29. 32.

¶ Nu. 18. 17.

|| sheep, or,

goats.

† Is. 65. 25.

Mi. 7. 17.

¶ Ac. 13. 10.

1 Jno. 3. 8.

¶ Is. 7. 14.

Mi. 5. 3.

Mat. 1. 23. 25

o Col. 2. 15.

Heb. 2. 14.

1 Jno. 5. 5.

p ch. 31. 2.

q Jno. 16. 21.

1 Ti. 2. 15.

* or, have the

excellency?

Heb. 11. 4.

† or, subject

to thy.

† Ep. 5. 22. 24.

1 Ti. 2. 11. 12.

1 Pe. 3. 1. 5. 6.

† or, subject

unto thee.

ch. 3. 16.

¶ Ro. 8. 20.

† Mat. 23. 35.

1 Jno. 3. 12.

u Job 5. 7.

Ec. 2. 23.

x Jno. 8. 44.

* bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 a In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground: for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 ¶ And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

CHAP. IV.

AND Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 ¶ And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

creature.—Ed. he said, perhaps by suggestion.

the gods, as God, same word as ch. 1. 1.

7. eyes opened, i.e. the mind perceived. naked, without ex-

cellency, as well as clothing. See Ex. xxxii. 25: Rev.

1. 15. seued, joined, or fastened, probably by twist-

ing. 8. voice—walking, indicates approaching nearer

or nearer. 9. where art thou? some render, 'alas

is thee!' 14. said unto the serpent, i.e. the devil,

who was degraded beneath the meanest animal, for if

man had entered the serpent, the creature could not

be viewed as meriting the punishment. Some sup-

pose the serpent was before this possessed of legs, and

crawling in trees; but it seems likely that he was

supposed as he now is, and the degradation of Satan

was to be like him, a sordid creature.—Ed. 15. the

man, with his seed. the woman, mentioned before,

being the instrument of bringing forth the opposing

seed, thy seed, the wicked. her seed, Christ in par-

ticular, and all holy persons. thy head, power. his

seed, human nature. This foretells that Satan's

work of life should be affected by Christ. 16. thy

seed, &c. pretends female degradation, common

where Christianity prevails not. 18. the herb, in

man's fruit. 21. skins doubtless of beasts slain in

sacrifice, which Adam was allowed to use. 22. is

become, would become. us, implies here a plurality

of Persons in the Divine nature. Render the text,

'Behold, the man hath been as one of us, to know,' &c.

stating his indulgence of a guilty ambition. and live

for ever, the tree yielding nourishment suitable to a

deathless state, and so he would continue in his

miserable state, separated from God. 24. drove out,

'put away,' as in divorcees. cherubims, angelic guards,

visible, and having the similitude of a flaming sword.

CHAP. IV.—1. a man from the Lord, some read it,

'a man, the Jehovah'—the promised seed. 2. again

bare, 'added to bear.' 3. fruit, an offering to God

as the God of nature. 4. firstlings, an offering to

God as the God of grace. had respect, manifested

probably by fire, as in after times. See Lev. ix. 24:

2 Ch. vii. 1; 1 Ki. xviii. 38. 6. fallen, gloomy;

7. sin lieth at the door, sin often means 'a sin-offering.'

the door probably meant the door of the place into

which Cain and Abel had entered for worship: this

was a reproach, that Cain had not come in the ap-

pointed way. shall be his desire, &c. Abel was still

ready to obey his elder brother, and jealousy was

without cause. 8. slew, the Jews say, with a stone,

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood ^a crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

13 And Cain said unto the LORD, [§] My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14 ^a Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and ^a from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, [§] that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him [§] sevenfold. And the LORD [§] set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

16 [¶] And Cain [¶] went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare [¶] Enoch: and he builded a city, ^m and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat [¶] Lamech.

19 [¶] And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

20 And Adah bear Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

21 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, an [¶] instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for [¶] I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man [¶] to my hurt:

24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

25 [¶] And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and [¶] called his name [¶] Seth: For God, [¶] said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

26 And to Seth, [¶] to him also there was born a son; and he called his name

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* Enosh.

† or, to call themselves by the name of the LORD.

1 Ki. 13. 24.

Ps. 116. 17.

Joel 2. 32.

Zep. 3. 9.

1 Co. 1. 2.

† bloods.

^a He. 12. 24.

Re. 6. 10.

^b 1 Ch. 1. 1.

Lu. 3. 36.

^c Ep. 4. 24.

Col. 3. 10.

[§] or, Mine iniquity is greater than that it may be forgiven.

^d Job 15. 20.

^e Ps. 51. 11.

^f 1 Ch. 1. 1.

^g Na. 35. 19.

^h ch. 3. 19.

ⁱ Ps. 79. 12.

^k Eze. 9. 4, 6.

^l 2 Ki. 24. 20.

^m Ps. 49. 11.

* Kenan.

† Lamech.

‡ Gr. Maleteel

§ Jared.

¶ whetter.

or, I would slay a man in my wound, &c.

ⁿ Jude 14. 15.

† or, in my hurt.

^o ch. 5. 3.

‡ Sheth, i. e. appointed, or, put.

§ Gr. Mathusala.

^p ch. 17. 1.

^q 2 Ki. 20. 3.

Ps. 16. 18.

116. 9.

128. 1.

Mi. 6. 8.

^q ch. 5. 6.

* Enos: then began men [†] to call upon the name of the LORD.

CHAP. V.

THIS is the ^b book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in ^c the likeness of God made he him;

2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

3 [¶] And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

4 [¶] And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: [¶] and he died.

6 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:

7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

9 [¶] And Enos lived ninety years, and begat [¶] Cainan:

10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:

11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

12 [¶] And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat [¶] Mahalaleel:

13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:

14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

15 [¶] And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat [¶] Jared:

16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:

17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

18 [¶] And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat [¶] Enoch:

19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

21 [¶] And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat [¶] Methuselah:

22 And Enoch [¶] walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

11. cursed from the earth, or 'land,' banished from the district of his father's family. 14. thou hast driven, the sinner blamed God for his own act; his departure was voluntary from the worship of God, and lest some one should slay him. every one, 'some one.' Many persons might by this time have sprung from Adam's family. Some read, 'Now therefore, let it be that any one that finds me may kill me.' 15. whosoever slayeth Cain, he was spared, as a living proof of God's displeasure against murderers. sevenfold, the highest degree. Ps. lxxix. 12. set a mark, gave him a token, or he might have the mark of despair. 16. from the presence, 'from before the face' of Jehovah, from the place of his worship. Nod, 'wandering,' the place took its name from the tenant. 17. Enoch, 'instructed,' 'dedicated,' some suppose the mother viewed this son as becoming a priest to the family, but rather understand the meaning 'trained up' in the evil practices of his

father. 19. two wives, this was the first polygamy we read of. 20. the father, instructor, inventor, a guide. of such as have cattle, Jabal was not the first shepherd, but the first who provided tents for removing shepherds from pasture to pasture, like the wandering Arabs. father—harp—organ, Jubal invented these; organ means 'pipe.' 23. I have slain, &c. 'I, being wounded, have slain a man': this speech apologises for an act of manslaughter, perhaps to clear himself from the crime of Cain. 24. If Cain &c. If God would not allow Cain to be injured, much more would he protect one who had only acted in self-defence. 26. Enos, weak, frail, to call upon &c. 'to call themselves, or 'to be called by the name &c.; the faithful separated themselves from the wicked, and worshipped God together.

CHAP. V.—1. book, 'register,' generations of Adam the line of Seth only is here registered. 3. his own likeness, not that of God, (v. 1.) in which man was

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years :

24 And ^a Enoch walked with God : and he was not ; for God took him.

25 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat * Lamech :

26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters :

27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years : and he died.

28 [†] And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son :

29 And he called his name [‡] Noah, saying, Thus [§] shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters :

31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years : and he died.

32 And Noah was five hundred years old : and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

CHAP. VI.

AND it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair ; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the LORD said, [†] My spirit shall not always strive with man, [‡] for that he also is flesh : yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days ; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

5 [¶] And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every [¶] imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil ^{*} continually.

6 And [¶] it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and he grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth ; [†] both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air ; for it hath repented me that I have made them.

8 But Noah [¶] found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 [¶] These are the generations of Noah : Noah was a just man and [¶] perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

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^a He. 11. 5.^b Lu. 1. 6.^c Ro. 2. 13.^d 3. 19.^e Eze. 8. 17.^f 28. 16.^g Hab. 2. 8, 17.^h Ps. 33. 13, 14.ⁱ 53. 2, 3.[†] Lamech.[‡] Je. 51. 13.[§] Am. 8. 2.[¶] 1 Pe. 4. 7.[¶] ver. 17.[†] or, from[‡] the earth.[§] nests.[¶] i.e. rest, or,[¶] comfort.[¶] Gr. Noe.[¶] Lu. 3. 36.[¶] He. 11. 7.[¶] 1 Pe. 3. 20.[¶] 2 Pe. 2. 5.[¶] 1 Pe. 3. 20.[¶] De. 7. 3, 4.[¶] 1 Pe. 3. 20.[¶] Ps. 78. 39.[¶] He. 11. 7.[¶] See Ex. 40.[¶] 16.[¶] ch. 7. 5, 9, 16.[¶] or, the whole[¶] imagination :[¶] The[¶] Hebrew[¶] word signi-[¶] fies not[¶] only the[¶] imagination,[¶] but also the[¶] purposes[¶] and desires[¶] De. 29. 19.[¶] Pr. 6. 18.[¶] Mat. 15. 19.[¶] every day.[¶] Mat. 24. 38.[¶] Lu. 17. 26.[¶] Nu. 23. 19.[¶] 1Sa. 15. 11, 29.[¶] 2Sa. 24. 16.[¶] Mal. 3. 6.[¶] Ps. 33. 15, 19.[¶] Pr. 10. 9.[¶] 2 Pe. 2. 9.[¶] Is. 63. 10.[¶] Ed. 4. 30.[¶] Le. XI.[¶] seven seven[¶] from man[¶] unto beast.[¶] Lev. 10. 10.[¶] Ez. 44. 23.[¶] Ex. 33. 12.[¶] Lu. 1. 30.[¶] Ro. 1. 17.[¶] or, upright.

10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt [¶] before God, and the earth was [¶] filled with violence.

12 And God [¶] looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt ; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, [¶] The end of all flesh is come before me ; for the earth is filled with violence through them ; [¶] and, behold, I will destroy them twith the earth.

14 [¶] Make thee an ark of gopher wood : [¶] rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of : The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above ; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof ; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

17 [¶] And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven ; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant ; and [¶] thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee ; they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee ; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 [¶] Thus did Noah ; [¶] according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

CHAP. VII.

AND the LORD said unto Noah, [¶] Come thou and all thy house into the ark ; for [¶] thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

2 Of every [¶] clean beast thou shalt take to thee by [¶] sevens, the male and his female : [¶] and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.

3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female ; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights ; and every living substance

created, but corrupt and mortal. 21. walked, i.e. pleased God : two walking together implies communion. took him, he was translated, soul and body. See Heb. xi. 5. 32. Shem, he is placed first, probably as being the father of the race that continued to serve God.

CHAP. VI.—1. began to multiply, became numerous. sons of God, worshippers of God, or race of Seth. See Job ii. 1 ; De. xiv. 1. daughters of men, descendants of Cain—unbelieving women. took wives, some think the powerful sealed the weak and poor. chose, or delighted in. See Ps. xxv. 12 ; ex. 173, where the same word is used. 3. My spirit, &c. may mean, ' shall not abide or predominate in man,' i.e. the breath of life shall not abide in him for ever, for he is mortal flesh, yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty

years. 4. giants, means men of power and violence.

5. saw, took particular notice of, with a view to judgment.

6. repented, implies no change in God, but in his conduct towards men.

9. perfect, in sincerity and integrity. in his generations, among the people of his times.

12. earth, put here for its inhabitants.

14. ark, the original means a hollow, empty vessel ; it was made like a chest.

rooms, little apartments.

gopher, supposed to be cypress.

15. cubits, each twenty-one inches.

Ark's length, five hundred and twelve feet ; breadth, eighty-seven ; height, fifty-two.

16. window, sloping deck, small sky-light.

17. a flood, of this all nations have the tradition.

CHAP. VII.—1. righteous, or just. before me, with my scrutinizing judgment. 2. clean, alludes to sacrifice, for the law of food did not then exist,

that I have made will I * destroy from off the face of the earth.

5 And ^b Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

6 And Noah ^c was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7 ^d And ^e Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark; because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that ^f are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

10 And it came to pass ^g after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

11 ^h In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all ⁱ the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the ^j windows ^k of heaven were opened.

12 And ^l the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 In the selfsame day ^m entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

14 They, ⁿ and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every ^o sort.

15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, ^p two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, ^q as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; ^r and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth: ^s and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; ^t and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

21 And ^u all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

22 All in ^v whose nostrils was ^w the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and ^x Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

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* blot out.

^a ch. 8. 3, 4, compared with verse 11 of this chapter.

^b ch. 6. 22.

^c ch. 19. 29.

^d Ex. 2. 24.

^e 1 Sa. 1. 19.

^f Ex. 14. 21.

^g ver. 1.

^h Job 38. 37.

ⁱ in going & returning.

^j ch. 7. 24.

^k or, on the seventh day.

^l were in going and decreasing.

^m ch. 8. 2.

ⁿ Pr. 8. 28.

^o Eze. 26. 19.

^p Mat. 24. 38.

^q 1 Th. 5. 3.

^r or, flood-gates.

^s ch. 1. 7.

^t Ps. 78. 23.

^u ch. 6. 16.

^v ver. 4, 17.

^w in going forth and returning.

^x ver. 1. 7.

^y ch. 6. 18.

^z He. 11. 7.

^{aa} 1 Pe. 3. 20.

^{ab} 2 Pe. 2. 5.

^{ac} ver. 2, 3, 8, 9.

^{ad} t wing.

^{ae} caused her to come.

^{af} ch. 6. 20.

^{ag} ver. 2, 3.

^{ah} ver. 4, 12.

^{ai} Ps. 104. 26.

^{aj} Ps. 104. 6.

^{ak} Je. 3. 23.

^{al} ver. 4.

^{am} ch. 6. 13, 17.

^{an} Job 22. 16.

^{ao} Mat. 24. 39.

^{ap} Lu. 17. 27.

^{aq} 2 Pe. 3. 6.

^{ar} ch. 7. 13.

^{as} ch. 2. 7.

^{at} the breath of the spirit of life.

^{au} ch. 7. 15.

^{av} ch. 1. 22.

^{aw} Eze. 14. 14.

^{ax} 20.

^{ay} Mal. 3. 17.

^{az} 18.

24 ^a And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

CHAP. VIII.

AND God ^b remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: ^c and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged.

2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and ^d the rain from heaven was restrained;

3 And the waters returned from off the earth ^e continually: and after the end of the ^f hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

5 And the waters ^g decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 ^h And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened ⁱ the window of the ark which he had made:

7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth ^j to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and ^k pulled her in unto him into the ark.

10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12 And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

13 ^l And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

15 ^m And God spake unto Noah, saying,

16 Go forth of the ark, thou, ⁿ and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee ^o every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and ^p be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

18 And Noah went forth, and his sons,

animal food was not yet granted. by sevens, seven of each. 9. went in, by special instinct. 11. six hundredth, about 1656 from the creation. windows of heaven, air and clouds. 19. hills, hence they existed before the flood. under the whole heaven, proves the deluge universal. 20. fifteen, i.e. twenty-two feet and a half, above the mountains. mountains were covered, confirmed by shells, skeletons of fish, &c. now found on them. 21. every man, thought

to have been eleven thousand millions, and some think two millions of millions. 22. in the dry land, hence it is thought water animals did not enter the ark. 24. prevailed, mastered the whole world.

CHAP. VIII.—1. remembered, made good his promise. 4. Ararat, Armenia, in which is a chain of mountains, on the highest part of which the ark is supposed to have rested. It is 1500 feet higher than Mont Blanc. 14. seven and twentieth day, just a year

and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: 19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their ^a kinds, went forth out of the ark.

20 ^a And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD: and took of ^b every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled ^d a [†] sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again ^c curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the ^f imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22 [§] While the earth remaineth, [‡] seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and [‡] day and night shall not cease.

CHAP. IX.

AND God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, [†] Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 And ^m the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every ^p moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you [†] all things.

4 But flesh [‡] with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; ^v at the hand of every beast will I require it, and ^w at the hand of man; at the hand of every ^x man's brother will I require the life of man.

6 Whoso ^y sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: ^a for in the image of God made he man.

7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

8 ^a And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, ^b behold, I establish ^c my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

10 ^c And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither

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^a ch. 17. 11.^b families.^c Le. XI.^d Ro. 4. 3.^e Le. 1. 9.^f Eze. 20. 41.^g 2 Co. 2. 15.^h Ep. 5. 2.ⁱ savour of^j rest.^k ch. 3. 17.^l or, though.^m Job 15. 14.ⁿ Ps. 51. 5.^o Je. 17. 9.^p Mat. 15. 19.^q Ro. 1. 21.^r 3. 23.^s Ex. 28. 12.^t Le. 26. 42, 45.^u Eze. 16. 60.^v *As yet all*^w *the days of*^x *the earth.*^y Is. 51. 8.^z Je. 33. 20, 25.^{aa} ch. 17. 13, 19.^{ab} ch. 1. 28.^{ac} Ho. 2. 18.^{ad} ch. 10. 6.^{ae} *Chanaan.*^{af} ch. 5. 32.^{ag} De. 12. 15.^{ah} Ac. 10. 12, 13.^{ai} ch. 10. 32.^{aj} 1 Ch. 1. 1, &c.^{ak} Ro. 14. 14, 20.^{al} 1 Co. 10. 23, 26.^{am} Col. 2. 16.^{an} 1 Ti. 4. 3, 4.^{ao} ch. 3. 19, 23.^{ap} Le. 17. 10, 11.^{aq} 1 Sa. 14. 34.^{ar} Ac. 15. 20, 29.^{as} Pr. 20. 1.^{at} 1 Co. 10. 12.^{au} Ex. 21. 28.^{av} ch. 4. 9, 10.^{aw} Ps. 9. 12.^{ax} Ac. 17. 26.^{ay} Ex. 21. 12, 14.^{az} Le. 21. 17.^{ba} Mat. 26. 52.^{bb} Ex. 20. 12.^{bc} Gal. 6. 1.^{bd} ch. 1. 27.^{be} ch. 6. 15.^{bf} Is. 54. 9.^{bg} De. 27. 16.^{bh} Ps. 145. 9.^{bi} 1 Ki. 9. 20, 21.^{bj} or, servant^{bk} *to them,*^{bl} *for persuade*^{bm} *Ep. 2. 13, 14.*

shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12 And God said, ^a This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13 I do set ^c my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

15 And ^e I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember ^f the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

18 ^a And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: ^b and Ham is the father of Canaan.

19 These ^c are the three sons of Noah: ^d and of them was the whole earth overspread.

20 And Noah began to be ^e an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

21 And he drank of the wine, ^f and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

23 And ^g Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces ^h were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

25 And he said, ⁱ Cursed be Canaan; ^j a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

26 And he said, Blessed ^k be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be ^l his servant.

27 God shall ^m enlarge Japheth, ⁿ and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

and ten days after their entrance. 20. *an altar*, and first mentioned, but probably as old as sacrifices. *burnt-offerings*, 'ascensions,' which went up in fire to the Lord. 21. *sweet savour*, or 'a savour of rest,' a figure intimating that the offerings were acceptable to God, as a sweet odour is to us.

CHAP. IX.—1. *blessed*, renewed the old blessing, *h. i. 28*. 2. *afraid of you*, expressive of dominion over the creatures. See *i. 26*. 3. *meat*, the change produced by the flood perhaps rendered more nourishing food now necessary. 4. *with the life—namely eat*, blood is the atonement for the soul: Christ's blood redeemed man's life; hence blood was sacred. The perpetuity of this prohibition since the typical ages, is not a settled question. 5. *at the hand of man*, hold the person spoken of responsible. *brother* means here all men, being all of one blood. 6. *shed his blood*, *for in the image*, &c. this is the foundation of the Divine will for regarding man's life. 7. *my covenant*, no more to destroy man by a flood. 8. *do set*, 'have set,' the bow was before, but became a token. 19. *of them*, &c. Shem's race had Asia

Ham's Africa, Japheth's Europe. 20. *began*, i. e. to cultivate the earth afresh. 21. *was drunken*, the original may signify 'satisfied,' or 'merry.' See *Ge. xliii. 34*; *Song v. 1*. Some think Noah was aware of the strength of the wine. 22. *the nakedness*, one critic thinks this was incest with the father's wife, (comp. *Le. xviii. 7—10*), and that Ham being surprised in the crime, his brethren threw their garments over the offenders, and told their father, who degraded Ham of his inheritance. Comp. also *Ezek. xlii. 10*. 23. *cursed be Canaan*, the crime of Ham, with sentence on Canaan, his fourth son, was the earnest of future wickedness in his descendants, and pointed to the race of the Canaanites, whom the curse overtook in the most awful manner. *a servant of servants* has long been the destiny of the race of Ham. 26. *the Lord God of Shem*, which he was by preserving his descendants in his worship. 27. *enlarge Japheth*, he had a numerous family, and his race an extensive territory. Europe. Asia Minor. Scythia. &c. *he shall dwell*, &c., God shall dwell, &c.; so God dwelt in the tabernacle and temple.

confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So ^a the LORD scattered them abroad from thence ^a upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called ^a Babel: ^a because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10 ^a These ^a are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:

11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, ^a and begat Salah:

13 And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

14 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:

15 And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

16 And ^a Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat ^a Peleg:

17 And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu:

19 And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat ^a Serug:

21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor:

23 And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat ^a Terah:

25 And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

26 And Terah lived seventy years, and ^a begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27 ^a Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.

28 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was ^a Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, ^a Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

30 But ^a Sarai was barren; she had no child.

31 And Terah ^a took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son

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^a ch. 42. 23.

De. 28. 49.

Je. 5. 15.

1 Co. 14. 2, 11

^b Ne. 9. 7.

Ac. 7. 4.

^c Lu. 1. 51.

^d ch. 10. 25, 32.

^e i. e. confusion.

^f 1 Co. 14. 23.

^g ch. 15. 7.

Ne. 9. 7.

Is. 41. 2.

Ac. 7. 3.

He. 11. 8.

^h 1 Co. 1. 17.

ⁱ ch. 17. 6.

De. 26. 5.

1 Ki. 3. 8.

^k ch. 24. 35.

^l ch. 28. 4.

Gal. 3. 14.

^m ch. 27. 29.

Ex. 23. 22.

Nu. 24. 9.

ⁿ ch. 19. 18.

22. 18.

26. 4.

Ps. 72. 17.

Ac. 3. 25.

Ca. 3. 5.

^o See Lu. 3. 36.

^p ch. 14. 14.

^q 1 Ch. 1. 19.

^r Called.

Lu. 3. 35.

^s Phalec.

^t ch. 11. 31.

^u He. 11. 9.

^v De. 11. 30.

Ju. 7. 1.

^w ch. 17. 1.

^x ch. 13. 15.

17. 8.

Ps. 105. 9, 11.

^y ch. 13. 4.

^z Lu. 3. 35.

^{aa} Saruch.

^{ab} in going and journeying.

^{ac} ch. 13. 3.

^{ad} ch. 26. 1.

^{ae} Lu. 3. 34.

^{af} Thara.

^{ag} Ps. 105. 13.

^{ah} ch. 43. 1.

^{ai} Jos. 24. 2.

^{aj} 1 Ch. 1. 26.

^{ak} ch. 26. 7.

^{al} f. ch. 20. 11.

26. 7.

^{am} ch. 20. 5, 13.

^{an} ch. 17. 15.

20. 12.

^{ao} ch. 22. 20.

^{ap} ch. 39. 7.

^{aq} Mat. 5. 23.

^{ar} ch. 16. 1, 2.

18. 11, 12.

^{as} ch. 12. 1.

^{at} ch. 20. 2.

Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from ^b Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

CHAP. XII.

NOW the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And ^a I will make of thee a great nation, ^a and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; ^a and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And ^a I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: ^a and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and ^a the souls that they had gotten ^a in Haran: and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

6 ^a And Abram ^a passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, ^a unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7 And ^a the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, ^a Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an ^a altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

9 And Abram journeyed, ^a going ^a on still toward the south.

10 ^a And there was ^a a famine in the land: and Abram ^a went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was ^a grievous in the land.

11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art ^a a fair woman to look upon:

12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they ^a will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

13 ^a Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

14 ^a And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was ^a taken into Pharaoh's house.

16 And he entreated Abram well for her

means 'Come.' Let us, suggests plurality in the God-head. 10. Shem, his generations only are given, as perhaps he had not joined the apostasy of Babel. 11. Shem lived, &c. reaching to nearly all the time of Abram.

CHAP. XII.—5. souls, three hundred and eighteen persons. See ch. xiv. 14. 8. Bethel, so called afterwards. But now Luz. Ge. xxviii. 19. 10. into Egypt, better prosecuted from famine, owing to the overflowing Nile. 11. a fair woman, though then sixty-five.

13. my sister, true in one sense, see xx. 12. 14. beheld the woman, the women then went unvelled in Egypt, as appears from their monuments; the conquering Persians altered this custom. 15. Pharaoh, a name common to the Egyptian kings, as Czar to the sovereign of Russia; the word is a corruption of the Hebrew Phrah, from an Egyptian word, Phre, signifying 'the sun.' taken into Pharaoh's house, a course of preparation was then requisite, before she could become his wife. See Esth. ii.

sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maid-servants, and she asses, and camels.

17 And the LORD ^b plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.

18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, ^f What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife?

19 Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way.

20 And ^g Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIII.

AND Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, ⁱ into the south.

2 And ^j Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

3 And he went on his journeys from the south even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Hai;

4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram ^k called on the name of the LORD.

5 ^l And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

6 And ^m the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

7 And there was ⁿ a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle, and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

8 And Abram said unto Lot, ^o Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be ^p brethren.

9 Is ^q not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all ^r the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD ^s destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, ^t even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto ^u Zoar.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom ^v were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

14 ^w And the LORD said unto Abram,

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a ch. 28. 14.

b ch. 20. 18.

1 Ch. 16. 21.

Ps. 105. 14.

He. 13. 4.

c ch. 15. 18.

17. 8.

24. 7.

26. 4.

Nu. 34. 12.

De. 34. 4.

Ac. 7. 5.

d 2 Ch. 20. 7.

Ps. 37. 22, 29.

112. 2.

e ch. 22. 17.

28. 14.

32. 12.

Ex. 32. 13.

Nu. 23. 10.

De. 1. 10.

1 Ki. 4. 20.

1 Ch. 27. 23.

Is. 48. 19.

Je. 33. 22.

Ro. 4. 16. 18.

He. 11. 12.

f ch. 20. 9.

26. 10.

g Pr. 21. 1.

^h plains.

h ch. 35. 27.

37. 14.

i ch. 12. 9.

k Is. 11. 11.

l Ps. 112. 3.

Pr. 10. 22.

m De. 29. 23.

n ch. 19. 22.

o De. 3. 17.

p Ps. 116. 17.

q ch. 9. 26.

r ch. 26. 7.

for, the plain

of Kiria-

thaim.

s ch. 26. 20.

for, the plain

of Paran.

Nu. 12. 16.

t 1 Co. 6. 7.

u 2 Ch. 20. 2.

S men

brethren:

Ex. 2. 13.

Ps. 133. 1.

Ac. 7. 26.

x ch. 34. 10.

y Ro. 12. 18.

He. 12. 14.

Ja. 3. 17.

z De. 34. 3.

Ps. 107. 34.

a ch. 18. 24, 25.

b Is. 51. 3.

c ch. 11. 3.

d ch. 19. 22.

e ch. 18. 20.

Eze. 16. 49.

2 Pe. 2. 7, 8.

after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art ^a northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15 For all the land which thou seest, ^c to thee will I give it, and ^d to thy seed for ever.

16 And ^e I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

18 Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the ^f plain of Mamre, ^g which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

CHAP. XIV.

AND it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of ^h Elam, and Tidal king of nations;

2 That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of ⁱ Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is ^j Zoar.

3 All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, ^k which is the salt sea.

4 Twelve years ^l they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in ^m Shaveh Kiriathaim.

6 And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto ⁿ El-paran, which is by the wilderness.

7 And they returned, and came to En-mishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt ^o in Hazezon-tamar.

8 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim:

9 With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.

10 And the vale of Siddim was full of ^p slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

13 ^q And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew: for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite,

CHAP. XIII.—1. south, southern parts of Canaan.

2. rich in cattle, so are the Arab sheikhs now, who claim their descent from Abraham. 4. called, &c. publicly worshipped God, to the exclusion of idols.

6. land—not able, could not furnish springs and pastures for all their flocks. 7. a strife, doubtless about pasture and water. 10. garden of the Lord, i. e. 'a beautiful garden'; things most excellent have the addition of this name. 11. all the plain, which then included the part now occupied by the Dead Sea.

15. for ever, often means a long continuance. See ch. xvii. 13; xlviii. 4; Exod. xxi. 6, &c. 16. thy seed as the dust, literally from the sons of Sarah, Hagar, and Ke-

turah, and spiritually in believing Jews and Gentiles.

CHAP. XIV.—1. Shinar, or Babylon. Ellasar, Bryant finds this kingdom in Assyria. Elam, Persia.

king of nations, has been thought to mean Upper Galilee, called 'Galilee of the Gentiles.' 2. Sodom, &c. this list contains the five cities of the plain, of which the last only escaped destruction for Lot's sake.

3. vale of Siddim, the ground belonging to the sinful cities. is the salt sea, it was so when Moses wrote, but was before a fine valley. 5. Rephaim, 'giants,' persons of great stature and prowess. See De. ii. 10, 11, 20, 21; Jos. xii. 4.

10. slime pits, asphaltos or bitumen, a pitchy liquid abounded there

other of Eshcol, and brother of Aner; and these were confederate with Abram. 14 And when Abram heard that ^b his other was taken captive, he ^a armed his trained servants, ^d born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them ^e unto Dan.

15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and ^a smote them, and pursued them unto Hobab, which is on the left hand of Damascus. 16 And he brought back all the goods, and so brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people. 17 ^a And the king of Sodom ^k went out to meet him ⁱ after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the ^o king's dale.

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was ^p the priest of ^r the most high God.

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, ^t possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And ^u "blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand." And he gave him tithes ^v of all. 21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the ^w persons, and take the goods to thyself.

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I ^x "have lifted up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, ^y the possessor of heaven and earth,

23 That ^z "I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldst say, I have made Abram rich:

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

CHAP. XV.

AFTER these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram ⁱ in a vision, saying, ^m "Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."

2 And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, ^o seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in mine house is mine heir.

4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir: but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

5 And he brought him forth abroad,

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^a Je. 33. 22.^b ch. 13. 8.^c Ex. 32. 13.^d De. 10. 22.^e Ch. 27. 23.^f Ro. 4. 18.^g He. 11. 12.^h or, led forth.ⁱ or, instructed.^j Ec. 2. 7.^k Ro. 4. 3, 9, 22.^l Ga. 3. 6.^m Ja. 2. 23.ⁿ Ps. 106. 31.^o De. 34. 1.^p Ju. 18. 29.^q Is. 41. 2, 3.^r Ps. 105. 42, 44.^s Ro. 4. 13.^t Ju. 11. 34.^u 1 Sa. 18. 6.^v Hc. 7. 1.^w Me. 34. 18, 19.^x Le. 1. 17.^y 2 Sa. 18. 18.^z Ps. 110. 4.^a He. 5. 6.^b Mi. 6. 6.^c Ac. 16. 17.^d Ru. 3. 10.^e 2 Sa. 2. 5.^f Mat. 11. 25.^g ch. 24. 27.^h Ex. 12. 40.ⁱ Ps. 105. 23.^j Ac. 7. 6.^k He. 7. 4.^l y Ex. 1. 11.^m Ps. 105. 25.ⁿ souls.^o Ex. 6. 6.^p De. 6. 22.^q Ex. 6. 8.^r Da. 12. 7.^s Re. 10. 5, 6.^t Ac. 13. 36.^u ch. 21. 33.^v ch. 25. 8.^w Es. 9. 15, 16.^x 1 Ki. 21. 26.^y Mat. 23. 32.^z 1 Th. 2. 16.^a § lamp of fire^b ch. 24. 7.^c Ex. 23. 31.^d Nu. 34. 3.^e De. 1. 7.^f Jos. 1. 4.^g 1 Ki. 4. 21.^h Is. 27. 12.ⁱ Ac. 10. 10, 11.^j Lu. 1. 13, 30.^k Ps. 84. 11.^l Ac. 7. 5.^m Ga. 4. 24.

and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the ^a stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, ^c So shall thy seed be.

6 And he ^e believed in the LORD; and he ^f counted it to him for righteousness.

7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, ⁱ to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle dove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and ^m divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but ⁿ the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcases, Abram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram: and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety ^v that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not their's, and shall serve them; and ^y they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, ^z will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

15 And thou shalt ^a go to thy fathers in peace; ^d thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come also hither again: for the iniquity ^f of the Amorites ^g is not yet full.

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a ⁱ burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

18 In the same day the LORD ^k made a covenant with Abram, saying, ⁱ "Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaim,

21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

CHAP. XVI.

NOW Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was ^a Hagar.

2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid;

9. Melchizedek. a pious Canaanitish priest. Some think he was the Son of God himself, and that he is spoken of in contrast to mortal men. He. vii. 8; but others consider him as distinguished from the Son of God. He. vii. 3. Salem, thought to have been Jerusalem, so called Ps. lxxvi. 2; but some think Shalem, He. xxxiii. 18, called Sakim, Jno. iii. 23: Salem means peace. 19. blessed him, a priest's office, Nu. vi. 25-26. 20. he gave, i. e. Abram gave, He. vii. 4. thy, or the tenth. 22. lift up mine hand, an ancient form of taking a solemn oath. De. xxxii. 40; Ps. cvi. 23. shoe-latchet, used to fasten sandals to the feet. said, I have made Abram rich, whereas God had promised to bless him.

CHAP. XV.—1. word of the Lord, Christ the essential Lord. Fear not, be not alarmed lest the foe should return. 2. the steward, it would seem he had the right to the inheritance, either by custom or intended

gift from Abram. In India, when children fail, a slave is often made heir. 6. he counted it to him, not the act of faith, but the object: his faith received Christ and his righteousness. 10. divided, the form of covenant required the parties concerned to pass between the sacrifice, probably to signify that he who violated the covenant merited cutting asunder, and would be punished. 12. darkness, symbolical of the sufferings of the patriarch's race. 17. smoking furnace, an emblem of the Egyptian slavery, De. ix. 20.

lamp, symbol of Israel's deliverance, light shining out of darkness. 18. river, the Nile, say some: rather a small stream, say others, falling into the Mediterranean, a little below Gaza, and forming the southern limit of Judah, and so of all the land of Israel.

CHAP. XVI.—1. handmaid, female slave, probably one of the 'maid-servants' brought from Egypt. 2. children by her, the children of a slave were

it may be that I may * obtain children by her. And Abram ^a hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

4 [†] And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was [°] despised in her eyes.

5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: [†] the LORD judge between me and thee.

6 But [†] Abram said unto Sarai, [†] Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her [§] as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai [°] dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

7 [†] And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to [†] Shur.

8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and [†] submit thyself under her hands.

10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, [†] I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name [†] Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

12 And [†] he will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man's hand against him; [†] and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

14 Wherefore the well was called [†] Beer-lahai-roi; behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.

15 [†] And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

16 And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

CHAP. XVII.

AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, [†] I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou [†] perfect.

2 And I will make my covenant be-

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[°] *be builded*

^a *by her.*

^{ch. 3. 17.}

^b *Ro. 4. 11, 12,*

^{16.}

[†] *Ga. 3. 29.*

[†] *multitude*

[†] *of nations.*

^c *Ne. 9. 7.*

[†] *i. e. Father*

[†] *of a great*

[†] *multitude.*

^d *Ro. 4. 17.*

^e *Pr. 30. 23.*

^f *ch. 35. 11.*

[†] *Mat. 1. 6, &c.*

^h *Ga. 3. 17.*

[†] *Isa. 24. 12.*

^k *He. 11. 16.*

[†] *Pr. 15. 1.*

[†] *1 Pe. 3. 7.*

[†] *Job 2. 6.*

[†] *Ro. 9. 8.*

[†] *ch. 12. 7.*

[†] *that which*

[†] *is good in*

[†] *thine eyes.*

[†] *of thy so-*

[†] *journings.*

[†] *ch. 23. 4.*

[†] *afflicted*

[†] *her.*

[†] *Ex. 15. 22.*

[†] *Ac. 7. 8.*

[†] *Tit. 2. 9.*

[†] *1 Pe. 2. 18.*

[†] *Ro. 4. 11.*

[†] *ch. 17. 20.*

[†] *a son of*

[†] *eight days.*

[†] *Le. 12. 3.*

[†] *Lu. 2. 21.*

[†] *Ph. 3. 5.*

[†] *i. e. God*

[†] *shall hear.*

[†] *ch. 21. 20.*

[†] *ch. 25. 18.*

[†] *Ex. 4. 21.*

[†] *i. e. the*

[†] *will of him*

[†] *that liveth*

[†] *and seeth*

[†] *me.*

[†] *i. e. Prin-*

[†] *cess.*

[†] *ch. 18. 10.*

[†] *she shall*

[†] *become*

[†] *nations.*

[†] *d 1 Pe. 3. 6.*

[†] *ch. 18. 12.*

[†] *21. 6.*

[†] *Ex. 6. 3.*

[†] *De. 10. 17.*

[†] *Ga. 4. 28.*

[†] *or, upright,*

[†] *or, sincere.*

[†] *ch. 6. 9.*

[†] *De. 13. 13.*

[†] *Job 1. 1.*

[†] *Mat. 5. 48.*

tween me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be ^b a father of [†] many nations.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but [°] thy name shall be [†] Abraham; [†] for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make [†] nations of thee, and [†] kings shall come out of thee.

7 And I will [†] establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, [†] to be a God unto thee, and to [†] thy seed after thee.

8 And [°] I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land [†] wherein [†] thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

9 [†] And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant, therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; [†] Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be [°] a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

12 And he that is eight days old [†] shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul [†] shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

15 [†] And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but [†] Sarah shall her name be.

16 And I will bless her, [°] and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and [†] she shall be a mother [†] of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, [°] and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

19 And God said, [†] Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish

accounted those of the mistress. 3. gave her, like all female slaves, she was regarded as the property of the principal wife. 6. dealt hardly, implies stripes and hard usage. 7. angel of the Lord, evidently a Divine Person, see verses 10, 13. 12. wild, 'wild-ass-man', as wild as that animal, fierce, untameable; such are the Arabs, descended from Ishmael. he shall dwell, &c. 'shall tabernacle.' many Arabs dwell in tents, and notwithstanding the perpetual enmity between them and other people, they still maintain their independency. 13. Have I, &c. rather, 'Did I not here see him visible by me?' 14. Beer-lahai-roi, 'the well of the living visible One.'

CHAP. XVII.—1. Almighty, or All-sufficient. walk, 'set thyself to walk.' perfect, upright, sincere. 2. make, 'establish,' 'perform,' it was made before. 4. many nations, Arabians, Edomites, Midianites, Turks, &c., Israelites, and all believers in all nations. 7. everlasting covenant, intimates that Jehovah would choose from Abraham's natural race a seed to worship him in all ages. See Ac. ii. 39; Ro. xi. 1, 16, 17. Such was strikingly the case before the coming of the Messiah. Everlasting must here mean unalterable, till the change of the state of things; but in reference to a future state, it means eternal. 14. cut off, deprived of all civil and religious privileges, like a heathen. 17. laughed, in holy admiration and rejoicing, see Ro. iv. 19, 20. 19. Isaac, laughter, because Abraham rejoiced in spirit, when his son was promised him.

my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and ^c will multiply him exceedingly; ^e twelve princes shall he beget, ^f and I will make him a great nation.

21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, ^a which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

22 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

23 ^a And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

24 And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

27 And ^a all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND the LORD appeared unto him in the ^a plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

2 And ^a he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: ^a and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

4 Let ^a a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

5 And ^a I will fetch a morsel of bread, and ^a comfort ^c ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: ^a for therefore ^a are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, ^a Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead ^a it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetch a calf tender and good, and gave ^a it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

8 And ^a he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set ^a it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

9 ^a And they said unto him, Where is

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^a ch. 21. 67.

^b 2 Ki. 4. 16.

^c ch. 16. 10.

^d Ro. 9. 9.

^e ch. 25. 12, 16.

^f ch. 21. 18.

^g ch. 17. 17.

^h Ro. 4. 19.

ⁱ He. 11. 11, 19.

^j ch. 21. 2.

^k Lu. 1. 18.

^l 1 Pe. 3. 6.

^m Je. 32. 17.

ⁿ Zec. 8. 6.

^o Mat. 3. 9.

^p Lu. 19. 26.

^q Lu. 1. 37.

^r 2 Ki. 4. 16.

^s Ro. 15. 24.

^t 3 Jno. 6.

^u Ps. 25. 14.

^v Am. 3. 7.

^w Jno. 15. 15.

^x ch. 18. 19.

^y ch. 12. 3.

^z ch. 12. 18.

^{aa} Ac. 3. 25.

^{ab} Ga. 3. 8.

^{ac} De. 4. 9, 10.

^{ad} Jos. 24. 15.

^{ae} Ep. 6. 4.

^{af} ch. 13. 18.

^{ag} ch. 14. 13.

^{ah} He. 13. 2.

^{ai} 1 Pe. 4. 9.

^{aj} ch. 4. 10.

^{ak} ch. 19. 13.

^{al} Ja. 5. 4.

^{am} y ch. 11. 5.

^{an} Ex. 3. 8.

^{ao} z ch. 43. 24.

^{ap} a De. 8. 2.

^{aq} ch. 13. 3.

^{ar} Jos. 22. 22.

^{as} Lu. 16. 15.

^{at} 2 Co. 11. 11.

^{au} b Ju. 6. 18.

^{av} ch. 13. 15.

^{aw} * stay.

^{ax} c Ju. 19. 5.

^{ay} Ps. 104. 15.

^{az} d He. 10. 22.

^{ba} e ch. 33. 10.

^{bb} f you have

^{bc} passed.

^{bd} g Nu. 16. 22.

^{be} h 2 Sa. 24. 17.

^{bf} i Je. 5. 1.

^{bg} j Hasten.

^{bh} k Job 8. 20.

^{bi} l Is. 3. 10, 11.

^{bj} m Job 8. 3.

^{bk} n Ps. 58. 11.

^{bl} o Ps. 94. 2.

^{bm} p Ro. 3. 6.

^{bn} q ch. 19. 3.

^{bo} r Eze. 22. 30.

^{bp} s Lu. 18. 1.

Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, ^a in the tent.

10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee ^b according to the time of life; and, lo, ^d Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard ^e it in the tent door, which was behind him.

11 Now ^a Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, ^a After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my ^a lord being old also?

13 And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

14 Is ^a anything too hard for the LORD?

15 At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

16 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

17 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them ^a to bring them on the way.

18 And the LORD said, ^a Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

19 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be ^a blessed in him?

20 For I know him, ^a that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

21 And the LORD said, Because ^a the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

22 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, ^a I will know.

23 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

24 And Abraham ^a drew near, and said, ^a Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

25 Peradventure ^a there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

26 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and ^a that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: ^a Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

27 And the LORD said, ^a If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

28 And Abraham answered and said, ^a Behold now, I have taken upon me to

CHAP. XVIII.—1. sat, &c. The chief's tent is to this day pitched first among the Bedouin Arabs, that he, and not his attendants, may display to strangers the rites of hospitality. heat, &c. the interior of the tent is then too close and sultry. 2. three men, angels like men. He. xiii. 2. 4. wash your feet, in the sandy deserts of Arabia this is a great luxury, where those who travel with sandals, or even better coverings, cannot prevent the feverish irritability produced by the penetrating and scorching particles of dust. 6. three measures, two gallons and a half. upon the hearth, a method still used in Arabia, covering the cakes with hot ashes. Bread is baked daily in the east, as it does not keep good in so warm a climate.

7. a calf, the Arabs to this day eat little meat, reserving it to be killed at festivals, or for a stranger. 8. butter, or cream used in various states. Arab food to this day usually swims in butter. milk is also largely used in the prepared dishes. he stood, the greatest man will still attend upon his guests, be the most officious, and accounts is a breach of respect to sit down. 10. time of life, thought to mean, after the lapse of nine months. 12. laughed, &c. Heb. 'in her heart,' secretly derided. 21. I will go down, 'I will appear and judge,' so Jewish authority. 23. drew near, means the earnest supplication of the soul to God, in faith and prayer. See Je. xxx. 21; He. x. 22; Ja. iv. 8.

speak unto the Lord, which *am* ^a but dust and ashes:

28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for *lack* of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

30 And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

32 And he said, ^g Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. ^h And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

CHAP. XIX.

AND there ⁱ came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, ^o turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and ^r wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, ^s Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

4 ^u But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

5 And ^v they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? ^w Bring them out unto us, that we ^x may know them.

6 And ^y Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing, for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

9 And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow ^z came in to sojourn, ^{aa} and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door.

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^a ch. 3. 19.

Job 4. 19.

Ec. 12. 7.

1Co. 15. 47.

2Co. 5. 1.

^b 2 Ki. 6. 18.

Ac. 13. 11.

^c ch. 7. 1.

2Pe. 2. 7, 9.

^d 1Ch. 21. 15.

^e Mat. 1. 18.

^f Nu. 16. 21.

^g Ju. 6. 39.

^h Ex. 9. 21.

ⁱ Lu. 17. 28.

24. 11.

^j Ja. 5. 16.

^k Nu. 16. 24, 26.

Re. 18. 4.

^l *are found.*

^m *or, punishment.*

ⁿ ch. 18. 22.

^o Lu. 18. 13.

Ro. 9. 15, 16.

^p Ps. 54. 22.

^q He. 13. 2.

^r 1 Ki. 19. 3.

^s ver. 26.

Mat. 24. 16.

18.

Lu. 9. 62.

Ph. 3. 13, 24.

^t ch. 18. 4.

^u See Lu. 24.

26.

^v Ac. 10. 14.

^w Is. 3. 9.

^x Ju. 19. 22.

^y Job 42. 8, 9.

Ps. 145. 19.

^z ch. 4. 1.

Ro. 1. 24, 27.

Jude 7.

^{aa} *thy face.*

^{ab} Ju. 19. 23.

^{ac} ch. 32. 25, 26.

Ex. 32. 10.

De. 9. 14.

Mar. 6. 5.

^{ad} ch. 13. 10.

14. 2.

^{ae} *a little,*

ver. 20.

^{af} *gone forth.*

^{ag} De. 29. 23.

Is. 13. 19.

Je. 20. 16.

50. 40.

Ez. 16. 49, 50.

Ho. 11. 8.

Am. 4. 11.

Zep. 2. 9.

Lu. 17. 29.

2Pe. 2. 6.

Jude 7.

^{ah} 2Pe. 2. 7, 8.

^{ai} Ex. 2. 14.

^{aj} ch. 14. 3.

Ps. 107. 34.

^{ak} Pr. 14. 14.

Lu. 17. 32.

He. 10. 38.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

11 And they smote the men ^b that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

12 ^c And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, ^d bring them out of this place:

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and ^e the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, ^f which married his daughters, and said, ^g Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. ^h But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

15 ⁱ And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, ^k Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which ^l are here; lest thou be consumed in the ^m iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; ⁿ the Lord being merciful unto him: ^o and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

17 ^p And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, ^q Escape for thy life; ^r look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, ^s not so, my Lord:

19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

20 Behold now, this city *is* near to flee unto, and it *is* a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (*is* it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

21 And he said unto him, See, ^t I have accepted ^u thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

22 Haste thee, escape thither: for ^v I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore ^w the name of the city was called ^x Zoar.

23 ^y The sun was ^z risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 Then ^{aa} the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and ^{ab} that which grew upon the ground.

26 ^{ac} But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became ^{ad} a pillar of salt.

27 ^{ae} And Abraham gat up early in the

CHAP. XIX.—1. *angels*, 'messengers.' sat in the gate, most probably to invite strangers to his house, and keep them from wicked associates. 5. *know them*, rather, 'abuse them.' 6. *door*, door-way, shut the door, the leaf of the door. 11. *with blindness*, the Heb. intimates by a flash of light, or lighting. 14. *married*, 'were to marry.' 20. *a little*

one, inferring it was less depraved. 21. *brimstone*, &c. the neighbouring hills abound in sulphur, the plains in bitumen: hence it is thought that the Almighty employed existing instruments, and kindling them by supernatural fire, produced the destruction. 25. *all the plain*, the Dead Sea, which now occupies it, is thirty miles long and ten broad. 26. *behind*

morning to the place where ^a he stood before the LORD:

28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and lo, ^b the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of furnace.

29 ^c And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

30 ^d And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, and his two daughters.

31 And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is of a man in the earth ^e to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

37 And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: "the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-ammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

CHAP. XX.

AND Abraham journeyed from ^a thence toward the south country, and dwelled between ^b Kadesh and Shur, and ^c sojourned in Gerar.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and ^d took Sarah.

3 But ^e God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, ^f Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.

4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, ^g wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

5 Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: ^h in the integrity of my

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^a ch. 18. 22.

^b Le. 18. 9.

^c ch. 31. 7.

35. 5.

Ex. 34. 24.

1Sa. 25. 26, 34.

^d ch. 39. 9.

Le. 6. 2.

Ps. 51. 4.

^e 1Sa. 7. 5.

2Ki. 5. 11.

Job 42. 8.

Ja. 5. 14, 15.

1Jno. 5. 16.

^f ch. 8. 1.

18. 23.

^g ch. 2. 17.

^h Nu. 16. 32, 33.

ⁱ ver. 17, 19.

^k ch. 16. 2, 4.

38. 8, 9.

De. 25. 5.

^l ch. 26. 10.

Ex. 32. 21.

Jos. 7. 25.

^m ch. 34. 7.

ⁿ Mar. 12. 19.

^o ch. 42. 18.

Ps. 36. 1.

Pr. 16. 6.

^p ch. 12. 12.

26. 7.

^q See ch. 11.

29.

^r ch. 12. 1, 9.

11. &c.

^s ch. 12. 13.

^t ch. 12. 16.

^u De. 2. 9.

^x ch. 13. 9.

^y as is good

in thine

eyes.

^y De. 2. 19.

^z ver. 5.

^a ch. 26. 11.

^b ch. 24. 65.

^c ch. 18. 1.

^d ch. 16. 7, 14.

^e ch. 26. 6.

^f Job 42. 9, 10.

^g ch. 12. 13.

26. 7.

^h ch. 12. 15.

ⁱ ch. 12. 17.

^j Ps. 105. 14.

^k Job 33. 15.

^l ver. 7.

^m married to

an husband.

ⁿ 1Sa. 2. 21.

^o ver. 18.

^p ch. 18. 23.

^q ch. 17. 19.

18. 10, 14.

Gal. 4. 23, 28.

^r Ac. 7. 8.

Gal. 4. 22.

He. 11. 11.

^s ch. 17. 21.

^t 2Ki. 20. 3.

^u 2Co. 1. 12.

^v or, simplicity, or, sincerity.

heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for ^a I also withheld thee from sinning ^b against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

7 Now therefore restore the man ^c his wife; ^d for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore ^e her not, ^f know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, ^g and all that are thine.

8 Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.

9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, ^h that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me ⁱ that ought not to be done.

10 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely ^j the fear of God is not in this place; and ^k they will slay me for my wife's sake.

12 And yet indeed ^l she is my sister, she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

13 And it came to pass, when ^m God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, ⁿ say of me, He is my brother.

14 And Abimelech ^o took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.

15 And Abimelech said, Behold, ^p my land is before thee: dwell ^q where it pleaseth thee.

16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given ^r thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: ^s behold, he is to thee ^t a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reproved.

17 ^u So Abraham ^v prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.

18 For the LORD ^w had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

CHAP. XXI.

AND the LORD ^x visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah ^y as he had spoken.

2 For Sarah ^z conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, ^a at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

3 And Abraham called the name of his

son, walking or riding, this is still the place of the salt in the east. ^a a pillar of salt; Pliny says that salt and nitre combined with sulphur, become stone, and of it the ancients made vessels. 'Pillar' may denote fixed object, and 'salt,' bitumen. The text would seem to denote the woman was overwhelmed by the encroaching matter, which formed a mound over her, and fixed her where she stood. 30. cave, the mountains of Palestine abound in caves, and it was and is customary for the shepherds to occupy them. 7. Moab, 'of my father.' 38. Ben-ammi, 'the son of my people or race.'

CHAP. XX.—1. Gerar, according to the Samaritan version the same with Ashkelon, in the country of the Philistines. 2. took Sarah, now ninety, yet still beautiful.

7. a prophet, probably all the chiefs of the holy race, from Adam to Moses, were prophets. 9. that thou hast brought, rather 'that thou wastest bring.' 16. brother, upbraidingly used. a covering, that no one should look upon her; some think the money was to buy a veil, and it was to be a covering, —another reproof.

CHAP. XXI.—1. visited, a common term for 'showed mercy.' 3. Isaac, see ch. xvii. 19, note. 6. laugh, i.e.

son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, ^b Isaac.

4 And Abraham ^c circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, ^e as God had commanded him.

5 And Abraham ^f was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

6 ^g And Sarah said, ^h God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear ⁱ will laugh with me.

7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? ^k for I have born him a son in his old age.

8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

9 ^l And Sarah saw the son of Hagar ^m the Egyptian, ⁿ which she had born unto Abraham, ^o mocking.

10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, ^p Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, ^q even with Isaac.

11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight ^r because of his son.

12 ^s And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for ^t in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

13 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make ^u a nation, because he is thy seed.

14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave ^v it unto Hagar, putting ^w it on her shoulder, and the child, and ^x sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

16 And she went, and sat her down over against ^y him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against ^z him, and lift up her voice, and wept.

17 And ^{aa} God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for ^{ab} I will make him a great nation.

19 And ^{ac} God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

20 And God ^{ad} was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, ^{ae} and became an archer.

21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother ^{af} took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

22 ^{ag} And it came to pass at that time,

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^a ch. 20. 2.

^b ch. 17. 19.

^c Ac. 7. 8.

^d ch. 26. 28.

^e ch. 17. 10, 12.

^f Jos. 2. 12.

^g 1 Sa. 24. 21.

^h ch. 17. 1, 17.

ⁱ if thou shalt lie unto me.

^j Ps. 126. 2.

^k Is. 54. 1.

^l Ga. 4. 27.

^m Lu. 1. 58.

ⁿ ch. 18. 11, 12.

^o See ch. 26. 15, 18, 20. 22.

^p ch. 16. 1.

^q ch. 16. 15.

^r Ga. 4. 29.

^s ch. 26. 31.

^t Ga. 4. 30.

^u See ch. 25. 6. 7.

^v ch. 33. 8.

^w ch. 17. 18.

^x ch. 31. 48, 52.

^y Ro. 9. 7, 8.

^z He. 11. 18.

^{aa} ch. 26. 33.

^{ab} i. e. The well of the oath.

^{ac} ver. 13.

^{ad} ch. 16. 10.

^{ae} 17. 20.

^{af} or free.

^{ag} Jno. 8. 35.

^{ah} ch. 4. 26.

^{ai} De. 33. 27.

^{aj} Is. 40. 28.

^{ak} Ro. 16. 26.

^{al} 1 Ti. 1. 17.

^{am} Co. 10. 13.

^{an} He. 11. 17.

^{ao} Ja. 1. 12.

^{ap} 1 Pe. 1. 7.

^{aq} Behold me.

^{ar} He. 11. 17.

^{as} Ex. 3. 7.

^{at} 2 Ki. 13. 4, 23.

^{au} Ps. 50. 15.

^{av} 65. 2.

^{aw} Mat. 15. 32.

^{ax} 2 Ch. 3. 1.

^{ay} ver. 13.

^{az} Nu. 22. 31.

^{ba} See 2 Ki. 6. 17, 18, 20.

^{bb} Lu. 24. 16, 31.

^{bc} ch. 28. 15.

^{bd} 39. 2, 3, 21.

^{be} ch. 16. 12.

^{bf} ch. 24. 4.

^{bg} Ju. 14. 2.

^{bh} 1 Co. 7. 38.

^{bi} Jno. 19. 17.

that ^a Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham saying, ^d God is with thee in all that thou doest:

23 Now therefore ^f swear unto me hereby ^g God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: ^h but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt deal ⁱ unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.

24 And Abraham said, I will swear.

25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants ^j had violently taken away.

26 And Abimelech said, I wot not what thou hast done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to day

27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them ^k made a covenant.

28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And Abimelech said unto Abraham ^l What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?

30 And he said, For these seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.

31 Wherefore he ^m called that place Beer-sheba; because there they swore both of them.

32 Thus they made a covenant at Beer-sheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

33 ⁿ And Abraham planted a ^o grove in Beer-sheba, and ^p called there on the name of the LORD, ^q the everlasting God.

34 And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

CHAP. XXII.

AND ^a it came to pass after these things that ^b God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, ^c Behold, here I am.

2 And he said, Take now thy son ^d thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest: and get thee ^e into the land of Moriah: and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 ^f And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and ^g laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand

'rejoice,' 9. *mocking*, Heb. 'beating,' called 'persecution,' Gal. iv. 29. 14. *a bottle*, made of skin. *child*, 'lad,' 'youth,' supposed now to have been sixteen, for he was thirteen when circumcised. 15. *cast*, 'sent,' *under*, &c. for shelter from the sun. 19. *opened her eyes*, means directed her. 20. *an archer*, one skillful with the bow, and in fighting with men. 21. *Paran*, bordering on Sinai, see Nu. x. 12. 25. *reproved*, 'expostulated with,' *a well*, invaluable in Syria and Arabia. 33. *a grove*, some think of the

oak, others the tamarisk; the word signifies an tree, especially large trees. The planting might be for shade and religious retirement. *on the name*, 'in the name,' signifying through a mediator. *everlasting*, meaning indefinite, or infinite duration.

CHAP. XXII.—1. *tempt*, 'prove.' 2. *Moriah*, the mountain on which the temple was built, 2 Ch. iii. distant from Beersheba forty-two miles. 5. *the lad*, 'the young man'; Isaac is thought now to have been twenty-five years old. 6. *laid it upon Isaac*, that

and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and *e* laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here *am* I.

12 And he said, *s* Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for *k* now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place *Jehovah-jireh*: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

15 *And* the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

16 And said, *k* By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed *as* the stars of the heaven, *and* as the sand which is upon the sea *shore*; and *p* thy seed shall possess *q* the gate of his enemies;

18 And *r* in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; *s* because thou hast obeyed my voice.

19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

20 *And* it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, *v* Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor;

21 *u* Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father *z* of Aram, 22 And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.

23 And *Bethuel* begat *†* Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

24 And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gaham, and Tahash, and Maachah.

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* Behold me.

a Jos. 14. 15.

Ju. 1. 10.

b ver. 19.

ch. 13. 18.

† or, kid.

c ch. 17. 8.

1Ch. 29. 15.

Ps. 105. 12.

He. 11. 9, 13.

d Ac. 7. 5.

e He. 11. 17.

Ja. 2. 21.

† a prince of God.

f ch. 13. 2.

14. 14.

24. 35.

g Mi. 6. 7, 8.

h ch. 26. 5.

1Sa. 15. 22.

Ps. 25. 12.

147. 11.

Mal. 4. 2.

Ja. 2. 23.

i 1 Co. 10. 13.

2Co. 1. 9, 10.

s full money.

|| i. e. The LORD will

see, or,

provide.

* ears.

k Ps. 105. 9.

Lu. 1. 73.

He. 6. 13, 14.

l ch. 31. 20, 24.

Ru. 4. 4.

m See 2Sa. 24.

21. 24.

n ch. 15. 5.

Je. 33. 22.

o ch. 13. 16.

p *kip*.

q ch. 24. 60.

r Mi. 1. 9.

s ch. 12. 3.

18. 18.

26. 4.

Ac. 3. 25.

Ga. 3. 8, 9.

16. 16.

t ver. 3. 10.

ch. 26. 5.

u ch. 21. 31.

v Ex. 30. 15.

Eze. 45. 12.

w ch. 11. 29.

x Je. 32. 9.

y Job 1. 1.

z Job 32. 2.

a ch. 24. 15.

† Called.

Ro. 9. 10.

Rebecca.

b ch. 25. 9.

49. 30. 32.

50. 13.

Ac. 7. 16.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in *a* Kirjath-arba; the same is *b* Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

3 *And* Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying,

4 *I am* a stranger and a sojourner with you: *d* give me a possession of a buryingplace with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

5 And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him,

6 Hear us, my lord: thou art *f* a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

7 And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth.

8 And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and in-treat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar,

9 That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for *g* as much money as it is worth he shall give it me for a possession of a buryingplace amongst you.

10 And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the *h* audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying,

11 *Nay*, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.

12 And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land.

13 And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou *i* wilt give it, I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there.

14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him,

15 My lord, hearken unto me: the land is *j* worth four hundred *k* shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

16 And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham *l* weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant.

17 *And* *b* the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure

he represented Christ bearing his cross. 12. *now I know*, spoken like men who know things certainly, when they come to pass. 17. *In blessing*, &c. i. e. 'I will exceedingly bless.' *possess the gate*, have dominion, for the city was in the power of those who commanded the gates. 18. *seed*, 'Mes-siah.' *be blessed*, 'shall bless themselves.' 24. *concubine*, a lawful wife of that age, holding inferior rank.

CHAP. XXIII.—2. *came to mourn*, i. e. 'mourned.'

3. *stood*, a posture of respect. 5. *Heth*, a son of Canaan, father of the Hittites, ch. x. 15. 9. *cave*, caves were secure places, hence used as graves, depositories, and asylums. 10. *dwelt*, or 'sat,' as a judge. *gate*, where all public business was transacted. 11. *give I*, expresses not liberality, but eastern politeness. 15. *four hundred shekels*, value fifty pounds. 16. *weighed*, still the practice in the east, the precious metals not being coined. 19. *the*

18 Unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan.

20 And the field, and the cave that is therein, ⁶ were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Heth.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND Abraham ^a was old, and [†] well stricken in age: and the LORD ^f had blessed Abraham in all things.

2 And Abraham said ^g unto his eldest servant of his house, that ^h ruled over all that he had, ⁱ Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

3 And I will make thee ^j swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that ^m thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

4 ⁿ But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

5 And the servant unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?

6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

7 [†] The LORD God of heaven, which ^r took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, ^u Unto thy seed will I give this land; ^v he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then ^w thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.

9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

10 [†] And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; [§] for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto ^b the city of Nahor.

11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, ^e even the time that ^d women go out to draw water.

12 And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, ^e send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

13 Behold, ^f I stand here by the well of water; and [§] the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy

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^a 2 Ki. 20. 9.^b Ru. 4. 7. 10.^c Je. 32. 10. 11.^d ch. 11. 29.^e 22. 23.^f ch. 26. 7.^g [†] good of^h counte-ⁱ nance.^j ch. 21. 5.^k [†] gone into^l days.^m ch. 13. 2.ⁿ Ps. 112. 3.^o Pr. 10. 22.^p ch. 15. 2.^q ch. 39. 4. 6.^r ch. 47. 29.^s 1 Ch. 29. 24.^t La. 5. 6.^u 1 Pe. 3. 8.^v 4. 9.^w ch. 14. 22.^x De. 6. 13.^y Jos. 2. 12.^z ch. 26. 35.^{aa} 28. 2.^{ab} Ex. 34. 16.^{ac} De. 7. 3.^{ad} ch. 28. 2.^{ae} ver. 12. 56.^{af} or, jewel^{ag} for the^{ah} forehead.^{ai} Ex. 32. 2. 3.^{aj} Is. 3. 19. 21.^{ak} Eze. 16. 11.^{al} 12.^{am} 1 Pe. 3. 3.^{an} ch. 12. 1. 7.^{ao} ch. 13. 15.^{ap} 17. 8.^{aq} Ex. 32. 13.^{ar} De. 1. 8.^{as} 34. 4.^{at} ch. 22. 23.^{au} Ex. 23. 20. 23.^{av} He. 1. 14.^{aw} Jos. 2. 17. 20.^{ax} Ex. 4. 31.^{ay} Ex. 18. 10.^{az} Ru. 4. 14.^{ba} 1 Sa. 25. 32. 39.^{bb} 2 Sa. 18. 28.^{bc} Lu. 1. 68.^{bd} ch. 32. 10.^{be} Ps. 98. 3.^{bf} ver. 48.^{bg} or, and.^{bh} ch. 27. 43.^{bi} ch. 29. 5.^{bj} that wo-^{bk} men which^{bl} draw water^{bm} go forth.^{bn} d Ex. 2. 16.^{bo} 1 Sa. 9. 11.^{bp} Ne. 1. 11.^{bq} Ps. 37. 5.^{br} ver. 43.^{bs} Ex. 2. 16.^{bt} ch. 26. 29.^{bu} Ju. 17. 2.^{bv} Ru. 3. 10.^{bw} Ps. 115. 15.

pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: [†] let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and ^a thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

15 [†] And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of ^c Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

16 And the damsel ^a was ^{*} very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.

18 And ^b she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.

20 And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether ^e the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden [†] earring ^p of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;

23 And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?

24 And she said unto him, [†] I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor.

25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

26 And the man ^a bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.

27 And he said, [†] Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of [†] his mercy and his truth: [†] I being in the way, the LORD ^a led me to the house of my master's brethren.

28 And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things.

29 [†] And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was ^c Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well.

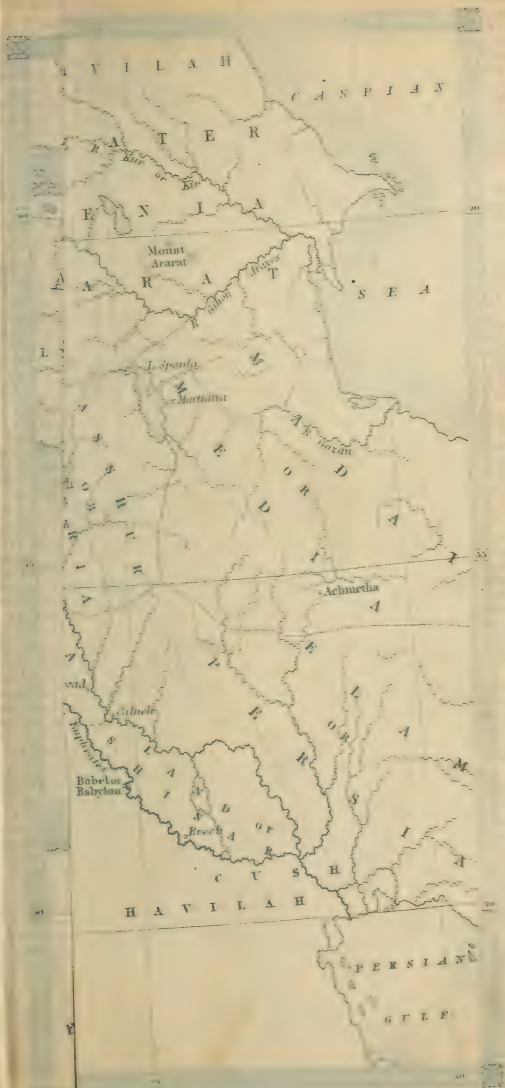
30 And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.

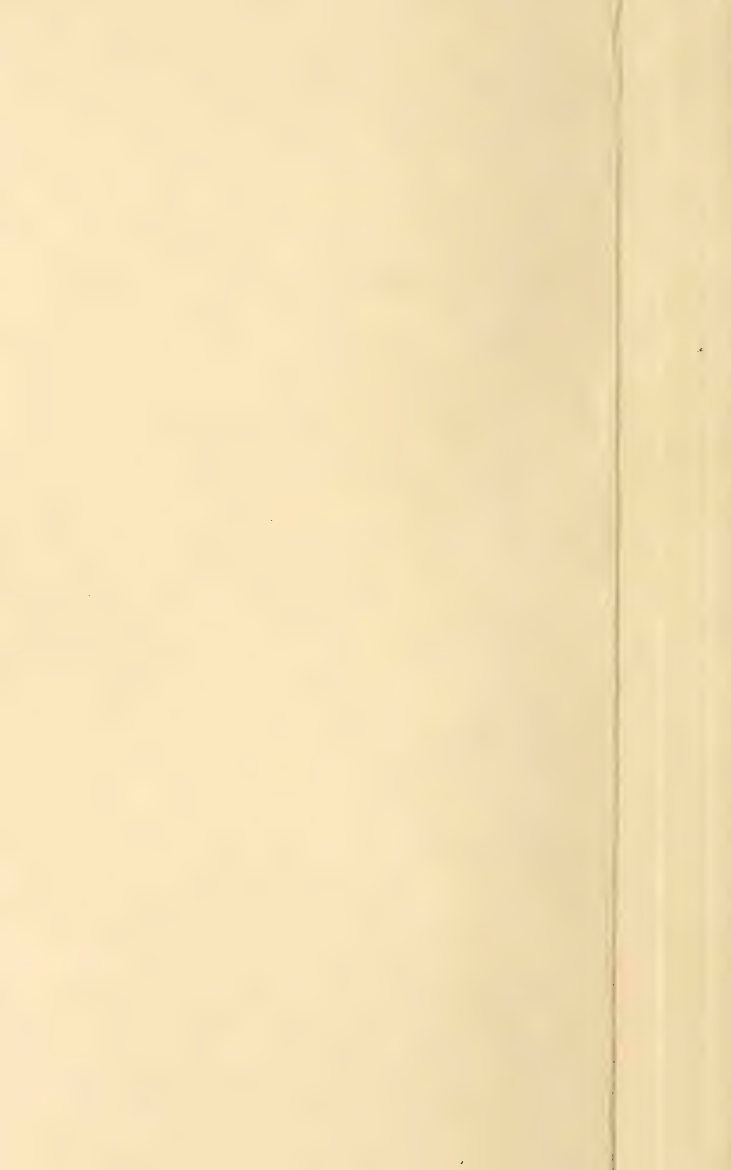
31 And he said, Come in, ^a thou blessed of the LORD: wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

same is Hebron. the same place which was afterwards called Hebron.

CHAP. XXIV.—1. *old*, about a hundred and forty at this time. 2. *under my thigh*, a religious rite peculiar to those who had the mark of the Abrahamic covenant. 4. *kindred*, who were not idolaters. 7. *his angel*, not an angel, but the Angel Jehovah. 10. *city of Nahor*, Haran, where Nahor resided. 11. *to kneel*, an usual posture to which they are trained, for the purpose of resting them. *women go*

out to draw water, Arabs usually employ women, without distinction of rank, and the cool of the evening is the usual time. 14. *thereby shall I know*, this would have been presumption, had he not been moved by a Divine impulse. 20. *trough*, troughs of stone or wood, are sometimes found near wells in the east. 22. *ear-ring*, jewel for the forehead, Ez. xvi. 12. *ten shekels*, six ounces, valued at twenty-five pounds. 28. *mother's house*, in the east, the women have apartments separate from the men.







32 And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and ^a gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to ^b wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him.

33 And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, ^c I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on.

34 And he said, I am Abraham's servant.

35 And the LORD ^d hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.

36 And Sarah my master's wife ^e bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.

37 And my master ^f made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:

38 But ^g thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.

39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me.

40 And he said unto me, The LORD, ^h before whom I walk, will ⁱ send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:

41 Then ^j shalt thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath.

42 And I came this day unto the well, and said, ^k O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go:

43 Behold, ^l I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

44 And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for ^m my master's son.

45 And ⁿ before I had done ^o speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank and she made the camels drink also.

47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Micah bare unto him: and I ^p put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

48 And ^q I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in ^r the right way to take ^s my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

49 And now if ye will ^t deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not,

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^a ch. 43. 24.

Ju. 19. 21.

^b Lu. 7. 44.

1 Ti. 5. 10.

^c Ps. 118. 23.

Mat. 21. 42.

Mar. 12. 11.

^d ch. 31. 24.^e Job 23. 12.

Pr. 22. 29.

Ec. 9. 10.

Juo. 4. 34.

Ep. 6. 5. 7.

^f ch. 20. 15.^g ver. 1.

ch. 13. 2.

Pr. 22. 4.

^h ver. 26.

Ps. 95. 6.

ⁱ ch. 21. 2.^j vessels.^k Ex. 3. 22.

11. 2.

12. 35.

^l ch. 21. 10.

25. 5.

^m ver. 2. 9.

Ezr. 9. 1. 3.

ⁿ 2 Ch. 21. 3.

Ezr. 1. 6.

^o ch. 12. 1.^p ver. 56, 59.^q or, a full

year, or

ten months.

Ju. 14. 8.

^r ch. 17. 1.

Ps. 16. 8.

^s Ps. 3. 1.

91. 11.

Da. 3. 23.

He. 1. 14.

^t Nu. 30. 2.^u ver. 12, 27.

ch. 26. 24.

28. 13.

32. 9.

Ex. 3. 6, 15.

^v ch. 35. 8.^w ver. 13.^x ch. 17. 16.^y ch. 22. 17.^z Pr. 19. 14.^{aa} ver. 15. &c.

Is. 65. 24.

^{ab} 1 Sa. 1. 13.

Ne. 2. 4.

^{ac} ch. 16. 14.

25. 11.

^{ad} or, to pray.^{ae} Jos. 1. 8.^{af} Ps. 1. 2.

77. 12.

119. 15.

143. 5.

^{ag} Jos. 15. 18.^{ah} 1 Co. 11. 5.

6. 10.

^{ai} 1 Ti. 2. 9.^{aj} Eze. 16. 11.

12.

^{ak} Mar. 6. 30.^{al} ver. 26.^{am} ch. 38. 12.^{an} Pr. 3. 6.^{ao} Is. 48. 17.^{ap} ch. 22. 23.^{aq} ch. 47. 29.

Jos. 2. 14.

tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, ^a The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot ^b speak unto thee bad or good.

51 Behold, Rebekah ^c is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he ^d worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth.

53 And the servant brought forth ^e jewels ^f of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother ^g precious things.

54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night: and they rose up in the morning, and he said, ^h Send me away unto my master.

55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us ⁱ a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way: send me away that I may go to my master.

57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and ^j her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou ^k the mother of thousands of millions, and ^l let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

62 And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the south country.

63 And Isaac went out: to ^m meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, ⁿ she lighted off the camel.

65 For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a veil, ^o and covered herself.

66 And the servant told Isaac all things that ^p he had done.

67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac ^q was comforted after his mother's death.

CHAP. XXV.

THEN again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah.

33. set meat, &c. it is the eastern custom to entertain before transacting business. 47. face, or nose.

51. take her precisely analogous to usages which still prevail in the east. 53. precious things, imply in the original fruits, flowers, plants, delicacies.

59. her nurse, in Syria this person is honoured, and always goes to dwell with the bride. 64. she lighted,

a mark of respect in the east. 65. covered herself, her whole person, the usual costume for a bride.

67. Sarah's tent, which was unoccupied, she being now dead. he loved her, this expression has great force, he not having before seen her.

CHAP. XXV.—1. Then again Abraham, or rather, 'Abraham added or increased and took.' It is

2 And ^a she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

3 And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Ashurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.

4 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoth, and Abidam, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.

5 [†] And ^f Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.

6 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and ^g sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto ^h the east country.

7 And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years.

8 Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and ⁱ died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and ^j was gathered to his people.

9 And ^k his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre;

10 The ^l field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: ^m there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

11 ⁿ And it came to pass, after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the ^o well Lahai-roi.

12 ^p Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, ^q whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham:

13 And ^r these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

14 And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, 15 ^s Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah:

16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; ^t twelve princes according to their nations.

17 And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.

18 And ^u they dwell from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria; and he ^v died ^w in the presence of all his brethren.

19 ^x And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: ^y Abraham begat Isaac:

20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, ^z the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, ^{aa} the sister to Laban the Syrian.

21 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: ^{ab} and

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^a 1 Ch. 1. 32

^b Ro. 9. 10.

^c 1 Sa. 9. 9.

^d ch. 17. 16.

^e 24. 60.

^f 2 Sa. 8. 14.

^g ch. 24. 36.

^h ch. 27. 29.

ⁱ Mal. 1. 3.

^j Ro. 9. 12.

^k ch. 21. 14.

^l Ju. 6. 3.

^m ch. 27. 11.

ⁿ 16, 23.

^o Ho. 12. 3.

^p ch. 27. 36.

^q ch. 15. 15.

^r 49. 29.

^s ch. 35. 29.

^t ch. 27. 3. 5.

^u ch. 50. 13.

^v Job 1. 1. 8.

^w 2. 3.

^x Ps. 37. 37.

^y He. 11. 9.

^z venison was in his mouth.

^{aa} ch. 27. 19.

^{ab} 25. 31.

^{ac} ch. 27. 6.

^{ad} ch. 23. 16.

^{ae} ch. 49. 31.

^{af} with that red, with that red

^{ag} pottage.

^{ah} ch. 16. 14.

^{ai} 24. 62.

^{aj} i. e. red.

^{ak} ch. 16. 15.

^{al} going to die.

^{am} 1 Ch. 1. 29.

^{an} He. 12. 16.

^{ao} Ec. 8. 15.

^{ap} Is. 22. 13.

^{aq} 1 Co. 15. 32.

^{ar} or, Hadad.

^{as} ch. 17. 20.

^{at} ch. 12. 10.

^{au} ch. 20. 2.

^{av} 1 Sa. 15. 7.

^{aw} ch. 12. 1.

^{ax} Ps. 39. 12.

^{ay} He. 11. 9.

^{az} ch. 28. 15.

^{ba} * fell.

^{bb} Ps. 78. 64.

^{bc} ch. 16. 12.

^{bd} ch. 13. 15.

^{be} 15. 18.

^{bf} ch. 22. 16.

^{bg} Ps. 105. 9.

^{bh} Mat. 1. 2.

^{bi} ch. 15. 5.

^{bj} ch. 22. 23.

^{bk} ch. 24. 29.

^{bl} ch. 12. 3.

^{bm} 1 Ch. 5. 20.

^{bn} 2 Ch. 33. 13.

^{bo} Ezr. 8. 23.

^{bp} ch. 22. 16. 18.

the LORD was intreated of him, and ^b Rebekah his wife conceived.

22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, *if it be so, why am I thus?* ^c And she went to enquire of the LORD.

23 And the LORD said unto her, ^d Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and ^e the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and ^f the elder shall serve the younger.

24 [†] And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there were twins* in her womb.

25 And the first came out red, ^g all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

26 And after that came his brother out, and ^h his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and ⁱ his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

27 And the boys grew: and Esau was ^j a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was ^k a plain man, ^l dwelling in tents.

28 And Isaac loved Esau, because ^m he did ⁿ eat of his venison: ^o but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 [†] And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, ^p with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called ^q Edom.

31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

32 And Esau said, Behold, I am ^r at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and ^s he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and ^t he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

CHAP. XXVI.

AND there was a famine in the land, beside ^u the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto ^v Abimelech king of the Philistines, unto Gerar.

2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in ^w the land which I shall tell thee of:

3 Sojourn ^x in this land, and ^y I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, ^z I will give all these countries, and I will perform ^{aa} the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;

4 And ^{ab} I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; ^{ac} and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

5 Because ^{ad} that Abraham obeyed my

supposed that this occurred while Sarah lived, for Keturah was only a concubine or secondary wife, an appellation which would scarcely be appropriate, had Sarah been dead. 6. concubines, so Keturah is called, 1 Ch. 1. 32. east country, east of Canaan, where the people long retained the knowledge of the true God; witness Job, Jethro, the Magi. 8. gave up the ghost, or spirit, denoting a tranquil death. good old age, a phrase never used of wicked men. gathered to his people, an Hebrew expression for buried. 16. castles, fortified places or towns. Esau, 'hairy,'

others say, 'formed perfect.' 25. Jacob, 'a supplanter.' 27. cunning, skillful. plain, mild, upright. tents, these arose first out of the exigencies of pastoral life. 30. red pottage, lentiles are now used in the east to make a chocolate-coloured pottage. 32. birthright was evidently understood to mean some future, and perhaps spiritual good.

CHAP. XXVI.—1. Abimelech, a common name for a race of kings. 5. commandments, precepts. statutes, laws, civil or religious. laws, important

voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

6 [¶] And Isaac dwelt in Gerar :

7 And the men of the place asked *him* of his wife; and *d* he said, *She is my sister*: for [¶] *e* feared to say, *She is my wife*; lest, *said he*, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she [¶] *was* fair to look upon.

8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac *was* sporting with Rebekah his wife.

9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she *is* thy wife: and how saidst thou, *She is my sister*? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

10 And Abimelech said, What *is* this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and [¶] thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us.

11 And Abimelech charged all *his* people, saying, *He that* [¶] *toucheth* this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and [¶] received in the same year [¶] an hundred-fold: and the LORD [¶] blessed him:

13 And the man [¶] waxed great, and [¶] went forward, and grew until he became very great:

14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of [¶] servants: and the Philistines [¶] envied him.

15 For all the wells [¶] which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for [¶] *thou art* much mightier than we.

17 [¶] And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and [¶] *e* he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19 And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of [¶] springing water.

20 And the herdmen of Gerar [¶] did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water *is* our's: and he called the name of the well [¶] *Esek*; because they strove with him.

21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it [¶] *Sitnah*.

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it [¶] *Rehoboth*; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall [¶] be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba.

24 And the LORD appeared unto him

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a ch. 17. 7.
24. 12.
28. 13.

Ex. 3. 6.
Ac. 7. 32.

b ch. 15. 1.
c ver. 3. 4.

d ch. 12. 13.
20. 2, 13.

e Pr. 29. 25.
f ch. 12. 7.

13. 18.
g Ps. 116. 17.

h ch. 24. 16.
i ch. 21. 22.

k Ju. 11. 7.
l ver. 16.

m *Seeing we saw.*
ch. 21. 22, 23

n *If thou shalt, &c.*
ch. 20. 9.

o ch. 24. 31.
Ps. 115. 15.

p Ps. 105. 15.
q ch. 19. 3.

r *found.*
Mat. 13. 8.

Mar. 4. 8.
s ch. 21. 31.

t ch. 24. 1, 35.
Job 42. 12.

u ch. 24. 35.
Ps. 112. 3.

Pr. 10. 22.
v *went going*

|| or, husbandry.
ch. 37. 11.

Ec. 4. 4.
w *i. e. an oath*

y ch. 21. 31.
z ch. 21. 30.

† i. e. the well of the oath.
a ch. 36. 2.

b Ex. 1. 9.
c ch. 27. 46.

28. 1, 8.
† bitterness of spirit.

d ch. 48. 10.
1 Sa. 3. 2.

e ch. 21. 31.
f Pr. 27. 1.

Ja. 4. 14.
g ch. 25. 27, 28

h *living.*
|| hunt.

h ch. 21. 25.
** i. e. contention.*

i ver. 27.
ch. 48. 9, 15.

49. 28.
De. 33. 1.

† i. e. hatred.
† i. e. room.

k ch. 17. 6.
28. 3.

41. 52.
Ex. 1. 7.

l ver. 13.

the same night, and said, [¶] *I am* the God of Abraham thy father: [¶] *f* fear not, for [¶] *I am* with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

25 And he [¶] builded an altar there, and [¶] called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

26 [¶] Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Piholch the chief captain of his army.

27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing [¶] ye hate me, and have [¶] sent me away from you?

28 And they said, [¶] We saw certainly that the LORD [¶] was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;

29 [¶] That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: [¶] thou art now the blessed of the LORD.

30 And [¶] he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.

31 And they rose up betimes in the morning, and [¶] swore one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

32 And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.

33 And he called it [¶] *Shebah*: [¶] therefore the name of the city is [¶] Beer-sheba unto this day.

34 [¶] And [¶] Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:

35 Which [¶] were [¶] a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

CHAP. XXVII.

AND it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and [¶] his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, *here am I*.

2 And he said, Behold now, I am old, I [¶] know not the day of my death:

3 Now [¶] therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and [¶] take me some venison:

4 And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring *it* to me, that I may eat; that my soul [¶] may bless thee before I die.

5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring *it*.

6 [¶] And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying,

7 Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death.

8 Now therefore, my son, [¶] obey my voice according to that which I command thee.

injunctions. 10. have brought guiltiness, as in a former recollected case. 11. toucheth, 'injureth.' 18. stopped them, out of envy to Isaac, filled them with earth, the same mode of injuring new settlers, or taking revenge on enemies, is still used. 24. of Abraham, dead, yet alive, see Mat. xxiii. 32. 30. a

feast, probably a religious one, essential to the making of covenants, see ch. xxxi. 54, 55.

CHAP. XXVII.—1. old, some think a hundred and thirty-five. 3. weapons, perhaps hunting-spear, javelin, sword, &c. take me some venison, i. e. hunt game. 4. eat, probably as a religious ceremony,

9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them ^s savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth:

10 And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he ^e may bless thee before his death.

11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, ^f Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I ^{am} a smooth man:

12 My father peradventure will ^s feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring ^a curse upon me, and not a blessing.

13 And his mother said unto him, ⁱ Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them.

14 And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother ⁱ made savoury meat, such as his father loved.

15 And Rebekah took ^g goodly ^m raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son:

16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:

17 And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

18 ⁿ And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here ^{am} I; who ^{art} thou, my son?

19 And Jacob said unto his father, I ^{am} Esau thy firstborn; ^q I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, ^e that thy soul may bless me.

20 And Isaac said unto his son, How ^{is} it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, ⁱ Because the LORD thy God brought it ^{||} to me.

21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I ^w may feel thee, my son, whether thou ^{be} my very son Esau or not.

22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands ^{are} the hands of Esau.

23 And he discerned him not, because ^s his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.

24 And he said, ^{Art} thou my very son Esau? And he said, ⁱ I ^{am}.

25 And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, ^d that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, ^a the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which ^{||} the LORD hath blessed:

28 Therefore ^k God give thee of ⁱ the dew of heaven, and ⁿ the fatness of the earth, and ^o plenty of corn and wine:

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a ch. 25. 23.

b ver. 4.

c ch. 49. 8.

d ch. 12. 3.

e Nu. 24. 9.

f Zec. 2. 8.

g ver. 4.

h ch. 25. 25.

i ver. 22.

j ch. 9. 25.

k De. 27. 18.

l ch. 43. 9.

m 1 Sa. 25. 24.

n 2 Sa. 14. 9.

o Mat. 27. 25.

p ver. 4.

q ver. 4, 9.

r ch. 25. 28.

s Pr. 23. 3.

t Lu. 21. 34.

u trembled

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trembling

greatly.

† desirable.

m ver. 27.

z hunted.

h ch. 28. 3, 4.

i Ro. 11. 29.

o Pr. 1. 31.

p ch. 25. 26.

q 1 Ki. 13. 18.

Is. 28. 15.

Zec. 13. 4.

s i. e. a sup-

planter.

r ch. 25. 33.

s ver. 4.

t Ex. 20. 7.

u Job 13. 7.

v fulfilled.

2 Sa. 8. 14.

w before me.

x ver. 28.

y ver. 12.

z or, sup-

ported.

Is. 65. 14.

He. 12. 17.

y ver. 28.

He. 11. 20.

z ver. 16.

† or, of the

fatness.

a 2 Sa. 14. 5.

Pr. 12. 19, 22.

Ep. 4. 25.

b ch. 25. 23.

Ob. 18. 20.

c 2 Sa. 8. 14.

d 2 Ki. 8. 20.

e ver. 4.

f ch. 37. 4, 8.

g ch. 50. 3, 4.

h 10.

i Ep. 4. 26, 27.

Tit. 3. 3.

j Ca. 4. 11.

k Ho. 14. 6.

l He. 6. 7.

m He. 11. 20.

n De. 33. 13.

o 2 Sa. 1. 21.

p Ps. 64. 5.

q ch. 45. 13.

r De. 33. 28.

29 ^a Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and ^e let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: ^d cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

30 ^{||} And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and ^k eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who ^{art} thou? And he said, I ^{am} thy son, thy firstborn Esau.

33 And Isaac ^{*} trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou earnest, and have blessed him? yea, ⁿ and he shall be blessed.

34 And when Esau heard the words of his father, ^o he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, ^{even} me also, O my father.

35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

36 And he said, ^p Is not he rightly named [§] Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: ^r he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?

37 And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, ^{||} Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and ^v with corn and wine have I ^{*} sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

38 And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, ^{even} me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, ^z and wept.

39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, ^y thy dwelling shall be [†] the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;

40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and ^b shalt serve thy brother; and ^e it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

41 ^{||} And Esau ^{*} hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, ^f The days of mourning for my father are at hand; [§] then will I slay my brother Jacob.

42 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, ^y thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth ^m comfort himself, ^{purposing} to kill thee.

43 Now therefore, my son, obey my

see ch. xxvi. 30, note. 15. *goodly raiment*, 'goodly,' often expresses the excellence of sacred things; 'raiment,' the word here used generally means the priestly dress, in opposition to common; probably the sacred dress kept in the patriarch's house for priestly purposes; some think this was a hunting-dress. *skins* of goats in hot countries, resemble those of men. 27. *the smell of his raiment*, eastern garments are

richly perfumed. *smell of a field*, eastern fields often emit a delightful fragrance. 28. *dew*, this prayer was for plenty, chiefly produced by the dew. *fatness*, most excellent things, ch. xlix. 20. *corn and wine*, necessities and luxuries, Ps. iv. 7. 40. *by thy sword*, hunting and predatory excursions. *break his yoke*, fulfilled, see 2 Ki. viii. 20, 22. 41. *mourning for my father*, anticipating his speedy death. 45. *deprived*

voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother ^a to Haran;

44 And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;

45 Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?

46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, ^e I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: ^f if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these *which are* of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND Isaac called Jacob, and ^m blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, ^o Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

2 Arise, ^q go to ^r Padan-aram, to the house of ^s Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of ^t Laban thy mother's brother.

3 ^u And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be ^v a multitude of people;

4 And give thee ^w the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land ^x wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

6 ^y When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

7 And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram;

8 And Esau seeing ^z that the daughters of Canaan ^{aa} pleased not Isaac his father;

9 Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had: Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, ^{ab} the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

10 ^{ac} And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward ^{ad} Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them* for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he ^{ae} dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold ^{af} the

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^a ch. 11. 31.

^b ch. 48. 3.

^c ch. 26. 24.

^d ch. 13. 14.

^e break forth.

^f ch. 26. 35.

^g ch. 28. 8.

^h ch. 13. 14.

ⁱ De. 12. 20.

^j ch. 24. 3.

^k ch. 18. 18.

^l ch. 31. 3.

^m Ps. 121. 5, 7.

ⁿ ch. 33. 6.

^o Jos. 1. 5.

^p 1 Ki. 8. 57.

^q He. 13. 5.

^r me. 27. 33.

^s Nu. 23. 19.

^t ch. 24. 3.

^u Jos. 5. 15.

^v Ho. 12. 12.

^w ch. 25. 20.

^x ch. 22. 23.

^y ch. 24. 29.

^z ch. 17. 1, 6.

^{aa} an assembly of people.

^{ab} ch. 31. 13.

^{ac} 45.

^{ad} Le. 8. 10. 12.

^{ae} ch. 12. 2.

^{af} Ju. 1. 23.

^{ag} Ho. 4. 15.

^{ah} 1. the house of God.

^{ai} of thy sojournings.

^{aj} Ju. 11. 30.

^{ak} 2 Sa. 15. 8.

^{al} a ver. 15.

^{am} 1 Ti. 6. 8.

^{an} 2 Sa. 19. 24.

^{ao} 30.

^{ap} De. 26. 17.

^{aq} 2 Ki. 5. 17.

^{ar} ch. 35. 7. 14.

^{as} Le. 27. 30.

^{at} lift up his feet.

^{au} Nu. 23. 7.

^{av} Ho. 12. 12.

^{aw} children.

^{ax} ch. 26. 35.

^{ay} were evil in the eyes, &c.

^{az} ch. 36. 3.

^{ba} Bashemath

^{bb} ch. 25. 13.

^{bc} Called,

^{bd} Ac. 7. 2.

^{be} Charran.

^{bf} Job 33. 15.

^{bg} Juo. 1. 51.

^{bh} He. 1. 14.

^{bi} Is there peace to him?

^{bj} ch. 43. 27.

angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 ^b And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, ^c I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: ^d the land whereon thou livest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt ^e spread abroad ^f to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and ^g in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, ^h I am with thee, and will ⁱ keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will ^k bring thee again into this land; for ^l I will not leave thee, ^m until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16 ⁿ And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in ^o this place; and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and ^p set it up for a pillar, ^q and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of ^r that place ^s Beth-el: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

20 ^t And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If ^u God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me ^v bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 So that ^w I come again to my father's house in peace; ^x then shall the LORD be my God:

22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, ^y shall be God's house: ^z and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

CHAP. XXIX.

THEN Jacob ^{aa} went on his journey, ^{ab} and came into the land of the ^{ac} people of the east.

2 And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth.

3 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.

4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we.

5 And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him.

6 And he said unto them, ^{ad} Is he well?

of both in one day, death to the murderer was clearly respected in this family. 46. daughters of Heth, whom Esau had married.

CHAP. XXVIII.—1. called, sent for. 3. multitude, assembly or congregation. 5. Padan-aram, four hundred and eighty miles from Beersheba. 9. unto Ishmael, i.e. the house of Ishmael, for he was dead. 11. stones—pillows, and lay down, wearing his turban, and wrapping his long garments around him; night air being generally safe in the east. 12. he dreamed, this dream or vision may represent universal providence, with the ministry of angels. 16. I knew it not, did not expect to meet with God

here. 17. gate, 'court,' because of the angels. 18. a pillar, a memorial of God's goodness, and an evidence of his solemn vow. poured oil, set it apart to Jehovah, by anointing it. 19. Luz, a hazel-tree, such perhaps growing there. 21. then shall the Lord be my God, that is, he would be stirred up still more devoutly to serve him. 22. shall be God's house, by building an altar with it to sacrifice to God.

CHAP. XXIX.—1. went, &c. 'tripped along,' his heart being elevated. land, Mesopotamia, east of Canaan. 2. a great stone, &c. placed there to keep out sand carried by the winds. 6. well implies,

And they said, *He is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.*

7 And he said, Lo, * *it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them.*

8 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and *till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.*

9 ¶ And while he yet spake with them, *Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them.*

10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and *rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.*

11 And Jacob *kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.*

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was *her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.*

13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the *tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.*

14 And Laban said to him, *Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him * the space of a month.*

15 ¶ And Laban said unto Jacob, *Because thou art my brother, shouldst thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be?*

16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

17 Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.

18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, *I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.*

19 And Laban said, *It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.*

20 And Jacob *served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.*

21 ¶ And Jacob said unto Laban, *Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may ^w go in unto her.*

22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and *made a feast.*

23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.

24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah *a Zilpah his maid for an handmaid.*

25 And it came to pass, that in the

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morning, behold, *it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?*

26 And Laban said, *It must not be so done in our † country, to give the younger before the firstborn.*

27 Fulfil *her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.*

28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.

30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he *loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him * yet seven other years.*

31 ¶ And when the LORD *saw that Leah was hated, he ^a opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.*

32 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name *Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath ^a looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.*

33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, *Because the LORD hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon.*

34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, *Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called ^a Levi.*

35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, *Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name ^a Judah; and ^a left bearing.*

CHAP. XXX.

AND when Rachel saw that *she bare Jacob no children, Rachel ^p envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, ^q or else I die.*

2 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, *Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?*

3 And she said, *Behold ^a my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; ^a and she shall bear upon my knees, ^v that I may also ^a have children by her.*

4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid ^a to wife: and Jacob went in unto her.

5 And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son.

6 And Rachel said, *God hath ^a judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name ^a Dan.*

Does he prosper? 7. *water, &c.* give them water, and lead them to pasture,—friendly advice given as a shepherd. 8. *we cannot*, it being a custom to wait for all the collected flocks. 9. *she kept them*, was the chief shepherdess. It is still customary for the children of the greatest enuir to attend their flocks. 11. *kissed*, by way of courtesy as a relation. *wept*, for joy. 12. *told*, 'had told.' 14. *bone, &c.* Hebrew mode of expressing near relationship. 17. *tender-eyed*, perhaps mild and gentle; many think it means weak-eyed. *beautiful*, in features and form. 18. *I will serve, &c.* The oriental bridegroom makes

payments to the bride's parents, and settles a dowry upon her. 22. *a feast*, i. e. a marriage feast. 26. *It must not be so*, such is now the Hindoo law, but with Laban it was an evasion. 27. *her week*, the period of the marriage feast, Ju. xiv. 12, 23. 28. *gave him Rachel*, immediately before the labour for her had been paid: such marriages were afterwards forbidden, Le. xviii. 18. 31. *hated*, means less loved, see Lu. xiv. 26. 35. *left bearing*, for the time being. CHAP. XXX.—3. *bear upon my knees*, have children I may nurse as my own. *may have children*, 'may be built'; a house is often put for a family.

7 And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived gain, and bare Jacob a second son.
8 And Rachel said, With * great wrestings have I wrestled with my sister, and have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.
9 When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.
10 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob son.
11 And Leah said, A troop cometh: and he called his name † Gad.
12 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob second son.
13 And Leah said, * Happy am I, for the daughters † will call me blessed: and she called his name † Asher.
14 † And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.
15 And she said unto her, † Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes.
16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.
17 And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.
18 And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar.
19 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son.
20 And Leah said, God hath endured me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name † Zebulun.
21 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name * Dinah.
22 † And God † remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and † opened her womb.
23 And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away * my reproach:
24 And she called his name † Joseph; and said, † The LORD shall add to me another son.
25 † And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, * Send me away, that I may go unto * mine own place, and to my country.
26 Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.
27 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes,

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^a ch. 39. 3. 5.
^b ch. 26. 24.
^c * wrestling of God.
^d ch. 23. 6.
^e ch. 29. 15.
^f † i. e. my wrestling.
^g Called, Mat. 4. 13. Nephthalim.
^h ch. 31. 6.
ⁱ 38. 40.
^j Mat. 24. 45.
^k Tit. 2. 10.
^l f ver. 4.
^m † broken forth.
ⁿ § at my foot.
^o † i. e. a troop, or, company.
^p Is. 65. 11.
^q § 2 Co. 12. 14.
^r † Ti. 5. 8.
^s * In my happiness.
^t h Pr. 31. 23.
^u Lu. 1. 48.
^v † i. e. happy.
^w i ch. 25. 30.
^x j ch. 31. 8.
^y k Nu. 16. 9. 13.
^z l ch. 31. 37.
^{aa} 1 Sa. 26. 23.
^{ab} 2 Sa. 22. 21.
^{ac} Ps. 37. 6.
^{ad} m Is. 59. 12.
^{ae} † to-morrow.
^{af} Ex. 13. 14.
^{ag} § i. e. an hire.
^{ah} n ch. 31. 9. 12.
^{ai} † i. e. dwelling.
^{aj} o Called, Mat. 4. 13. Zebulun.
^{ak} * i. e. judgment.
^{al} p ch. 8. 1.
^{am} 1 Sa. 1. 19.
^{an} q ch. 29. 31.
^{ao} r Ex. 12. 35.
^{ap} 36.
^{aq} s 1 Sa. 1. 6.
^{ar} Is. 4. 1.
^{as} Lu. 1. 25.
^{at} † i. e. adding.
^{au} t ch. 35. 17.
^{av} u ch. 24. 54.
^{aw} 56.
^{ax} v ch. 18. 33.
^{ay} 31. 55.
^{az} x ch. 29. 20.
^{ba} 30.
^{bb} y ver. 30.
^{bc} z ch. 13. 2.
^{bd} 24. 35.
^{be} 26. 13. 14.
^{bf} Ec. 2. 7.
^{bg} Eze. 39. 10.

tarry: for ^a I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me ^b for thy sake.
28 And he said, * Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it.
29 And he said unto him, * Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me.
30 For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now: increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee † since my coming: and now when shall I † provide for mine own house also?
31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock:
32 I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and † of such shall be my hire.
33 So shall my † righteousness ^m answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.
34 And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.
35 And he removed that day the ho goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons.
36 And he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.
37 † And * Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chestnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods.
38 And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink.
39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and † brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.
40 And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban: and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle.
41 And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.
42 But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in: so the feeble were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.
43 And the man † increased exceedingly, and had † much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

14. mandrakes, supposed a fruit which was thought by the Greeks and Romans good for sterility. 20. † sons, many sons are a woman's honour in the east. Zebulun, hoping her husband would dwell with her. 21. Dinah, intimating God had judged in her behalf.

23. reproach, "be fruitful" was the blessing, barrenness was therefore a reproach. 37. pilled white strakes, &c. this might be a shepherd's prejudice, but nothing except God's blessing could have prospered Jacob.

CHAP. XXXI.

AND he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, ^a Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of *that* which was our father's hath he gotten all this ¹ glory.

2 And Jacob beheld ^d the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not ^e toward him ^{*} as before.

3 And the LORD said unto Jacob, ⁵ Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.

4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,

5 And said unto them, [†] I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath ^m been with me.

6 And ⁿ ye know that with all my power I have served your father.

7 And your father hath deceived me, and ^o changed my wages ^p ten times; but God ^r suffered him not to hurt me.

8 If he said thus, ^s The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled; and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked.

9 Thus God hath ^t taken away the cattle of your father, and given *them* to me.

10 And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the ^u rams which leaped upon the cattle were ringstraked, speckled, and grised.

11 And ^v the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I.

12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle *are* ringstraked, speckled, and grised: for ^w I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.

13 I am the God of Beth-el, ^x where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now ^y arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, ^z Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

15 Are we not counted of him strangers? for ^{aa} he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.

16 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is our's, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

17 ^{ab} Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels;

18 And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

19 And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the ^{ac} images [†] that were her father's.

20 And Jacob stole away ^{ad} unawares to

B. C. 1739.

^a Job 31. 31.

Ps. 57. 4.

Pr. 14. 30.

Tit. 3. 3.

^b 2 Ki. 12. 17.

Lu. 9. 51.

53.

^c Ps. 49. 16.^d ch. 4. 5.^e De. 28. 54.^f ch. 13. 8.^g as yesterday and the day before.^h 1 Sa. 19. 7.ⁱ ch. 28. 15.

20. 21.

^j ch. 20. 3.

Job 33. 15.

Mat. 1. 20.

^k ch. 24. 50.^l ver. 2.^m from good to bad.ⁿ ver. 3.^o ver. 38. 41.

ch. 30. 29.

^p ver. 41.^q Nu. 14. 22.

Ne. 4. 12.

Job 19. 3.

Zec. 8. 23.

^r 1 Sa. 30. 2.^s ch. 20. 6.

Ps. 105. 14.

^t ch. 30. 32.^u hast stolen me.^v ver. 1. 16.^w ver. 55.

Ru. 1. 9. 14.

1 Ki. 19. 20.

Ac. 20. 37.

^x 1 Sa. 13. 13.^y Ch. 16. 9.^z or, he goats.^{aa} ver. 53.

ch. 28. 13.

^{ab} ver. 24.^{ac} Ac. 5. 38. 39.^{ad} ch. 48. 16.^{ae} ver. 19.

Ju. 18. 24.

^{af} Ex. 3. 7.^{ag} ch. 28. 18.

20.

^{ah} ch. 32. 9.^{ai} ch. 44. 9.^{aj} ch. 2. 24.^{ak} ch. 29. 15.

27.

^{al} felt.^{am} Ex. 20. 12.

Le. 19. 32.

^{an} Ep. 4. 26.^{ao} teraphim.

Ju. 17. 5.

1 Sa. 19. 13.

Ho. 3. 4.

^{ap} ch. 35. 2.^{aq} the heart of Laban.

Laban the Syrian, in that he told him no that he fled.

21 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set ^b his face toward the mount Gilead.

22 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled.

23 And he took ^c his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.

24 And God came ^d to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou ^e speak not to Jacob [†] either good or bad.

25 ^f Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount; and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.

26 And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and ^g carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?

27 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?

28 And hast not suffered me ^h to kiss my sons and my daughters? ⁱ thou hast now done foolishly in so doing.

29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the ^j God of your father spake unto me ^k yesternight, saying, ^l Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

30 And now, *though* thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou ^m stolen my gods?

31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.

32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, ⁿ let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.

33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.

34 Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban ^o searched all the tent, but found them not.

35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot ^p rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched, but found not the images.

36 ^q And Jacob was wroth, ^r and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?

CHAP. XXXI.—1. *glory*, or wealth. 7. *ten times* means very often. 10. *grised*, having spots like hail. 15. *money*, 'price,' which he got by Jacob's servitude. 19. *images*, 'idols,' or household gods, probably in human form. 20. *stole away unawares*, or he 'stole away the heart of Laban,' cattle and goods. 21. *river*, Euphrates, between Mesopotamia and Canaan. *Mount Gilead*, a chain of mountains, extending north and south, and forming the eastern

boundary of Canaan. 24. *good or bad*, 'from good to bad,' salute him not as a friend, and then turn enemy. 28. *sons*, i. e. grandsons. 29. *the God of your father* seems as if Laban had disowned the true God, and returned to the idols of his grandfather Terah. 31. *camel's furniture*, or pannier, resembling a covered chair or cradle, thrown across the back of the camel for ladies. 35. *the custom of women*, &c. 'I am in the state of a removed woman.'

37 Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge ^a betwixt us both.

38 This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of my flock have I not eaten.

39 That ^a which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of ^a my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night.

40 Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.

41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I ^a served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and ^a thou hast changed my ages ten times.

42 Except ^a the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and ^a the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God ^a hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and ^a rebuked thee yesternight.

43 And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?

44 Now therefore come thou, ^a let us make a covenant, I and thou; ^a and let be for a witness between me and thee.

45 And Jacob ^a took a stone, and set it for a pillar.

46 And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap.

47 And Laban called it ^a Jegar-sahaduth: but Jacob called it ^a Galeed.

48 And Laban said, ^a This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;

49 And ^a Mizpah; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.

50 If thou shalt afflict my daughters, if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is ^a witness betwixt me and thee.

51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold is heap, and behold this pillar, which have cast betwixt me and thee;

52 This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm.

53 The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, ^a judge betwixt us. And Jacob ^a swore by ^a the name of his father Isaac.

54 Then Jacob ^a offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

B. C. 1739.

^a ch. 28. 1.

^b ch. 18. 33.

30. 25.

Na. 24. 25.

^c 1 Co. 6. 5.

^d Ps. 91. 11.

He. 1. 14.

^e Ex. 22. 10.

&c.

^f Jos. 5. 14.

Ps. 103. 21.

148. 2.

Lu. 2. 13.

^a i. e. two hosts, or, camps.

^g Jos. 21. 38.

^h Ex. 22. 12.

ⁱ Lu. 14. 31.

32.

^k ch. 33. 14.

16.

^l ch. 36. 6. 8.

De. 2. 5.

Jos. 24. 4.

⁺ field.

^m Pr. 15. 1.

ⁿ ch. 23. 27, 28.

^o ver. 7.

^p ch. 30. 43.

^q Ps. 124. 1. 2.

^r ch. 33. 8, 15.

^s ver. 53.

Is. 8. 13.

^t ch. 29. 32.

Ex. 3. 7.

^u ch. 33. 1.

^v 1 Ch. 12. 17.

Julie 9.

^w ch. 35. 3.

Ps. 107. 6.

^x Ps. 50. 15.

91. 15.

^y ch. 28. 13.

^z ch. 26. 28.

^a Jos. 22. 27.

24. 27.

^b ch. 31. 3. 13.

^c ch. 28. 18.

⁺ I am less than all &c.

^d Da. 8. 9.

^e Job 8. 7.

Ps. 18. 35.

[§] Chald. the heap of witness.

^f Ps. 59. 1, 2.

^{||} Heb. the heap of witness.

^g Jos. 24. 27.

^h Ho. 10. 14.

ⁱ upon.

ⁱ ch. 28. 13.

15.

[†] i. e. beacon or watch-tower.

Ju. 11. 29.

1 Sa. 7. 5.

^k Pr. 18. 16.

^l Je. 42. 5.

^m Mat. 10. 16.

ⁿ ch. 16. 5.

Jos. 24. 2.

^o ch. 21. 23.

^p ver. 42.

[±] or, killed beasts.

55 And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and ^a blessed them: and Laban departed, and ^b returned unto his place.

CHAP. XXXII.

AND Jacob went on his way, and ^a the angels of God met him.

2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's ^a host: and he called the name of that place ^a Mahanaim.

3 And Jacob sent ^a messengers before him to Esau his brother ^b unto the land of Seir, ^c the country of Edom.

4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus ^a shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:

5 And ^a I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that ^a I may find grace in thy sight.

6 ^a And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh ^a to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.

7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: ^a and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;

8 And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

9 ^a And ^a Jacob said, ^b O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD ^b which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

10 I am not worthy of the least of all ^a thy mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and ^a now I am become two bands.

11 Deliver ^a me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and ^a the mother ^a with the children.

12 And ^a thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

13 ^a And he lodged there that same night: and took of that which came to his hand ^a a present for Esau his brother;

14 Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams,

15 Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals.

16 And he delivered ^a them into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and ^a put a space betwixt drove and drove.

17 And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee?

18 Then thou shalt say, Thy be thy

^a drought—frost, in many parts of Asia, severe frosty nights are often succeeded by very warm days. 46. did eat, such eating was usual in making covenants, in token of reciprocal friendship and good-will.

CHAP. XXXII.—1. met him, to comfort, help, and protect. 2. host, or army. Mahanaim, 'two hosts,' the angels' and Jacob's. 3. Edom, afterwards so called. 15. milch camels, a valuable present, the milk being a prominent article of diet with the Arabs.

servant Jacob's; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau; and, behold, also he is behind us.

19 And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him.

20 And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will *d* appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept *t* of me.

21 So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company.

22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, *e* and passed over the ford Jabbok.

23 And he took them, and *§* sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had. 24 ¶ And Jacob was left alone; and there *f* wrestled a man with him until the *•* breaking of the day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the *h* hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26 And *k* he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, *l* I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, *n* Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but *†* Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, *o* Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place *†* Peniel: for *p* I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

31 And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

32 Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

CHAP. XXXIII.

AND Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.

2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindmost.

3 And he passed over before them, and *•* bowed himself to the ground seven

B. C. 1739.

a ch. 32. 28.

b ch. 45. 14, 15.

** to thee.*

c Ps. 127. 3.

ls. 8. 18.

d Pr. 21. 14.

† my face.

Job 42. 8, 9.

‡ What is all

this hand

to thee?

e De. 3. 16.

§ caused to

pass.

|| be that to

thee that is

thine.

f Mat. 11. 12.

** ascending*

of the

morning.

g Mat. 18. 10.

h Mat. 26. 41.

2 Co. 12. 7.

i 2 Ki. 5. 15.

k Lu. 24. 28.

l Ho. 12. 4.

† all things.

Phi. 4. 18.

m 2 Ki. 5. 23.

n 2 Ki. 17. 34.

† i.e. a prince

of God.

o Ju. 13. 18.

§ according

to the foot

of the work,

&c. and ac-

cording to

the foot of

the child-

ren.

|| i.e. the

face of God.

p Ex. 24. 11.

De. 5. 24.

Ju. 13. 22.

Is. 6. 5.

q ch. 32. 3.

** set, or,*

place.

† Wherefore

is this?

r Ru. 2. 13.

s Jos. 13. 27.

Ps. 60. 6.

† i.e. booths.

t Jno. 3. 23.

§ Called,

Ac. 7. 16,

Sychem.

u Jno. 4. 5.

|| Called,

Ac. 7. 16,

Emmor.

** or, lambs.*

v ch. 42. 6.

† i.e. God

the God of

Israel.

times, until he came near to his brother.

4 And *a* Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, *b* and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those *•* with thee? And he said, The children *•* which God hath graciously given thy servant.

6 Then the handmaidens came near to him and their children, and they bowed themselves.

7 And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

8 And he said, *†* What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.

9 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; *†* keep that thou hast unto thyself.

10 And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, I now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I *§* have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

11 Take, I pray thee, *†* my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have *†* enough. *u* And he urged him, and he took it.

12 And he said, Let us take our journey and let us go, and I will go before thee.

13 And he said unto him, My lord, knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, *§* according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto *•* Seir.

15 And Esau said, Let me now *•* leave with thee some of the folk that are with me. And he said, *†* What needeth it? *•* let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

16 ¶ So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

17 And Jacob journeyed to *•* Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle; therefore the name of the place is called *†* Succoth.

18 ¶ And Jacob came to *•* Shalem a city of *•* Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram, and pitched his tent before the city.

19 And *u* he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of *†* Hainor, Shechem's father, for an hundred *•* pieces of money.

20 And he erected there an altar, and called it *†* El-elohe-Israel.

19. *a present*, a customary forerunner of negotiations in the east, and a token of inferiority. 24. *a man*, God, 24, 30; an angel, Ho. xii. 3, 4, i.e. Christ the Lord, the Angel of the covenant, in the form of man. Some critics deem this a vision; it is a plain narrative of a reality. 28. *for as a prince*, &c. The original is a beautiful antithesis, 'Seeing thou hast had power with *Alehim*, the Almighty Creator, how much more shalt thou overcome *anashim*, feeble and mortal men?' 30. *my life is preserved*, even good men early held a notion that upon the sight of God a man instantly died. 32. *sinew*, or tendon.

CHAP. XXXIII.—3. *seven*, i.e. many: elder brothers are treated by the younger with great respect in the east. 4. *kissed*, still the custom in Persia and Hindostan. 10. *receive*, &c. this would be a proof of friendship, as it still is in eastern countries. *face of God*, a high eastern compliment. 11. *blessing* i.e. present, see 1 Sa. xxv. 27. 17. *Succoth*, on the other side Jordan, then belonging to Sihon, king of Heshbon, but afterwards named Succoth, 'booths,' or 'tents.' See Jos. xiii. 27; Ju. viii. 8. *house*, doubtless a tent. 18. *came to Shalem*, should be, 'came safe to the city Shechem.'

CHAP. XXXIV.

ND ^a Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to the daughters of the land.

And when Shechem the son of Hamor Hivite, prince of the country, ^c saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.

And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake [†] kindly unto the damsel.

And Shechem ^d spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife. And Jacob heard that he had defiled his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and they were grieved, and they ^k were very wroth, because he ⁱ had wrought folly in Israel, in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem cleaveth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.

And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and ^o get you possessions therein.

And Shechem said unto her father Hamor and her brethren, Let me find grace unto your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give.

Ask me never so much ^p dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.

And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father [†] deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:

And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that ^q is uncircumcised; for that *were* a reproach unto us:

But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we *be*, that every male of you be circumcised;

Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

But if ye will not hearken unto us, ^r to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son.

And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because ^s he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he *was* ^t more honourable than all the house of his father.

B. C. 1732.

^a ch. 30. 21. 46. 15.

^b De. 17. 5. Ru. 4. 1. Job 29. 7.

Am. 5. 10. 12. 15. Zec. 8. 16.

^c ch. 6. 2. Ju. 14. 1.

^{*} humbled her. De. 22. 29.

[†] to the heart of the damsel. Is. 40. 2. Ho. 2. 14.

^d Ju. 14. 2. Pr. 1. 12. 13.

^f 1 Sa. 10. 27. 2 Sa. 13. 22.

^g ch. 23. 10. h ch. 49. 7. 2 Sa. 13. 21.

ⁱ Jos. 7. 15. Ju. 20. 6.

^j De. 23. 17. 2 Sa. 13. 12.

^k ch. 49. 5. 7. [†] mouth.

^l De. 32. 42. m ch. 13. 9. 20. 15.

ⁿ ch. 42. 34. o ch. 47. 27.

^p Ex. 22. 16. 17. De. 22. 29.

^q 1 Sa. 18. 25. ch. 49. 6.

^r Jos. 7. 25. s Ex. 5. 21. 1 Sa. 13. 4.

^t 2 Sa. 13. 24. &c. Pr. 26. 25.

^u De. 4. 27. Ps. 105. 12.

^v Jos. 5. 9. 1 Sa. 14. 6. 17. 26. 36.

^w Ro. 4. 11. ch. 28. 19.

^x Ps. 47. 4. y ch. 28. 13.

^z ch. 27. 43. a ch. 18. 19.

Jos. 24. 15. b ch. 31. 19. 34.

Jos. 24. 15. 23. 1 Sa. 7. 3.

Ps. 101. 2. 7. c Ex. 19. 10.

d ch. 32. 7. 24. Ps. 107. 6.

e Ca. 8. C. Is. 62. 4. f ch. 28. 20.

31. 3. 42. g 2 Ki. 5. 1. 1 Ch. 4. 9.

20 [†] And Hamor and Shechem his son came ^b unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,

21 These men *are* peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, *it is* large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

22 Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they *are* circumcised.

23 *Shall* not their cattle and their substance and every beast of their's ^c be our's? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

24 And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that ^e went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

25 [†] And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, ^k Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

26 And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the [†] edge of the sword, [†] and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.

27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.

28 They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which *was* in the city, and that which *was* in the field.

29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that *was* in the house.

30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, [†] Ye have [†] troubled me ^a to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: [†] and I *being* few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?

CHAP. XXXV.

AND God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to [†] Beth-el, and dwell there: [†] and make there an altar unto God, [†] that appeared unto thee [†] when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

2 Then Jacob said unto his ^a household, and to all that *were* with him, Put away ^b the strange gods that *are* among you, and ^c be clean, and change your garments:

3 And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, ^d who answered me in the day of my distress, ^f and was with me in the way which I went.

4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which *were* in their hand,

chiefs. 25. the males, such as were adults. 27. because, &c., in the East the people feel bound to avenge a violated sister.

CHAP. XXXV.—1. Bethel, distant 28 miles. make there an altar, Jacob is reminded of his vows, which he seems to have forgotten. 2. strange gods, 'gods of the strangers,' i. e. the Shechemites, which had got into the family, and also of Laban. 4. earrings, worn in honour of idols. See Judg. viii. 24.

CHAP. XXXIV.—1. to see the daughters, on a festival day, says Josephus. land, Canaan. 7. folly, abomination, one of the vilest of offences, see De. xii. 21. in Israel, or 'against Israel.' 12. dowry, the orientals have commonly purchased the wife from her parents. gift, present to her friends. 17. our daughter, so called from the brothers being considered as guardians. 24. hearkened all, the Asiatic shepherd tribes pay great deference to their

and *all their* ^a earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under ^b the oak which was by Shechem.

5 And they journeyed: and the ^c terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

6 [†] So Jacob came to ^d Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Beth-el, he and all the people that were with him.

7 And he ^e built there an altar, and called the place ^f El-beth-el: because ^g there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

8 But Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Beth-el under an oak: and the name of it was called [†] Allon-bachuth.

9 [†] And ^h God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him.

10 And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: ⁱ thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, ^j but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.

11 And God said unto him, ^k I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; ^l a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

12 And the land ^m which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

13 And God ⁿ went up from him in the place where he talked with him.

14 And Jacob set up ^o a pillar in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, ^p Beth-el.

16 [†] And they journeyed from Beth-el; and there was but ^q a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour.

17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; ^r thou shalt have this son also.

18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name ^s Ben-oni: but his father called him ^t Benjamin.

19 And ^u Rachel died, and was buried in the way to ^v Ephrath, which is Beth-lehem.

20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave ^w unto this day.

21 [†] And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the ^x tower of Edar.

22 And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay ^y with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:

23 The sons of Leah; ^z Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun:

B. C. 1732.

^a Ho. 2. 13.^b Jos. 24. 26.^c Ju. 9. 6.^d Jos. 5. 1.^e 2 Ch. 14. 14.^f ch. 28. 19, 22.^g ch. 23. 2, 19.^h Jos. 14. 15.ⁱ Ec. 5. 4.^j i. e. The God of Bethel.^k ch. 28. 13.^l ch. 15. 15.^m ch. 25. 9.ⁿ i. e. the oak of weeping.^o Ho. 12. 4.^p ch. 25. 30.^q ch. 26. 34.^r ch. 17. 5.^s ver. 25.^t ch. 32. 28.^u Ex. 6. 3.^v ch. 28. 9.^w ch. 48. 4.^x 1 Ch. 1. 35.^y ch. 12. 7.^z ch. 17. 22.[†] ch. 28. 18.[†] souls.^a ch. 28. 19.^b ch. 13. 6, 11.^c a little piece of ground.^d 2 Ki. 5. 19.^e ch. 17. 8.^f De. 2. 5.^g Jos. 24. 4.^h ver. 1.ⁱ ch. 30. 24.^j 1 Sa. 4. 20.^k Edom.^l i. e. the son of my sorrow.^m 1 Ch. 1. 35.ⁿ &c.^o i. e. the son of the right hand.^p ch. 48. 7.^q Ru. 1. 2.^r Mt. 5. 2.^s Mat. 2. 6.^t or, Zephi.^u 1 Ch. 1. 36.^v 1 Sa. 10. 2.^w 2 Sa. 18. 18.^x Ex. 17. 8, 14.^y Nu. 24. 20.^z 1 Sa. 15. 2, 3.[†] &c.^a Mi. 4. 8.^b ch. 49. 4.^c 1 Ch. 5. 1.^d 2 Sa. 16. 22.^e 20. 3.^f 1 Co. 5. 1.^g ch. 46. 8.^h Ex. 1. 2.

24 The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin:

25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Nuphtali:

26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; Gad, and Asher: these are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padan-aram.

27 [†] And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto [†] Mamre, unto the [†] city of Arbah, which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

28 And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years.

29 And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and [†] was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and [†] his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

CHAP. XXXVI.

Now these are the generations of Esau, [†] who is Edom.

2 Esau ^m took his wives of the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and ^o Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

3 And [†] Bashemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth.

4 And [†] Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Bashemath bare Reuel;

5 And Aholibamah bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah: these are the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan.

6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country from the face of his brother Jacob.

7 For ^a their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and ^b the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle.

8 Thus dwelt Esau in ^c mount Seir: Esau ^d is Edom.

9 [†] And these are the generations of Esau the father of [†] the Edomites in mount Seir:

10 These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz ^f the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau.

11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, [†] Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.

12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: [†] these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife.

13 And these are the sons of Reuel; Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.

14 [†] And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

Such earrings are still worn as charms in some eastern countries. *hid them*, till perhaps he could employ them for useful purposes. *oak*, [†] turpentine tree. 5. *terror of God*, great terror, supernaturally excited. 6. *Luz*, see ch. xxviii. 19. 8. *under an oak*, a frequent custom. See 1 Sam. xxxi. 13. 9. *came out*, was come out. 11. *God Almighty*, or God All-sufficient. *a company of nations*, numerous nations. 14. *drink offering*, a libation of wine as a grateful offering. Exod. xxix. 40. oil, see ch. xxviii. 18.

16. *Ephrath*, or Bethlehem, v. 19, being the old name, and the later name. 18. *soul-departing*, suggests its separate existence. 20. *a pillar*, anciently a rude heap of stones. 21. *of Edar*, or of the flock; perhaps a watch tower of shepherds. 26 *born in Padan-aram*, Benjamin excepted, ver. 16, &c., but one exception is not noticed among the many. 29. *and died*, inserted here by anticipation, for he lived after Joseph was sold.

CHAP. XXXVI. — 1. the generations of Esau,

These were dukes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz, duke Korah, duke Gatam, and duke Amalek: these are the dukes that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah.

And these are the sons of Reuel Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah: these are the dukes that came of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Basemath Esau's wife.

And these are the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; duke Jeush, duke Elam, duke Korah: these were the dukes that came of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.

These are the sons of Esau, who is Esau, and these are their dukes.

These are the sons of Seir the dweller, who inhabited the land; Lotan, Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan: these are the dukes of the Horites, the brethren of Seir in the land of Edom.

And the children of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.

And the children of Shobal were Zephai, Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

And these are the children of Zibeon; Ajah, and Anah: this was that Anah, who found the asses in the wilderness, and he fed the asses of Zibeon his father.

And the children of Anah were Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

And these are the children of Dishan; Hemdan, and Eshbam, and Itham, and Cheran.

The children of Ezer are these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan.

The children of Dishan are these; Elam, and Aran.

These are the dukes that came of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah.

Duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan: these are the dukes that came of Esau, among their dukes in the land of Edom.

And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.

And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city was Dinabab.

And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of Teman reigned in his stead.

And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the land of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith.

And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

B. C. 1715.

^a 1 Ch. 1. 50. Hadad Pat. After his death was an aristocracy, Ex. 15. 15.

^b 1 Ch. 1. 51.

^c or, Aliah.

^d 1 Ch. 1. 38.

^e ch. 14. 6.

De. 2. 12, 22.

^f Edom.

^g of his father's sojournings.

^h ch. 17. 8.

23. 4.

28. 4.

36. 7.

He. 11. 9.

ⁱ or, Homam.

1 Ch. 1. 39.

^j or, Alian.

1 Ch. 1. 40.

^k or, Shephi,

1 Ch. 1. 40.

^l 1 Sa. 2. 22.

24.

Jno. 7. 7.

1 Co. 1. 11.

11. 18.

^m Le. 19. 19.

ⁿ ch. 44. 20.

^o or, pieces.

Ju. 5. 30.

2 Sa. 13. 18.

P. 45. 13, 14.

Eze. 16. 16.

^p ch. 27. 41.

49. 23.

1 Sa. 17. 28.

Ps. 38. 19.

69. 4.

Jno. 7. 3. 5.

Tit. 3. 5.

1 Jno. 2. 11.

3. 10, 12.

^q or, Amram,

1 Ch. 1. 41.

^r or, Jakan,

1 Ch. 1. 42.

^s ch. 42. 6, 9.

43. 26.

44. 14.

^t Ex. 2. 14.

1 Sa. 10. 27.

Ps. 2. 3, 6.

Lu. 19. 14.

Ac. 7. 35.

^u 1 Ch. 1. 43.

^v ch. 46. 29.

^w ch. 27. 29.

^x Ac. 7. 9.

^y Da. 7. 28.

Lu. 2. 19, 51.

37 And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead.

38 And Saul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and ^a Hadar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

40 And these are the names of ^b the dukes that came of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke ^c Alvah, duke Jetheth,

41 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

42 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

43 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these be the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he is Esau the father of ^d the Edomites.

CHAP. XXXVII.

AND Jacob dwelt in the land ^e wherein his ^f father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father ^g their evil report.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was ^h the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many ⁱ colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they ^j hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 ^k And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed ^l reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

9 ^m And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, ⁿ the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and ^o thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

11 And ^p his brethren envied him; but his father ^q observed the saying.

fulfillment of the father's prophetic saying. 15. dukes, emirs or chiefs, who were patriarchal rulers. 21. that found the vines, may be considered 'the springs or waters,' and the asses that have scented them—an event of importance in the east.

CHAP. XXXVII.—1 wherein his father was a

stranger, rather 'the land of his father's sojournings.' 2. these are the generations, &c. should be chap. xxxvi. their evil report, a report of their evil conduct. 3. of many colours, worn still by persons of distinction in some parts of the east. 4. could not speak, &c. i. e. give the usual satisfaction, a decided proof of hostility among the orientals.

12 [¶] And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, * see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of ^d Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

15 [¶] And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

16 And he said, I seek my brethren: ^f tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks.

17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in [†] Dothan.

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they [†] conspired against him to slay him.

19 And they said one to another, Behold, this [†] dreamer cometh.

20 Come [¶] now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 And [¶] Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

23 [¶] And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many [¶] colours that was on him;

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25 And [¶] they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of ^c Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and ^c balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

26 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and ^c conceal his blood?

27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and [¶] let not our hand be upon him; for he is [†] our brother and [¶] our flesh. And his brethren [†] were content.

28 Then there passed by [†] Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, [¶] and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for [¶] twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

29 [¶] And Reuben returned unto the pit;

B. C. 1729.

^a Job 1. 20.

^b Je. 31. 15.

^c ver. 23.

^d see the

peace of

thy bre-

thren, &c.

ch. 29. 6.

^d ch. 35. 27.

^e ch. 44. 28.

^f Ca. 1. 7.

^g 2 Sa. 3. 31.

^h 2 Sa. 12. 17.

ⁱ 2 Ki. 6. 15.

^k ch. 42. 38.

^l 1 Sa. 19. 1.

Mat. 27. 1.

Jun. 11. 53.

Ac. 23. 12.

^m ch. 39. 1.

ⁿ eunuch:

but the

word doth

signify not

only eu-

nuchs, but

also cham-

berlains,

courtiers,

and officers.

Es. 1. 10.

[†] master of

dreams.

[§] or, chief

marshal.

Heb. chief of

the slaugh-

termen, or,

execution-

ers.

ⁿ Pr. 1. 11, 16.

27. 4.

^o 2 Ki. 4. 8.

^p ch. 42. 22.

^r ch. 34. 2.

^s 1 Ch. 2. 3.

^t ch. 46. 12.

^u Nu. 26. 20.

^v or, pieces.

ch. 21. 21.

^a Pr. 30. 20.

Am. 6. 6.

^b 1 Ch. 2. 3.

^c ver. 28, 36.

^d De. 25. 5.

Mat. 22. 24.

^e Je. 8. 22.

^f De. 25. 6.

^g Job 16. 18.

^h 1 Sa. 18. 17.

ⁱ * was evil in

the eyes of

the LORD.

^j ch. 42. 21.

^k ch. 29. 14.

[†] hearkened.

[†] Ju. 6. 3.

^m Ru. 1. 13.

ⁿ Ac. 7. 9.

^o Mat. 27. 9.

^p Le. 22. 13.

[†] the days

were multi-

plied.

and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit and he ^c rent his clothes.

30 And he returned unto his brethren and said, The child ^b is not; and I, what shall I go?

31 And they took ^c Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

32 And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

33 And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an ^c evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

34 And Jacob ^c rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and all his daughters [†] rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I [†] will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

36 And ^m the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an [†] officer of Pharaoh's, and [¶] captain of the guard.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

AND it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and [¶] turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.

2 And Judah [¶] saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was [¶] Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her.

3 And she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name [¶] Er.

4 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan.

5 And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name [¶] Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bare him.

6 And Judah [¶] took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar.

7 And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; [¶] and the LORD slew him.

8 And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto ^d thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother.

9 And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother.

10 And the thing which he did [¶] displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also.

11 Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, [¶] Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamar went and dwelt [¶] in her father's house.

12 [¶] And [†] in process of time the daugh-

12. Shechem, 60 miles from Hebron, where Jacob dwelt. 14. *it be well*, he probably feared revenge from the Shechemites. 17. *Dothan*, supposed twelve miles from Shechem. 20. *some pit*, among those often dug to receive rain water. 20. *evil beast*, or beast of prey. 25. *a company*, called caravan. 28. *Midianites*—*Ishmeelites*, being near neighbours they might travel together. It would seem the Midianites first bought Joseph, and then sold him to the Ishmeelites.—*Ed.* 28. *twenty pieces*, about two-thirds the price of a slave, see Exod.

xxi. 32. 34. *rent*, an expression of grief. *sackcloth* coarse cloth of camels' hair. 36. *captain of the guard*, who was chief executioner.

CHAP. XXXVIII.—1. *that time*, the time of Judah's marriage. *Adullamite*, an inhabitant of the city of Adullam. 7. *wicked in the sight of the Lord*, i. e. exceedingly wicked. 8. *raise up seed* this custom passed into law, Deut. xxv. 5. 10. *displeased the Lord*, covetousness led Onan to despise the law of God, for the inheritance belonged to the first-born, and Onan would have lost this, had

of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, and he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

13 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep.

14 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

15 When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face.

16 And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?

17 And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it?

18 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in mine hand. And he gave it her, and came unto her, and she conceived by him.

19 And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20 And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not.

21 Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place.

22 And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place.

23 And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

24 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

25 When she was brought forth, she went to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose these are, the signet, and bracelets, and staff.

26 And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

27 And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb.

B. C. 1729.

a 2 Sa. 13. 39.

b Jos. 15. 10, 57.

Ju. 14. 1.

c or, Wherefore hast thou made this breach against thee?

d Pr. 7. 12.

e the door of eyes, or, of Enajim.

f i. e. a breach.

g ch. 46. 12.

h Nu. 26. 20.

i Ch. 2. 4.

j Mat. 1. 3.

k ch. 37. 36.

l Ps. 105. 17.

m ch. 37. 25.

n ver. 21.

o ch. 21. 22.

p 26. 23.

q 23. 15.

r 1 Sa. 16. 18.

s 18. 14, 28.

t Ac. 7. 9.

u Eze. 16. 33.

v S a kid of the goats.

w i ver. 20.

x Ps. 1. 3.

y k ver. 25.

z l ch. 18. 3.

aa 19. 19.

ab m ver. 22.

ac ch. 24. 2.

ad n ver. 14.

ae o ch. 30. 27.

af De. 28. 3, &c.

ag 2 Sa. 6. 11.

ah 12.

ai Ac. 27. 24.

aj H or, in Enajim.

ak P 1 Sa. 16. 12.

al Ac. 7. 20.

am q 2 Sa. 13. 11.

an Pr. 2. 16.

ao Je. 3. 3.

ap Eze. 16. 30.

aq 34.

ar * become a contempt.

as r Ju. 19. 2.

at s Le. 21. 9.

au De. 22. 21.

av t Pr. 6. 29, 32.

aw u ch. 20. 6.

ax Le. 6. 2.

ay 2 Sa. 12. 13.

az Ps. 51. 4.

ba v ch. 37. 32.

bb x ver. 18.

bc y ch. 37. 33.

bd z 1 Sa. 24. 17.

be a ver. 11.

bf b Pr. 7. 13, &c.

bg c Job 34. 31,

32.

28 And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.

29 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez.

30 And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.

CHAP. XXXIX.

AND Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmaelites, which had brought him down thither.

2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wetteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

11 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

13 And it came to pass, when she saw

children been born. 12. Timnath, see Josh. xv. 57; it lay south of Canaan. Judg. xiv. 1. 14. in an open place, or in the gate of Enaim. 15. because, &c., covering the face is usual for females in the East, but some Arab women do not, and among these a veil would cause suspicion. 18. signet, a ring-seal, worn by persons of distinction. The Arabs suspect it to the neck by a riband. bracelets were not worn by men; this was, perhaps, a head covering or a handkerchief. staff, perhaps shepherd's crook. 23. take it, i. e. the pledge. 24. Judah

said, as eldest son virtually, he was head of the tribe, and probably judge as well as priest. burnt, the sentence on females related to priests, Lev. xxi. 9. 26. more righteous, not in committing incest, but Judah was the first to blame, not having kept faith. 29. this breach be, i. e. the honour of being firstborn was his.

CHAP. XXXIX.—1. down, Egypt is level compared to Palestine. 4. served, the original denotes as an honoured attendant, and not a slave. 6. goodly, Joseph's beauty is still celebrated in the East. 12. his garment, his hyke or mantle. In Abyssinia this

that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a *loud voice:

15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

17 And she ^b spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:

18 And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his ^c wrath was kindled.

20 And Joseph's master took him, and ^d put him into the ^j prison, a place where the king's prisoners ^e were bound: and he was there in the prison.

21 ^f But the LORD was with Joseph, and ^g shewed him mercy, and ^h gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison ⁱ committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that ^k were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer ^l of it.

23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing ^m that was under his hand; because ⁿ the LORD was with him, and ^o that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

CHAP. XL.

AND it came to pass after these things, that the ^p butler of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt.

2 And Pharaoh was ^q wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

3 And ^r he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

5 ^s And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which ^t were bound in the prison.

6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad.

7 And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore ^u look ye so sadly to day?

8 And they said unto him, ^v We have dreamed a dream, and ^w there is no inter-

B. C. 1729.

a ch. 41. 16.
Da. 2. 11, 28, 47.

* great.
b Ex. 23. 1.
Ps. 120. 3.

c ver. 18.
ch. 41. 12, 25.
Ju. 7. 14.
Da. 2. 36.

d ch. 41. 26.
† or, reckon.

e 2 Ki. 25. 27.
Ps. 3. 3.

f Ju. 52. 31.
† remember me with thee.

g Lu. 23. 42.
h Pr. 6. 34, 35.

i Jos. 2. 12.
1 Sa. 20. 14.

j 2 Sa. 9. 1.
1 Ki. 2. 7.

k Ps. 105. 18.
1 Pe. 2. 19.

l ch. 40. 3, 15.
41. 14.

m ch. 39. 20.
§ extended kindness unto him.

n Ex. 3. 21.
11. 3.

o Ps. 106. 46.
Pr. 16. 7.

p Da. 1. 9.
Ac. 7. 9, 10.

q ch. 40. 3, 4.
n ver. 2, 3.

r or, full of holes.

s meat of Pharaoh, the work of a baker, or, cook.

t ver. 12.
p ver. 13.

† or, reckon thee, and take thy office from thee.

q Ne. 1. 11.
r Pr. 16. 14.

s Mat. 14. 6.
t Mar. 6. 21.

u or, reckoned.

v ver. 13, 19.
Mat. 25. 19.

w ch. 39. 20, 23.
x ver. 13.

y Ne. 2. 1.
z ver. 19.

a Job 19. 14.
Ps. 31. 12.

b Ec. 9. 15, 16.
Am. 6. 6.

§ are your faces evil?

c No. 2. 2.
d ch. 41. 15.

preter of it. And Joseph said unto them, ^a Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream behold, a vine was before me;

10 And in the vine were three branches and it was as though it budded, and the blossoms shot forth; and the cluster thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

12 And Joseph said unto him, ^c This is the interpretation of it: The three branches ^d are three days:

13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh ^e lift ^f up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

14 But I think ^g on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew ^h kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house.

15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: ⁱ and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three ^j white baskets on my head:

17 And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of ^k bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

18 And Joseph answered and said, ^l This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days:

19 Yet ^m within three days shall Pharaoh ⁿ lift ^o up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the bird shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

20 ^p And it came to pass the third day which was Pharaoh's ^q birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he ^r lifted ^s up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

21 And he ^t restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and ^u he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:

22 But he ^v hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but ^w forgot him.

CHAP. XLI.

AND it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

3 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river.

4 And the ill favoured and leanfleshed

is always deemed an evidence of guilt. 20. prison, Heb. 'round house or tower.' king's prisoners—those guilty of treason.

CHAP. XL.—2. butler, 'cup-bearer,' ver. 13. Neh. i. 11. 2. bakers, 'cook' or 'confectioner.' 3. put them in ward, the Targum says they were charged with an attempt to poison. the place where Joseph was, with which the chief captain's house was connected, and which was the state prison, the king's

servants being all of high rank. 5. a dream, not common, but supernatural and prophetic. 1. pressed them, the Egyptians drank the pure unfermented juice of the grape. 12. are three, 'signified three;' the Hebrew has no word to express 'signified.' 13. lift up, perhaps simply means give occasion for joy. 19. head from off thee, order thee to be beheaded.

CHAP. XLI.—1. river, Nile. 2. kine, buffaloes almost amphibious in Egypt. in a meadow, rather

he did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

5 And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, * rank and good.

6 And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.

7 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, *it was a dream.*

8 And it came to pass in the morning *that* his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all *the* magicians of Egypt, and *the* wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but *there was none* that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

9 ¶ Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

10 Pharaoh was *in* wrath with his servants, *and* put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, *both* me and the chief baker:

11 And *we* dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; and we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

12 And *there was* there with us a young man, an Hebrew, *servant* to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he *interpreted* to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

13 And it came to pass, *as* he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

14 ¶ Then *Pharaoh* sent and called Joseph, and they *brought* *him* hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved *himself*, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is none* that can interpret it: *and* I have heard *say* of thee, *that* *thou* canst understand a dream to interpret it.

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is not in me*: *God* shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, *In* my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:

18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow:

19 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness:

20 And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine:

21 And when they had *eaten* them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good:

23 And, behold, seven ears, *†* withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them:

24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: *and* I told *this* unto the

B. C. 1715.

a Re. 4. 1.

* fat.

b Da. 2. 1.

c 4. 5, 19.

d 2 Ki. 8. 1.

e Ex. 7. 11, 22.

f Is. 29. 14.

g Da. 1. 20.

h ver. 25.

i Mat. 2. 1.

j ver. 47.

k ver. 54.

l ch. 40. 2, 3.

m ch. 39. 20.

n ch. 47. 13.

o ch. 40. 5.

† heavy.

p ch. 37. 36.

q Nu. 23. 19.

r Is. 46. 10, 11.

† or, prepared of

God.

p ch. 40. 12.

q &c.

r ch. 40. 22.

s or, over-seers.

t Pr. 6. 6, 8.

u Ps. 105. 20.

v made him run.

w Da. 2. 25.

x 1 Sa. 2. 8.

y ver. 48.

z Ps. 25. 14.

* or, when

thou hear-

est a dream

thou canst

interpret it.

† be not cut

off.

z ch. 47. 15, 19.

a Ac. 7. 10.

b Ac. 3. 12.

c 2 Co. 3. 5.

d Da. 2. 22, 28.

e 4. 2.

f ver. 1.

g Nu. 27. 18.

h Job 32. 8.

i Pr. 2. 6.

j Ps. 105. 21,

22.

† be armed,

or, kiss.

g Da. 6. 3.

h come to the

inward

parts of

them.

h Es. 3. 10.

i 8. 2, 8.

j Es. 8. 15.

k or, silk.

l Da. 5. 7, 29.

m Es. 6. 9.

n or, Tender

father.

Heb. Ab-

rech.

† or, small.

m ch. 45. 8, 26.

n ver. 8.

Da. 4. 7.

magicians; but *there was* none that could declare *it* to me.

25 ¶ And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: *a* God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.

26 The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one.

27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be *seven* years of famine.

28 This *is* the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

29 Behold, there come *is* seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

30 And there shall *arise* after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine *shall* consume the land;

31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it *shall* be very *†* grievous.

32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; *it is* because the *thing* is *†* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint *officers* over the land, and *take* up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years.

35 And *let* them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land *†* perish *not* through the famine.

37 ¶ And *the* thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this is, a man *in* whom the Spirit of God is?

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is none* so discreet and wise as thou art:

40 Thou *shalt* be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have *set* thee over all the land of Egypt.

42 And Pharaoh *took* off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and *arrayed* him in vestures of fine linen, *and* put a gold chain about his neck;

43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; *and* they cried before him, *Bow the knee*: and he made him ruler *over* all the land of Egypt.

44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

on the achu' or reeds. 5. seven ears, &c., a species of wheat in Egypt produces this number on one stalk. 6. east wind, passing from the Arabian deserts into Egypt, is most destructive. 8. magicians, the Egyptian priests were the first professed interpreters of dreams, employing magic arts. wise men, perhaps philosophers. 14. shaved, in conformity to Egyptian usage, oriental nations not doing

so. 16. God shall give, some read, 'May God give,' &c. 34. fifth part, that is, of the products. 35. under the hand, or power of. 40. over my house, i. e. the chief minister. 42. ring, or signet to seal letters patent. fine linen, the finest cotton, still worn only by the great. gold chain, a token of rank. Dan. v. 16. 44. I am Pharaoh, i. e. 'I am king,' lift up his hand, &c., proverbial for transacting

45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name * Zaphnath-paaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah † priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

46 † And Joseph was thirty years old when he † stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47 And in the seven plentiful years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

49 And Joseph gathered corn † as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

50 And † unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah † priest of On bare unto him.

51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn † Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

52 And the name of the second called he † Ephraim: For God hath caused me to † be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

53 † And the seven years of plentifulness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

54 And † the seven years of dearth began to come, † according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened † all the storehouses, and † sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

57 And † all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

CHAP. XLII.

NOW when † Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?

2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may † live, and not die.

3 † And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, † Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

5 And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came; for the famine was † in the land of Canaan.

6 And Joseph was the governor † over

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* Which in the Coptic signifies, A revealer of secrets, or, The man to whom secrets are revealed.

† ch. 37. 7.

† or, prince.

Ex. 2. 16.

2 Sa. 8. 18.

20. 26.

b 1 Sa. 16. 21.

1 Ki. 12. 6, 8.

d 1. 19.

† hardthings with them.

c ch. 37. 5, 9.

d ch. 22. 17.

1 Sa. 13. 5.

Ps. 78. 27.

e ch. 46. 20.

48. 5.

§ or, prince.

2 Sa. 8. 18.

|| i. e. forgetting.

f ch. 37. 30.

44. 20.

La. 5. 7.

* i. e. fruitful.

§ 1 Sa. 1. 26.

17. 55.

h ch. 49. 22.

i Ps. 105. 16.

Ac. 7. 11.

† bound.

k ver. 30.

l gathered.

† Lo. 25. 43.

Ne. 5. 15.

§ all where-in was.

m ch. 42. 6.

47. 14, 24.

n ch. 43. 5.

44. 23.

o De. 9. 28.

p Job 36. 8, 9.

r Ac. 7. 12.

s Pr. 21. 13.

Mat. 7. 2.

t ch. 37. 21.

u Ps. 118. 17.

Is. 38. 1.

v ch. 9. 5.

1 Ki. 2. 32.

2 Ch. 24. 22.

Ps. 9. 12.

Lu. 11. 50.

|| an interpreter was between them.

x ver. 38.

y Ac. 7. 11.

z ch. 41. 41.

the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and † bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.

7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake † roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

9 And Joseph † remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.

11 We are all one man's sons; we are true men, thy servants are no spies.

12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

13 And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one † is not.

14 And Joseph said unto them, That is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies:

15 Hereby ye shall be proved: † By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.

16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be † kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies.

17 And he † put them all together into ward three days.

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; † for I fear God:

19 If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

20 But † bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

21 † And they said one to another, † We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; † therefore is this distress come upon us.

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, † Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is † required.

23 And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for † he spake unto them by an interpreter.

24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

25 † Then Joseph commanded to fill

public affairs. 45. Joseph's name, a new name was usually conferred on raising to an important trust. Dan. i. 6, 7. 47. handfuls, i. e. abundance. 48. all the food, i. e. all the fifth part. 49. as the sand, i. e. a great quantity. 54. all lands, contiguous to Egypt. 56. the earth, 'that land,' meaning Egypt. 57. all countries came, Egypt was then, as now, the granary of neighbouring nations.

CHAP. XLII.—1. saw, 'understood.' 4. Joseph's brother, his only brother by the same mother, Rachel. 6. bowed, prostrate, like the easterns, fulfilling Joseph's

dream, ch. xxxvii. 7. 8. knew his brethren, for they were adults when they sold him. knew not him, as he had grown to manhood, and was now thirty, while then he was seventeen years of age; his dress also disguised him. 9. Ye are spies, the Arabs often say the same to extort money. nakedness, weakness. See Is. xlvii. 3. Lam. i. 8. 11. one man's sons, and a man would not send all his sons as spies. 14. That is it, why leave one at home? 15. By the life, a solemn protestation. See 1 Sam. xx. 3. 18. I fear God, and therefore would act justly. 25

their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

26 And they laden their asses with the corn, and departed thence.

27 And as ^b one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth.

28 And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart ^c failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, *Is that is this that God hath done unto us?*

29 ^d And they came unto Jacob their father, and told him all that befell unto them; saying,

30 The man, *who is the lord of the land*, spake ^e roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

31 And we said unto him, *We are true men; we are no spies:*

32 *We be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this way with our father in the land of Canaan.*

33 And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, ^f Hereby shall I know that *ye are true men*; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take *food for the famine* of your households, and be gone:

34 And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that *ye are no spies*, but that *ye are true men*: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall ^g traffick in the land.

35 ^h And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, ⁱ every man's bundle of money *was* in his sack: and then *both* they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

36 And Jacob their father said unto them, *Me have ye ^j bereaved of my children*: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin *away*: all these things ^k *are* against me.

37 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him unto my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for ^l his brother is dead, and he is left alone: ^m if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye ⁿ bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

CHAP. XLIII.

AND the famine *was* ^o sore in the land.

2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, ^p *Go again, buy us a little food.*

3 And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man ^q did solemnly protest unto us, saying, *Ye shall not see my face, except your ^r brother be with you.*

4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food:

5 But if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, *Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.*

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^a Mat. 5. 44.
Ro. 12. 17.
20, 21.
1 Pe. 3. 9.

^{*} asking
asked us.

^b ch. 43. 21.

[†] mouth.

[‡] knowing
could we
know?

[§] went forth.

^c ch. 44. 32.
Ps. 119. 122.
Phile. 18, 19.

^d ver. 7.

^{||} with us
hard
things.

^{*} or, twice
by this.

^e ch. 32. 20.
Pr. 18. 16.

^f ch. 37. 25.
Je. 8. 22.

^g ver. 15, 19.
20.

^h ch. 42. 25, 35.
ⁱ Ne. 1. 11.
Ps. 37. 5.

^k ch. 34. 10.
1 Ki. 10. 4.

[†] or, and I,
as I have
been, &c.

^l Es. 4. 16.
^m ch. 43. 21.

ⁿ ch. 43. 14.
^o ch. 24. 2.

39. 4.
44. 1.

[†] kill a killing.

^p 1 Sa. 25. 11.
1 Sa. 27. 1.

^q Job 7. 7.
Ps. 34. 19.

^r Mat. 14. 31.
Ro. 8. 28, 31.

[§] eat.

^q ver. 13.
ch. 37. 33.

44. 28.
^r ver. 4.

ch. 44. 29.

^{||} roll himself
upon us.

Job 30. 14.

^s ch. 37. 35.
44. 31.

^t ch. 41. 54, 57.
La. 5. 10.

^{*} coming
down we
came down.

^u ch. 42. 3, 10.
^v ch. 42. 27, 35.

[†] protesting
protested.

^x ch. 42. 20.
44. 23.

^y Ju. 6. 23.
1 Sa. 25. 6.
Da. 4. 1.

6. 25.
Lu. 24. 36.

6 And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?

7 And they said, The man ^{*} asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, *Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the [†] tenor of these words: [‡] could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?*

8 And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, *and also our little ones.*

9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: ^c if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:

10 For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned ^{*} this second time.

11 And their father Israel said unto them, *If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and ^e carry down the man a present, a little ^f balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds:*

12 And take double money in your hand; and the money ^h that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry *it* again in your hand; peradventure it *was* an oversight:

13 Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man:

14 And God Almighty give you mercy before ⁱ the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. [†] *If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.*

15 ^{||} And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ^o ruler of his house, Bring *these men* home, and ^p *slay*, and make ready; for *these men* shall ^q *dine* with me at noon.

17 And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may ^r seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses.

19 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house and they communed with him at the door of the house,

20 And said, O sir, ^{*} we ^{*} came indeed down at the first time to buy food:

21 And ^u it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, *every man's money was* in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.

22 And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

23 And he said, ^y Peace be to you, fear not ^z your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your

sacks, thought to be woollen bags or baskets lined with eather. 27. sack, this is another word: the former sack held the wheat, this the provender for the asses. ^{aa}, or caravansera, an open court, walled round.

CHAP. XLIII.—7. straitly, i. e. strictly. 8. lad,

'youth.' 11. balm, balsam. nuts, the finest being found in Syria. almonds, those of Palestine being very excellent. 16. at noon, the time for the more solemn meal in the East. 18. because, &c., fearing some plot. 23. your God, &c., hence some infer

sacks: *I had your money. And he brought Simeon unto them.

24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and ^a gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender.

25 And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26 ¶ And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and ^c bowed themselves to him to the earth.

27 And he asked them of their [†] welfare, and said, [†] Is your father well, the old man ^o of whom ye spake? [†] Is he yet alive?

28 And they answered, Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive. And [§] they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, ^h his mother's son, and said, [†] Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.

30 And Joseph made haste; for ^h his bowels did yern upon his brother: and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and [†] wept there.

31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on [¶] bread.

32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is [¶] an abomination unto the Egyptians.

33 And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

34 And he took and sent messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was [¶] five times so much as any of their's. And they drank, and [¶] were merry with him.

CHAP. XLIV.

AND he commanded [¶] the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth.

2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. [¶] And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.

4 And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?

5 [¶] Is not this [†] it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he [†] divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.

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* your money came to me.

^a ch. 18. 4.

24. 32.

Lu. 7. 44.

Jno. 13. 11.

17.

^b ch. 43. 21.

^c ch. 37. 7, 10.

Ro. 14. 11.

Ph. 2. 10, 11.

^d ch. 31. 32.

[†] peace.

ch. 37. 14.

[†] Is there peace to your father?

^e ch. 42. 11, 13.

^f Ex. 22. 3.

^h ch. 37. 7, 10.

^h ch. 35. 17, 18.

ⁱ ch. 37. 29, 34.

Na. 14. 6.

2 Sa. 1. 11.

13. 19.

^k 1 Ki. 3. 26.

^l ch. 42. 24.

^m ch. 37. 7.

50. 18.

ⁿ ver. 25.

[§] or, make trial, ver. 5.

^o De. 25. 1.

Ezr. 9. 10, 15.

Job 40. 4.

Is. 5. 3.

Ac. 2. 37.

^p ch. 46. 34.

Ex. 8. 26.

^q Nu. 32. 23.

Jos. 7. 1, 18.

Ju. 1. 7.

Pr. 28. 17.

Mat. 7. 2.

Lu. 12. 2.

^r Ps. 75. 2.

Pr. 17. 15.

^s ch. 45. 22.

[¶] drank largely.

Hag. 1. 6.

Jno. 2. 10.

[¶] him that was over his house.

^t ch. 18. 30, 32.

Ex. 32. 22.

^u ch. 37. 3.

^v 2 Co. 8. 8.

^w Lu. 7. 12.

^x ch. 42. 15, 20.

^y Am. 9. 4.

^z ch. 43. 3, 5.

[†] or, maketh trial.

6 ¶ And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.

7 And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing:

8 Behold, [§] the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold?

9 With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, [¶] both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen.

10 And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words: he with whom it is found [¶] shall be my servant; and ye shall be blameless.

11 Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.

12 And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

13 Then they [†] rent their clothes, and laden every man his ass, and returned to the city.

14 ¶ And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; for he was yet there: and they [¶] fell before him on the ground.

15 And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly [¶] divine?

16 And Judah said, What [¶] shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath [¶] found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found.

17 And he said, [¶] God forbid that I should do so: but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

18 ¶ Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and [¶] let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother?

20 And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and [¶] a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and [¶] he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

21 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring [¶] him down unto me, that I may set [¶] mine eyes upon him.

22 And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.

23 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except [¶] your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.

24 And it came to pass when we came

that the steward had learned to fear his master's God; but, might not Joseph have prepared him with his reply?—Ed. 24. washed, &c., as usual in the east after travelling. See ch. xviii. 4, note. 26. bowed themselves, see ch. xxxvii. 9. 29. God, &c., an eastern mode of saluting. 31. bread, i. e. provisions. 34. sent messes, separate tables or trays were set before each person, and great men honoured their guests by sending such dishes as were first served to themselves. five times so much, so, as some say, the orientals express esteem, supplying their

most honoured guests with a profusion of food; but others think variety, and not quantity, is here meant. merry, happy, comp. Luke xv. 23, 24.

CHAP. XLIV.—2. cup, a sort of goblet. 5. divine, the sentence may be rendered, 'and he is making strict inquiry after it.' 13. rent, &c. See ch. xxxvii. 29, note. 15. Wot ye not, &c., rendered by great critics, 'Knew ye not that such a man as I would make strict inquiry?' 16. the iniquity, not in this case, but alluding to their sins in general. 18. as Pharaoh, to be feared like him.

26 And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. ^a And ^{*} Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived:

28 And Israel said, *It is enough*; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

CHAP. XLVI.

AND Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices ^{*} unto the God of his father Isaac.

2 And God spake unto Israel ^f in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here *am* I.

3 And he said, I *am* God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there ^t make of thee a great nation:

4 I ^m will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely ^{*} bring thee up *again*: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

5 And ^p Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

6 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him:

7 His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

8 [†] And ^y these *are* the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: ^a Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.

9 And the sons of Reuben; Jacob's, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.

10 [†] And ^{*} the sons of Simeon; ^{*} Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and [†] Jachin, and [†] Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman.

11 [†] And the sons of ^d Levi; [§] Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

12 [†] And the sons of [°] Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zarah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And ^f the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.

13 [†] And [†] the sons of Issachar; Tola, and [†] Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.

14 [†] And the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel.

15 These *be* the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters *were* thirty and three.

16 [†] And the sons of Gad; [†] Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and [†] Ezbon, Eri, and [†] Arodi, and Arelai.

17 [†] And [°] the sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Beriah, and

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^a Job 29. 24.

Ps. 126. 1.

Lu. 24. 11, 41.

^{*} his.

[†] or, prince.

^b 1 Ch. 7. 6.

8. 1.

^c Nu. 26. 38.

Ahiram.

^d Nu. 26. 39.

Shupham.

1 Ch. 7. 12.

Shuppim.

[†] Hupham.

Nu. 26. 39.

^e ch. 26. 24, 25.

31. 42.

^f ch. 15. 1.

Job 33. 14, 15.

^g 1 Ch. 7. 12.

[§] or, Shu-

ham.

Nu. 26. 42.

^h 1 Ch. 7. 13.

ⁱ ch. 30. 5, 7.

^k ch. 29. 29.

^l ch. 12. 2.

De. 26. 5.

^m ch. 28. 15.

48. 21.

ⁿ Ex. 1. 5.

ch. 15. 16.

Ex. 3. 8.

[†] thigh.

ch. 35. 11.

^p Ac. 7. 15.

^r Ac. 7. 14.

^s ch. 31. 21.

^t ch. 47. 1.

^u Jos. 24. 4.

Fs. 105. 23.

Is. 52. 4.

^v ch. 45. 14.

^y Ex. 1. 1.

6. 14.

^z Lu. 22. 30.

Nu. 26. 5.

1 Ch. 5. 1.

^b ch. 47. 1.

^c Ex. 6. 15.

^{*} or, Nemuel

[†] or, Jarib,

[†] or, Zerah,

1 Ch. 4. 24.

1 Ch. 6. 1, 16.

[§] or, Ger-

shon.

^{*} they are

men of

cattle.

^e 1 Ch. 2. 3.

4. 21.

^f 1 Ch. 2. 5.

^g ch. 47. 2, 3.

^h 1 Ch. 7. 1.

ⁱ ver. 32.

^k ch. 34. 5.

[†] or, Puah,

and Ja-

shub.

^l ch. 43. 32.

Ex. 8. 26.

^m ch. 46. 31.

ⁿ Nu. 26. 15.

&c.,

Zephon.

[†] or, Ozni.

[†] or, Arod.

[†] or, Arod.

1 Ch. 7. 30.

^p ch. 45. 10.

Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel.

18 These *are* the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob, *even* sixteen souls.

19 The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife; Joseph, and Benjamin.

20 [†] And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah [†] priest of On bare unto him.

21 [†] And ^b the sons of Benjamin were Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, ^c Ehi, and Rosh, ^d Muppim, and [†] Huppim, and Ard.

22 These *are* the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob: all the souls *were* fourteen.

23 [†] And [§] the sons of Dan; [§] Hushim.

24 [†] And ^h the sons of Naphtali; Jah-

zeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem.

25 These *† are* the sons of Bilhah, ^k which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bare these unto Jacob: all the souls *were* seven.

26 All ⁿ the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his [†] loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls *were* threescore and six;

27 And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, *were* two souls: ^r all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, *were* threescore and ten.

28 [†] And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, ^s to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came ^t into the land of Goshen.

29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he ^u fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

30 And Israel said unto Joseph, ^z Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.

31 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, ^b I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which *were* in the land of Canaan, are come unto me;

32 And the men *are* shepherds, for ^{*} their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.

33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, ^s What is your occupation?

34 That ye shall say, Thy servants' ^t trade hath been about cattle ^t from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is ^t an abomination unto the Egyptians.

CHAP. XLVII.

THEN Joseph ^m came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they *are* in the ^p land of Goshen.

CHAP. XLVI.—1. *Beersheba*, south of Hebron, on the road from Canaan to Egypt. 3. *God*, 'THE MIGHTY ONE.' 4. *bring thee up*, respects his race. *upon thine eyes*, close them when dead, according to ancient custom. 7. *daughters*, must include his daughters-in-law, as he had but one. 28. *direct*

his face, request Joseph to meet him. 30. *let me die*, meaning he could be content to die. 34. *every shepherd is an abomination*, perhaps owing to the predatory attacks of Arabs who tended flocks; and as every shepherd literally was not an abomination, it may rather mean every nomade shepherd.

2 And he took some of his brethren, ^a five men, and ^a presented them unto Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, ^a What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, ^c Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers.

4 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, ^d For to sojourn in the land are we come; ^e thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; ^f for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants ^f dwell in the land of Goshen.

5 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:

6 The ^g land of Egypt is before thee; ^h the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; ⁱ in the land of Goshen let them dwell; and if thou knowest ^j any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

8 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, ^k How old art thou?

9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, ^l The days of the years of my pilgrimage are ^m hundred and thirty years: ⁿ few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and ^o have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

10 And Jacob ^p blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

11 ^q And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of ^r Ramesses, ^s as Pharaoh had commanded.

12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, ^t according to their families.

13 ^u And there was no bread in all the land; ^v for the famine was very sore, ^w so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine.

14 And ^x Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

15 And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for ^y why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.

16 And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and will give you for your cattle, if money fail.

17 And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he ^z fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.

18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my

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^a Ac. 7. 13.
^b ch. 46. 33.
^c Jon. 1. 5.
^d 2 Th. 3. 10.
^e ch. 46. 34.
^f Am. 7. 14. 15.
^g ch. 15. 13.
^h De. 26. 5.
ⁱ Ps. 105. 23.
^j Is. 52. 4.
^k ch. 43. 1.
^l Ac. 7. 11.
^m ch. 46. 34.
ⁿ ch. 20. 15.
^o Pr. 21. 1.
^p Ezr. 7. 24.

* or, princes.
^q ch. 41. 45.
^r 2 Sa. 8. 18.

i ver. 4.

† How many are the days of the years of thy life?

k 1 Ch. 29. 15.
^l Ps. 39. 12.
^m He. 11. 9. 13.

ⁿ 13. 14.
^o Job 14. 1.
^p Ec. 2. 23.
^q ch. 25. 7.
^r 35. 28.
^s ch. 33. 15.
^t ver. 7.
^u Ru. 2. 4.
^v He. 7. 7.
^w ver. 22.

† or, princes.
^x ver. 22.

^y Ex. 1. 11.
^z 12. 37.

^a ver. 6.
^b ver. 11.
^c ch. 46. 3.

§ according to the little ones, or, as a little child is nourished.
^d ch. 50. 21.

^e ch. 41. 30.
^f Ac. 7. 11.

|| the days of the years of his life.
^g ver. 9.

^h De. 31. 14.
ⁱ 1 Ki. 2. 1.

^j ch. 41. 56.
^k ch. 24. 2.
^l ch. 24. 49.
^m ch. 50. 25.

ⁿ 2 Sa. 19. 37.
^o d ver. 19.
^p ch. 49. 29.

^q 50. 5. 13.
^r ch. 48. 2.

^s 1 Ki. 1. 47.
^t He. 11. 21.

* led them.
^u Ps. 128. 6.

lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands:

19 Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's.

21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof.

22 Only ^a the land of the ^a priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

23 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.

24 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be for your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.

25 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: ^b let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.

26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; ^c except the land of the ^c priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.

27 ^d And Israel ^d dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and ^e grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so ^f the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.

29 And the time ^g drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, ^h put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and ⁱ deal kindly and truly with me; ^j bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:

30 But ^k I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and ^l bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

31 And he said, Swear unto me. And he swore unto him. And ^m Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

CHAP. XLVIII.

AND it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two ⁿ sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

2 And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and

CHAP. XLVII.—6. best, &c., best pasture land, and therefore best adapted to the Hebrew shepherds. ^a men of activity, warriors in what may be called guerilla warfare, comp. 1 Ch. vii. 21.—23. 7. blessed, perhaps means saluted, or prayed he might be blessed. 11. Ramesses, a part of the land of Goshen. 17. for all their cattle, in exchange for. 19. we and our land, and is said to die when lying desolate. we and our land will be thy servants, they would hold their lands

of Pharaoh, and be tenants. 21. removed them to cities, that they might be fed from the stores: but some render it, 'he made them servants.' 24. in the increase, when the land shall produce. the fifth, a demand moderate when compared with other nations, ancient or modern. 30. with my fathers, intimating his faith that his seed should inherit Canaan. 31. bowed, in religious homage. bed's head, some render 'staff.' See Heb. xi. 21.

Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.

3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at ^a Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,

4 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee ^c for an everlasting possession.

5 ¶ And now thy ^d two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, *are mine*; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

6 And thy issue, which thou begettest after them, shall be thine, *and* shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, ^e Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephraim: and I buried her there in the way of Ephraim; the same is Beth-lehem.

8 And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these?

9 And Joseph said unto his father, ^m They are my sons, whom God hath given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and ⁿ I will bless them.

10 Now ^p the eyes of Israel were [§] dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and ^h he kissed them, and embraced them.

11 And Israel said unto Joseph, "I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed.

12 And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him.

14 And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, ^d guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.

15 ¶ And ^e he blessed Joseph, and said, God, ^f before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

16 The Angel ^g which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let ⁱ my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and

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* as fishes do increase.

^a ch. 28. 13, 19.

^b ver. 14.

† was evil in his eyes.

ch. 28. 8.

^c ch. 17. 8.

^d ch. 41. 50.

^e ver. 14.

^f Nu. 1. 33, 35.

De. 33. 17.

† fulness.

[§] Ru. 4. 11, 12.

^h ch. 35. 19.

ⁱ ch. 50. 24.

^j Jos. 24. 32.

Jno. 4. 5.

ch. 15. 16.

34. 28.

Jos. 17. 14.

&c.

^m ch. 33. 5.

ⁿ ch. 27. 4.

^o De. 33. 1.

Am. 3. 7.

^p ch. 27. 1.

^q heavy.

Is. 6. 10.

59. 1.

^r Is. 2. 2.

39. 6.

Jer. 23. 20.

Da. 2. 23, 29.

Ac. 2. 17.

He. 1. 2.

^s ch. 27. 27.

^t Ps. 34. 11.

^u ch. 45. 26.

^v De. 21. 17.

¶ do not thou excel.

^x 1 Ch. 5. 1.

* or, my

couch is

gone.

† or, their

swords are

weapons of

violence.

^z ch. 34. 25.

^a Pr. 1. 15, 16.

^b Ep. 5. 11.

^c ch. 34. 26.

^d ver. 19.

† or, houghed

oxen.

^e He. 11. 21.

^f ch. 17. 1.

24. 40.

^g ch. 29. 35.

^h Ps. 34. 22.

121. 7.

ⁱ Am. 9. 12.

Ac. 15. 17.

^k 1 Ch. 5. 2.

let them * grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

17 And when Joseph saw that his father ^b laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head.

18 And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the first-born; put thy right hand upon his head.

19 And his father refused, and said, ^c "I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly ^f his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a [†] multitude of nations.

20 And he blessed them that day, saying, [§] In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

21 And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but ⁱ God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

22 Moreover ^k I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand ^l of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

CHAP. XLIX.

AND Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may ^r tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

2 Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and ^t hearken unto Israel your father.

3 ¶ Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, ^v and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

4 Unstable as water, [¶] thou ^{*} shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: ^{*} he went up to my couch.

5 ¶ Simeon and Levi are brethren; ^z with instruments ^z of cruelty are in their habitations.

6 O my soul, ^a come not thou into their secret; ^b unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for ^c in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they ^d digged down a wall.

7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

8 ¶ Judah, [§] thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; [†] thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the

CHAP. XLVIII.—5. *are mine*, by adoption, and should, like his sons, have portions in Canaan, and be heads of tribes. 10. *not see* clearly, for he could see, v. 8. 12. *his knees*, his father's knees. *bowed*, in reverence to his father. 14. *right hand*, as the emblem of power and dignity, was always used in consecration. 15. *fed me*, or, hath been my shepherd.

16. *The Angel*, the great Angel of the covenant, Mal. iii. 1, CHRIST; he redeems us from all evil. 2 Tim. iv. 18. *grow*, increase as fishes,—and they increased more than any other tribes. 20. *saying*, God make thee; it should hereafter be a proverbial expression. 22. *one portion*, thought to be the spot purchased. See ch. xxxiii. 10. *I took*, perhaps it was taken away by the Amorites and recovered by Jacob.

CHAP. XLIX.—1. *befall you*, not themselves, but their descendants, and refers not to their eternal state, but their character and destinies in this world.

last days, almost, if not exclusively, relate to the reign of Messiah. 4. *Unstable*, signifies 'lightness,' and expresses that levity which leads to sensual gratification. *not excel*, Reuben lost his birth-right; Joseph's sons had the double portion, Judah the kingly authority, and Levi the priesthood. 5. *brethren*, in evil doings. 6. *digged down a wall*, some read, 'murdered a prince.' 7. *I will divide*, prophets are said to do what they announce shall be done. This tribe had no inheritance of their own, and were dispersed among others. 8. *Judah* signifies praise; this eminent tribe should be praised. *in or on the neck* represents the conqueror who used to tread on the neck of the vanquished. See Jos. x. 24, fulfilled Judg. i. and in David, Ps. xviii. 40. *shall bow*, prostration signified inferiority; should bow before the kings of this tribe and the King Messiah. 9. *lion's whelp*, the emblem of strength and valour.

er, my son, thou art gone up: ^a he
wop^d down, he couched as a lion, and
an old lion; who shall rouse him up?
The ^e sceptre shall not depart from
Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his
feet, ^f until Shiloh come; ^g and unto him
shall the gathering of the people be.
Binding his foal unto the vine, and
his ass's colt unto the choice vine; and
he washed his garments in wine, and his
clothes in the blood of grapes:
His eyes shall be red with wine, and
his teeth white with milk.
Zebulun ^h shall dwell at the haven
of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of
ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.
Issachar ⁱ is a strong ass couching
down between two burdens:
And he saw that rest was good, and
the land that it was pleasant; and bowed
his shoulder to bear, and became a servant
unto tribute.
Dan ^j shall judge his people, as one
of the tribes of Israel.
Dan ^k shall be a serpent by the way,
an adder in the path, that biteth the
horse heels, so that his rider shall fall
backward.
I ^l have waited for thy salvation, O
Lord.
Gad, a troop shall overcome him:
he shall overcome at the last.
Out of Asher his bread shall be fat,
and he shall yield royal dainties.
Naphtali ^m is a hind let loose: he
giveth goodly words.
Joseph ⁿ is a fruitful bough, even a
fruitful bough by a well; whose ^o branches
are over the wall:
The archers have ^p sorely grieved
him, and shot at him, and hated him:
But his ^q bow abode in strength,
and the arms of his hands were made
strong by the hands of the mighty God of
Jacob; (^r from thence is the shepherd,
the stone of Israel):
Even ^s by the God of thy father, who
shall help thee; and by the Almighty, ^t who
shall bless thee with blessings of heaven
above, blessings of the deep that lieth under,
blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:
The blessings of thy father have pre-
vailed above the blessings of thy progeni-
tors unto the utmost bound of the ever-
lasting hills: ^u they shall be on the head

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^a Nu. 24. 9.
^b Ju. 20. 21, 25.
^c Ez. 22. 25, 27.
^d Nu. 24. 17.
^e Je. 30. 21.
^f Zec. 10. 11.
^g Nu. 23. 24.
^h Ez. 8. 11.
ⁱ Ez. 39. 10.
^j Zec. 14. 1, 7.
^k Is. 11. 1.
^l Ez. 21. 27.
^m Da. 9. 25.
ⁿ Lu. 1. 32, 33.
^o Hag. 2. 7.
^p Lu. 23. 30, 32.
^q Ec. 15. 15.
^r 25. 8.
^s Jos. 19. 10.
^t 11.
^u ch. 23. 19.
^v 25. 9.
^w ch. 35. 29.
^x De. 33. 22.
^y Ju. 13. 1, 2.
^z 16. 31.
^{aa} Ju. 18. 27.
^{ab} * an arrow-
snake.
^{ac} Ps. 25. 6.
^{ad} 119. 166.
^{ae} 174.
^{af} Is. 25. 9.
^{ag} 2 Ki. 13. 14.
^{ah} 2 Ch. 16. 14.
^{ai} Mat. 26. 12.
^{aj} Mar. 16. 1.
^{ak} † daughters.
^{al} † wept.
^{am} Nu. 20. 29.
^{an} De. 34. 8.
^{ao} ch. 37. 4, 24.
^{ap} 28.
^{aq} 39. 20.
^{ar} 42. 21.
^{as} Ps. 118. 13.
^{at} Es. 4. 2.
^{au} t Job 29. 20.
^{av} Ps. 37. 15.
^{aw} ch. 47. 12.
^{ax} 50. 21.
^{ay} v. 23. 16.
^{az} 2 Ch. 16. 14.
^{ba} Is. 22. 16.
^{bb} Mat. 27. 60.
^{bc} ch. 28. 13.
^{bd} 35. 3.
^{be} De. 33. 13.
^{bf} a Hab. 3. 6.
^{bg} De. 33. 16.

of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of
him that was separate from his brethren.
Benjamin shall ravin ^b as a wolf;
in the morning he shall devour the prey,
and at night he shall divide the spoil.
All these are the twelve tribes of
Israel: and this is it that their father spake
unto them, and blessed them; every one
according to his blessing he blessed them.
And he charged them, and said unto
them, I ^c am to be gathered unto my peo-
ple: bury me with my fathers in the cave
that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,
in the cave that is in the field of
Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the
land of Canaan, which Abraham bought
with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a
possession of a buryingplace.
There they buried Abraham and Sa-
rah his wife; there they buried Isaac and
Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.
The purchase of the field and of the
cave that is therein, was from the children
of Heth.
And when Jacob had made an end
of commanding his sons, he gathered up
his feet into the bed, and yielded up the
ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

CHAP. L.

AND Joseph fell upon his father's face,
and wept upon him, and kissed him.
And Joseph commanded his servants
the physicians to ^d embalm his father:
and the physicians embalmed Israel.
And forty days were fulfilled for him;
for so are fulfilled the days of those which
are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned
seven days for him threescore and ten days.
And when the days of his mourning
were past, Joseph spake unto ^e the house
of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found
grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in
the ears of Pharaoh, saying,
My father made me swear, saying,
Lo, I die: in my grave ^f which I have
dugged for me in the land of Canaan,
there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore
let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my
father, and I will come again.
And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy
father, according as he made thee swear.
And Joseph went up to bury his
father: and with him went up all the ser-
vants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house,
and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

one up, expressive of the different stages of his
strength. old lion, like the satiated lion to the
mountains. rouse him up, disturb him after his con-
quests. 10. sceptre, or rod, the early ensign of autho-
rity. law-giver, any one possessing authority; till
Messiah should come, there should be a king or gover-
nor of Judah's tribe. Shiloh, 'the Peaceful,' 'the
reconciler,' or 'the Giver of Peace,' descriptive of
Messiah. gathering, &c., assembling of the peoples
of all nations. 11, 12. in wine, &c., all this expresses
the great plenty which Judah should possess, and
may refer to evangelical blessings under the Messiah.
13. at the haven of the sea, be a maritime
people, bordering upon the sea of Galilee eastward,
and upon the Mediterranean on the west. Zidon,
the country of Phenicia. 14. a strong ass, expres-
sive of rustic labours. burdens, or panniers. This
ass was more disposed to peace than war; comp.
ent. xxxiii. 19. 15. a servant unto tribute, paying
more than others, to abide at home. 16. Dan, sig-
nifies 'judging.' shall judge, signifies maintaining
his authority. 17. a serpent, i. e. subtle and mis-
chievous; such were Samson's wars. 18. I have
waited, a pious ejaculation of the sinking patriarch.
9. Gad, a troop, so the name signifies. This pre-
dicts of a warlike, and finally victorious people, see

Ju. x. 11, 12. 20. Asher, signifies happy. bread,
food. The prediction means his lot should be a rich
one. 21. a hind, expresses love of liberty. 22.
fruitful bough, &c. the meaning is, that Joseph's
posterity should be distinguished by their extraor-
dinary increase. 23. The archers, describe his
brethren. 24. his bow, like a well-made bow, which
though bent, breaks not,—his fortune never failed.
from thence, from the God of Jacob Joseph was sent,
as the shepherd, to feed his family in Egypt, and to
be a stone to support it. 25. blessings of heaven, a
well-watered soil, from dew and rain. deep, rivers
and springs. breasts—womb, a thriving progeny, and
much cattle. 26. The blessings of thy father have
prevailed above, &c. Boothroyd reads, 'the blessings
of thy father and thy mother have prevailed.' ever-
lasting hills, express perpetuity. 27. ravin as a
wolf, describes a warlike tribe, see Ju. xx. 16.

CHAP. L.—2. embalm, in this the Egyptians ex-
celled; nor can their art be discovered, amidst all the
recent advances of science. The Egyptians believed
that the preservation of the body was connected with
the happiness of the soul. 3. threescore and ten
days, during the time of embalming. 4. spoke, &c.
some think, because he could not appear before the
king himself in mourning, as Es. iv. 2. 7. elders,

8 And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

10 And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they ^a mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: ^f and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called * Abel-mizraim, which is beyond Jordan.

12 And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them:

13 For ^t his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham ^m bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

14 ^u And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

15 ^u And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, ^s they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

16 And they ^v sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive,

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^a Pr. 28. 13.

^b ch. 49. 25.

^c ch. 37. 7, 10.

^d 2 Sa. 1. 17.

^e Ac. 8. 2.

^f ch. 45. 5.

^g 1 Sa. 31. 13.

^h Job 2. 13.

ⁱ Ge. 32. 35.

^j 2 Ki. 5. 7.

^k Job 34. 29.

^l Ro. 12. 19.

^m He. 10. 30.

ⁿ Ps. 56. 5.

^o Is. 10. 7.

^p ch. 45. 5, 7.

^q Ac. 13. 15.

^r Mat. 5. 44.

^s i. e. the mourning of the Egyptians.

^t to their hearts.

^u ch. 34. 3.

^v ch. 49. 29, 30.

^w Ac. 7. 16.

^x ch. 23. 16.

^y Job 42. 16.

^z Nu. 32. 39.

^{aa} borne.

^{ab} ch. 30. 3.

^{ac} ch. 46. 4.

^{ad} Ex. 3. 16, 17.

^{ae} He. 11. 22.

^{af} ch. 15. 14.

^{ag} Job 15. 21.

^{ah} 22.

^{ai} Ex. 13. 19.

^{aj} Jos. 24. 32.

^{ak} Ac. 7. 16.

^{al} Ac. 7. 16.

I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; ^a for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of ^b the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

18 And his brethren also went and ^c fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, ^e Fear not: ^f for am I in the place of God?

20 But ^h as for you, ye thought evil against me; but ⁱ God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

21 Now therefore fear ye not: ^k I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake ^l kindly unto them.

22 ^m And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.

23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children ⁿ of the third generation: ^o the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh ^p were ^q brought up upon Joseph's knees.

24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and ^r God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land ^s which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

25 And ^t Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

26 So Joseph died, ^u being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

in dignity and rank. 10. *sore lamentation*, mourning in Asia being expressed by the wildest marks of grief. 19. *am I in the place of God*, to execute vengeance? 26. *an hundred and ten years*, hence he had ruled under several sovereigns eighty years.

in a coffin, these were dispensed with by common people in Egypt, and only used for persons of wealth or distinction. The coffins were made of sycamore wood, pasteboard, or stone. The Jews had no coffins, see 2 Ki. xiii. 21.

The Second Book of MOSES, called EXODUS.

This is a Greek word, used by the Seventy Greek translators, signifying *the going out*,—the book recording the history of the departure of the Israelites from Egypt.

CHAP. I.

NOW ^b these *are* the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob.

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

4 Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

5 And all the souls that came out of the ^c loins of Jacob were ^f seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt *already*.

6 And ^e Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

7 ^u And ⁱ the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

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^a Ac. 7. 18.

^b ch. 6. 14.

^c Ps. 105. 24.

^d Ps. 10. 2.

^e Pr. 16. 25.

^f thigh.

^g De. 10. 22.

^h Ge. 50. 26.

ⁱ Ge. 15. 13.

^j Ps. 105. 24.

^k Ps. 81. 6.

^l And as they afflicted them so they multiplied &c.

8 Now there ^a arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the ^c people of the children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we:

10 Come ^d on, let us ^e deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters ^h to afflict them with their burdens. ^k And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

12 ^l But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And

CHAP. I.—1. *the names*, i. e. of the chiefs. 7. *fruitful*, like a productive tree. *increased*, like fishes. *exceeding mighty*, applied to power in quantity and quality. In 215 years, they amounted to 600,000 men only, and they were strong and able-bodied. 8. a

new king, some think of a new dynasty, *knew not*, often signifies disesteem; a had no regard for his memory.—Ed. 11. *task-masters*, masters of tribute, to impose and exact taxes. *treasure cities*, 'store cities,' or 'stores.' 12. *grew*, the word means,

they were grieved because of the children of Israel.
 13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:
 14 And they ^a made their lives bitter with hard bondage, ^b in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.
 15 ^c And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiprah, and the name of the other Puah:
 16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.
 17 But the midwives ^d feared God, and did not ^e as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.
 18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?
 19 And ^f the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.
 20 Therefore ^g God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.
 21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared ^h God, that he made them houses.
 22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

CHAP. II.

AND there went ⁱ a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.
 2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and ^j when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.
 3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.
 4 And ^k his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.
 5 ^l And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.
 6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.
 7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a

B. C. 1635.
 a Nu. 20. 15.
 b Ps. 81. 6.
 c Ac. 7. 21.
 * i. e. drawn out.
 d Ac. 7. 23, 24.
 e He. 11. 24.
 f ch. 1. 11.
 g Ps. 116. 6.
 h Da. 3. 16, 18.
 i Ac. 5. 29.
 j Jos. 2. 4, &c.
 k 2 Sa. 17. 19.
 l Ac. 7. 27, 28.
 m a man, a prince.
 n Ge. 13. 8.
 o Pr. 11. 18.
 p Ec. 8. 12.
 q Is. 3. 10.
 r He. 6. 10.
 s 1 Sa. 2. 35.
 t 2 Sa. 7. 11, 13, 27, 29.
 u Ki. 2. 24.
 v Ps. 127. 1.
 w Ac. 7. 19.
 x Ge. 24. 11.
 y ch. 3. 1.
 z or, prince.
 aa Ge. 41. 45.
 ab Ge. 24. 11.
 ac Nu. 29. 10.
 ad 1 Sa. 9. 11.
 ae Nu. 26. 59.
 af 1 Ch. 23. 14.
 ag Ge. 29. 10.
 ah He. 11. 23.
 ai Nu. 10. 29.
 aj called also Jethro or Jether.
 ak ch. 3. 1.
 al 4. 18.
 am 18. 1, &c.
 an Nu. 26. 59.
 ao Ge. 31. 54.
 ap 43. 25.
 aqu ch. 18. 2.
 ar s. i. e. a stranger here.
 as ch. 18. 3.
 at Ac. 7. 29.
 au He. 11. 13.
 av 14.
 aw Nu. 20. 16.
 ax De. 26. 7.
 ay Ps. 12. 5.
 az ch. 3. 9.
 ba 22, 23, 27.
 bb Ge. 18. 20.
 bc De. 24. 15.
 bd Ja. 5. 4.
 nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?
 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.
 9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.
 10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became ^c her son. And she called his name ^d Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.
 11 ^e And it came to pass in those days, when ^f Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: ^g and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.
 12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.
 13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?
 14 And he said, ^h Who made thee ⁱ a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.
 15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a ^j well.
 16 Now ^k the ^l priest of Midian had seven daughters: ^m and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.
 17 And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and ⁿ watered their flock.
 18 And when they came to ^o Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to day?
 19 And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock.
 20 And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may ^p eat bread.
 21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses ^q Zipporah his daughter.
 22 And she bare him a son, and he called his name ^r Gershom: ^s for he said, I have been ^t a stranger in a strange land.
 23 ^u And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel ^v sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and ^w their

breed like an inundation. 13. with rigour, by earnestness. 14. in brick, made of the mud and lime of the Nile. The work was done by slaves and captives. The clay was brought in baskets from the Nile, thrown into a heap, saturated with water, and worked to a proper temper by the feet of the labourer. 15. midwives, probably chief midwives. 16. upon the stools, the females of the east are not accustomed reclining, but sitting; so in some parts of England.—17. lively, vigorous. 21. made them houses, increased their families. See Deut. xxv. 9.
 CHAP. II.—1. a daughter, a female of the tribe. 2. a son, but not the first-born; Aaron was older

goodly, beautiful. she hid him, some think, from a Divine impulse respecting his future character. Heb. xi. 23. 3. bulrushes, reeds of the Nile, or papyrus, of which boats and rafts were built. slime, or bitumen. flags, river weed. 4. to wit, to observe. 5. to wash, perhaps in a royal bath. 11. those days, often mean, some long time after, comp. Acts vii. 23. 12. slew, if the Hebrew was killed, this was an act of justice. 15. Midian, in Arabia, east of the Red sea, sometimes called Cush or Ethiopia; hence Moses's wife an Ethiopian woman, Nu. xii. 1, and in Hab. iii. 7, the Midianites are mentioned with the Cushites. 16. priest may mean 'prince.' 20. bread, food.

cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his ^a covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25 And God ^b looked upon the children of Israel, and God ^c had respect unto them.

CHAP. III.

NOW Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to ^d the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

2 And ^e the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and behold the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this ^f great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called ^g unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put ^h off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, ⁱ I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for ^j he was afraid to look upon God.

7 ^k And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for ^l I know their sorrows;

8 And ^m I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land ⁿ unto a good land and a large, unto a land ^o flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of ^p the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come ^q now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 ^r And Moses said unto God, ^s Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, ^t Certainly I will be with thee; and this ^u shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of

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^a Ge. 15. 14.

^b 1 Sa. 1. 11.

^c 2 Sa. 16. 12.

^d Lu. 1. 25.

^e Jno. 8. 58.

^f 2 Co. 1. 20.

^g He. 13. 8.

^h Re. 1. 4.

ⁱ ^{knew}.

^j ch. 18. 5.

^k 1 Ki. 19. 8.

^l Ps. 135. 13.

^m Ho. 12. 5.

ⁿ J. De. 33. 16.

^o Is. 63. 9.

^p Ac. 7. 30.

^q ch. 4. 29.

^r Lu. 1. 68.

^s Ps. 111. 2.

^t Ac. 7. 31.

^u Ge. 15. 14, 16.

^v De. 33. 16.

^w ch. 19. 12.

^x Jos. 5. 15.

^y Ac. 7. 33.

^z Mar. 12. 26.

^{aa} Ac. 7. 32.

^{ab} Nu. 23. 3, 4.

^{ac} 15. 16.

^{ad} 1 Ki. 19. 13.

^{ae} Is. 6. 1, 5.

^{af} Ne. 9. 9.

^{ag} Ps. 106. 44.

^{ah} ⁺ or, but by strong hand.

^{ai} q Ge. 18. 21.

^{aj} r ch. VII.

^{ak} XIII.

^{al} De. 6. 22.

^{am} Ne. 9. 10.

^{an} Ps. 105. 27.

^{ao} 135. 9.

^{ap} Je. 32. 20.

^{aq} Ac. 7. 36.

^{ar} s Ge. 11. 5, 7.

^{as} 18. 21.

^{at} t Ps. 106. 46.

^{au} Pr. 16. 7.

^{av} De. 1. 25.

^{aw} 8. 7, 9.

^{ax} v Nu. 13. 27.

^{ay} De. 26. 9, 15.

^{az} Je. 11. 5.

^{ba} 32. 22.

^{bb} Eze. 20. 6.

^{bc} a Ge. 15. 18.

^{bd} y Ge. 15. 14.

^{be} z Job 27. 17.

^{bf} Pr. 13. 22.

^{bg} Eze. 39. 10.

^{bh} ⁺ or, Egypt.

^{bi} a Ps. 105. 26.

^{bj} Mi. 6. 4.

^{bk} b 1 Sa. 18. 18.

^{bl} Is. 6. 5, 8.

^{bm} Je. 1. 6.

^{bn} c Ge. 31. 3.

^{bo} De. 31. 23.

^{bp} Jos. 1. 5.

^{bq} Ro. 8. 31.

your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, ^c I AM hath sent me unto you.

15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is ^e my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

16 Go, and ^f gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, ^g I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:

17 And I have said, ^h I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath ⁱ met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

19 ^j And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, ^k no, not by a mighty hand.

20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with ^l all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

21 And ^m I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty:

22 But ⁿ every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put ^o them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ^p ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

CHAP. IV.

AND Moses answered and said, But behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

2 And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

25. looked upon, compassionate, see Deut. xxvi. 15; 1 Sam. i. 11.

CHAP. III.—1. Jethro. thought by many to be the same with Reuel, ch. ii. 18, or else his son, and so brother-in-law of Moses. mountain of God, may indicate its being lofty or sacred. 2. angel, called Jehovah, ver. 4. 5. put off thy shoes, in the east, even to enter a room with these, shows the greatest want of respect; and this was an act of reverence. 6. the God of thy father, &c. reminded him of the covenant made with Abraham, &c. 8. come down, see Gen. xi. 5, note. good, being fertile. large, in

comparison with Goshen. flowing, marks abundance milk and honey, even under the Turks, it has rich pastures and wild honey. 12. this a token, i.e. the burning bush. 14. I AM, &c. implies eternity and self-existence. 16. visited, or fulfilled my promises, declaring that as done, which he is about to do. 18. three days' journey, distance is so computed in the east. 22. borrow means, ask to give; those who had served the Egyptians might well do this for a just reward for their labour jewels, or 'vessels.'

CHAP. IV.—2. rod, staff or crook. 5. That they

5 That they may ^a believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

6 ^a And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom : and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous ^d as snow.

7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again ; and plucked it out of his bosom, and behold, ^e it was turned again as his other flesh.

8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land : and ⁿ the water which thou takest out of the river [†] shall become blood upon the dry land.

10 [†] And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not [§] eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant : but ^o I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

11 And the LORD said unto him, ^a Who hath made man's mouth ? or who maketh him dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind ? have not I the LORD ?

12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

13 And he said, O my Lord, ^y send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou ^{*} wilt send.

14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother ? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee : and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

15 And ^f thou shalt speak unto him, and [§] put words in his mouth : and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and ^h will teach you what ye shall do.

16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people : and he shall be, ^e even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and ⁱ thou shalt be to him instead of God.

17 And thou shalt take this ^m rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

18 [†] And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

19 And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt : for ^o all the men are dead that sought thy life.

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^a ch. 19. 9.^b ch. 17. 9.^c Nu. 20. 8, 9.^d ch. 3. 20.^e Nu. 12. 10.^f Ki. 5. 27.^g ch. 7. 3, 13.^h Is. 63. 17.ⁱ Jno. 12. 40.^j Ro. 9. 18.^k Ro. 11. 1.^l Ro. 9. 4.^m 2 Co. 6. 18.ⁿ De. 32. 33.^o Nu. 12. 13.^p Nu. 14.^q 2 Ki. 5. 14.^r Mat. 8. 3.^s Je. 31. 9.^t Ja. 1. 18.^u ch. 11. 5.^v Nu. 22. 22.^w Ge. 17. 14.^x Jos. 5. 2, 3.^y or, knife.^z ch. 7. 19.[†] made it touch.[‡] shall be[§] and shall be.^{||} a man of words.^{||} since yesterday, nor^{||} since the third day.^o Je. 1. 6.^p ver. 14.^r ch. 3. 1.^s Ps. 94. 9.^t ver. 15, 16.^u ver. 8, 9.^v ch. 3. 16.^x Is. 50. 4.^y Mat. 10. 19.^z Lu. 21. 14, 15.[†] Jon. 1. 3.[‡] ver. 16.[§] or, shouldst.^a ch. 3. 18.^b ch. 3. 16.^c ch. 3. 7.^d Ge. 24. 26.^e 1 Ch. 29. 20.^f 1 Sa. 10. 2, 3.^g ch. 7. 1, 2.^h De. 18. 18.ⁱ Is. 51. 16.^j Je. 1. 9.^k De. 5. 31.^l ch. 10. 9.^m 2 Ki. 18. 35.ⁿ Job 21. 15.^o ch. 18. 19.^p ver. 2.^q ch. 3. 19.^r Jether.^s ch. 2. 15, 23.^t Mat. 2. 20.

20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt : and Moses took ^b the rod of God in his hand.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those ^c wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand : but ^e I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, ^f Israel is my son, ^h even my firstborn :

23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me : and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, ⁱ I will slay thy son, ^e even thy firstborn.

24 [†] And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD ^k met him, and sought to [†] kill him.

25 Then Zipporah took ^m a sharp ^{*} stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and ⁿ cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband ^{art} thou to me.

26 So he let him go : then she said, A bloody husband ^{thou art}, because of the circumcision.

27 [†] And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness [†] to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in [†] the mount of God, and kissed him.

28 And Moses [†] told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the ⁿ signs which he had commanded him.

29 [†] And Moses and Aaron [†] went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel :

30 And [†] Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

31 And the people ^a believed : and when they heard that the LORD had ^b visited the children of Israel, and that he ^c had looked upon their affliction, then ^d they bowed their heads and worshipped.

CHAP. V.

AND afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold ^a a feast unto me in the wilderness.

2 And Pharaoh said, ^a Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go ? I know not the LORD, ⁿ neither will I let Israel go.

3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us : let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God ; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

4 And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works ? get you unto your burdens.

may believe, 'Repeat this' that they, &c. must be understood here. The Scripture style is often elliptical.

5. leprous, a cutaneous disease called the white leprosy, deemed incurable, see Lev. xiii. ; 2 Ki. v. 7 ; and still met with in the east. 9. river, Nile.

10. slow, speaking with stammering and hesitation.

11. Who hath made, &c. gives or withholds human faculties as He pleases. 13. thou wilt, one better qualified.

14. speak well, 'in speaking speak,' i. e. fluently. 16. instead of God, as God's oracle. 21.

harden, the Scripture ascribes to God that which he permits. 22. first-born, and therefore most dear.

24. inn, see Gen. xlii. 27, note. 24. him, probably the child, being uncircumcised. 25. Zipporah took,

having intimation of the cause of Divine displeasure. a sharp stone, flints and other hard stones formed the cutting instruments of ancient nations. his feet, i. e. the angel's. a bloody husband art thou to me, some eminent critics consider this as addressed to the angel, and the word husband as signifying relationship ; and thus the act expressed the initiation of her child into the Divine covenant by blood. The passage is difficult.

CHAP. V.—1. feast, festival, which was united with sacrifices, which the Egyptians would not have endured, who worshipped the cow. wilderness, of Sinai. 2. I know not, acknowledge not Jehovah. 3. three, &c. the distance from Sinai. 4. let, hinder.

5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are ^a many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.

6 And Pharaoh commanded the same day the ^b taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying,

7 Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore; let them go and gather straw for themselves.

8 And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ^d ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish *ought* thereof: for they *be* idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God.

9 † Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard vain ^e words.

10 ¶ And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.

11 Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it; yet not ought of your work shall be diminished.

12 So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw.

13 And the taskmasters hasted them, saying, Fulfil your works, *your* † daily tasks, as when there was straw.

14 And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore?

15 ¶ Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants?

16 There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants *are* beaten; but the fault is in thine own people.

17 But he said, Ye *are* idle, ^e ye *are* idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the LORD.

18 Go therefore now, *and* work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

19 And the officers of the children of Israel did see *that they were* in ^e evil case, after it was said, Ye shall not minish *ought* from your bricks of your daily task.

20 ¶ And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh:

21 And ^e they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour ^e to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.

22 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou so evil treated this people? why is it that thou hast sent me?

23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; † neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

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a ch. 1. 7, 9.

b Pr. 12. 10.

c ch. 11. 1.

12. 31. 39.

* or, JEHO-

VAH.

d Ps. 106. 41.

e Ge. 17. 1.

35. 11.

f ch. 3. 14.

Ps. 68. 4.

83. 18.

Jno. 8. 58.

Re. 1. 4.

g Ge. 17. 8.

28. 4.

† Let the

work be

heavy upon

the men.

h 2 Ki. 18. 20.

Job 16. 3.

Je. 43. 1, 2.

Ep. 5. 6.

i De. 26. 8.

Ps. 81. 6.

136. 11, 12.

k De. 7. 8.

1 Ch. 17. 21.

Ne. 1. 10.

l De. 4. 20.

14. 2.

m 2 Sa. 7. 24.

n Ge. 17. 7, 8.

De. 29. 13.

Re. 21. 7.

† a matter of

a day in

his day.

§ lift up my

hand.

Ge. 14. 22.

De. 32. 40.

o Ge. 15. 18.

26. 3.

28. 13.

35. 12.

|| shortness,

or, strait-

ness.

p Mat. 26. 8.

2 Th. 3. 10.

11.

q ver. 30.

ch. 4. 10.

Je. 1. 6.

r De. 32. 36.

Ec. 4. 1.

s Ge. 46. 3, &c.

1 Ch. 5. 3.

t ch. 6. 9.

* to stink.

Ge. 34. 30.

1 Sa. 13. 4.

27. 12.

2 Sa. 10. 6.

1 Ch. 19. 6.

u 1 Ch. 4. 24.

v Nu. 3. 17.

1 Ch. 6. 1, 16.

† delivering

thou hast

not deli-

vered.

x 1 Ch. 6. 17.

23. 7.

CHAP. VI.

THEN THE LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand ^e shall he drive them out of his land.

2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I *am* ^e the LORD:

3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of ^e God Almighty, but by my name ^f JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

4 And I have also established my covenant with them, ^e to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.

5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I *am* the LORD, and I ⁱ will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will ^k redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

7 And I will ^l take you to me for a people, and ^m I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

8 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did ⁿ swear ^o to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I *am* the LORD.

9 ¶ And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for ^p anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

11 Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land.

12 And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, ^q who *am* of uncircumcised lips?

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 ¶ These *be* the heads of their fathers' houses: ^r The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel; Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi: these *be* the families of Reuben.

15 And ^s the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman: these *are* the families of Simeon.

16 ¶ And these *are* the names of ^t the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi *were* an hundred thirty and seven years.

17 The ^u sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimi, according to their families.

6. officers, these were Hebrews under the taskmasters. ver. 14. 7. straw to make brick, made of earth and straw, and dried in the sun. 8. the tale, &c. oblige them to make the same number of bricks as when they were found straw. 12. stubble, the stalks left from the last year's harvest, the ears of corn only being reaped in Egypt. 14. beaten, bastinadoed, as at this day.

CHAP. VI.—1. with a strong hand, by force. 3. Jehovah—not known, by the mere name he was known, Gen. xiv. 22; xv. 7; xxviii. 13; but by that name, as showing his power and faithfulness, he was not known, since the promises made to the patriarchs had not had their fulfilment. 12. uncircumcised lips, synonymous with unholy, and expresses unwor-

18 And ^a the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kohath were an hundred thirty and three years.
 19 And ^a the sons of Merari; Mahali and Mushi: these are the families of Levi according to their generations.
 20 And ^a Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years.
 21 ^a And ^a the sons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zithri.
 22 And ^a the sons of Uzziel; Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri.
 23 And Aaron took him Elisheba, daughter of ^a Amminadab, sister of Naalon, to wife; and she bare him ^a Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
 24 And the ^a sons of Korah; Assir, and Chanah, and Abiasaph: these are the families of the Korhites.
 25 And Eleazar Aaron's son took him one of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bare him Phinehas: these are the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.
 26 These are that Aaron and Moses, whom the LORD said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies.
 27 These are they which spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these are that Moses and Aaron.
 28 ^a And it came to pass on the day when the LORD spake unto Moses in the land of Egypt,
 29 That the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I am the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee.
 30 And Moses said before the LORD, behold, ^a I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

CHAP. VII.

1 AND the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee ^a a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.
 2 Thou ^a shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.
 3 And ^a I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and ^a multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.
 4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto thee, ^a that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.
 5 And the Egyptians shall ^a know that I am the LORD, when I ^a stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.
 6 And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they.

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^a Nu. 26. 57.¹ Ch. 6. 2. 18.^b De. 29. 5.^{31. 2.}^{34. 7.}^a Ac. 7. 23. 30.¹ Ch. 6. 19.^{23. 21.}^d Is. 7. 11.^{Jo. 2. 18.}^{6. 30.}^e ch. 2. 1, 2.^{Nu. 26. 59.}^f ch. 4. 2. 17.^g Nu. 16. 1.¹ Ch. 6. 37.^{38.}^h Le. 10. 4.^{Nu. 3. 30.}ⁱ Ge. 41. 8.^k 2 Ti. 3. 8.^l Ru. 4. 19. 20.¹ Ch. 2. 10.^{Mat. 1. 4.}^m ver. 22.^{ch. 8. 7. 18.}ⁿ Le. 10. 1.^{Nu. 3. 2.}^{26. 60.}¹ Ch. 6. 3.^{24. 1.}^o Nu. 26. 11.^p ch. 4. 21.^q Nu. 25. 7. 11.^{Jos. 24. 33.}^r ch. 8. 15.^{10. 1. 20.}^{27.}^t ch. 7. 4.^{12. 17. 51.}^u Nu. 33. 1.^v ch. 4. 2. 3.^w ch. 32. 7.^{33. 1.}^{Ps. 77. 20.}^x ch. 3. 18.^y ch. 3. 12. 18.^{5. 1. 3.}^z ver. 5.^a ch. 5. 2.^b ch. 4. 10.^c ch. 4. 9.^d Re. 16. 4. 6.^e ch. 4. 16.^f Je. 1. 10.^g ch. 8. 5. 6. 16.^{9. 22.}^h 10. 12. 21.ⁱ 14. 21. 25.^j ch. 4. 15.^k gathering of their waters.^g ch. 4. 21.^h ch. 11. 9.ⁱ ch. 10. 1.^j 11. 9.^k ch. 17. 5.^l Ps. 78. 44.^{103. 29.}^m ch. 8. 22.ⁿ 14. 18.^{Ps. 9. 16.}^o ch. 3. 20.^p ver. 18.

7 And Moses was ^b fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh.

8 ^a And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

9 When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, ^a Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, ^a Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.

10 ^a And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

11 Then Pharaoh also ^a called the wise men, and ^a the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also ^a did in like manner with their enchantments.

12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

13 And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; ^a as the LORD had said.

14 ^a And the LORD said unto Moses, ^a Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and ^a the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand.

16 And thou shalt say unto him, ^a The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, ^a that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.

17 Thus saith the LORD, In this ^a thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and ^a they shall be turned ^a to blood.

18 And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the water of the river.

19 ^a And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and ^a stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their ^a pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he ^a lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the ^a waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians ^a could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

ness. 26. these are that Aaron and Moses, the analogy was here introduced to show their connexion with Abraham. armies, multitudes in order. CHAP. VII.—1. a god, invested with Godlike powers and authority. thy prophet, to declare God's will revealed by Moses. 3. signs, supernatural tokens. wonders, miracles. 5. know, or acknowledge. 9. went, the original word denotes any large aquatic amphibious animal. See Job vii. 12; Ps. lxxiv. 13; xxvii. 1; li. 9. Some think the crocodile is

meant. 11. wise men, a sort of jugglers. sorcerers, who pretended to discover secrets. magicians, who did extraordinary things, by wicked arts. enchantments, incantations by astral fires or fumigations, &c. 12. swallowed up their rods, either in the transformed or original state. 13. he hardened, rather, "the heart of Pharaoh was hardened," or "insensible." 15. unto the water, probably to bathe. 17. blood, like blood, say some: to real blood, say others. 18. loathe that most delicious water. 19. in

22 And ^a the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; ^b as the LORD had said.

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.

25 And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.

CHAP. VIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, ^f that they may serve me.

2 And if thou ^g refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs:

3 And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into ⁱ thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy ^k kneading troughs:

4 And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.

5 ^l And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, ^p Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and ^q the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

7 And ^r the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

8 ^s Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, ^v Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.

9 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, ^u Glory over me: ^{*} when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, [†] to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, [‡] that they may remain in the river only?

10 And he said, [§] To morrow. And he said, ^{||} Be it according to thy word: that thou mayest know that [¶] there is none like unto the LORD our God.

11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.

12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses ^a cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh.

13 And the LORD did according to the

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^a ver. 11.^b ver. 3.^c Ec. 8. 11.^d ch. 7. 14.^e Ps. 105. 31.^f ch. 3. 12. 18.^g ch. 7. 14.^h Re. 16. 13.ⁱ ch. 7. 11.^k Lu. 10. 18.^l 2 Ti. 3. 8, 9.^m Ps. 105. 30.ⁿ 1 Sa. 6. 3, 9.^o Ps. 8. 3.^p Mat. 12. 28.^q Lu. 11. 20.^r or, *dough*.^s ver. 15.^t ch. 7. 15.^u ch. 7. 19.^v ver. 1.[†] or, *a mixture*[‡] of noisome[§] beasts, &c.^{||} Ps. 78. 45.[¶] 105. 30.^{*} ch. 7. 11.[†] ch. 10. 23.[‡] 11. 6, 7.[§] 12. 13.^{||} ch. 9. 28.[¶] 10. 17.^{*} Nu. 21. 7.[†] Ki. 13. 6.[‡] Ac. 8. 24.[§] *a redemption*^{||} or, *by to*[¶] morrow.^{||} or, *Have*[¶] this honour^{*} over me, &c.[†] or, *against*[‡] when.[§] Ps. 78. 45.^{||} 105. 31.[¶] *to cut off*.^{*} or, *de-*[†] stroyed.[‡] or, *Against*[§] to-morrow.^{||} ch. 9. 14.[¶] De. 33. 26.^{*} 2 Sa. 7. 22.[†] 1 Ch. 17. 20.[‡] Ps. 86. 8.[§] Is. 46. 9.^{||} Je. 10. 6, 7.[¶] Ge. 43. 32.^{*} 46. 31.[†] De. 7. 25, 26.[‡] 12. 31.[§] *a* ver. 30.^{||} ch. 9. 33.[¶] 10. 18.^{*} 32. 11.[†] Ja. 5. 16, 18.[‡] b ch. 3. 18.[§] c ch. 3. 12.

word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

14 And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank.

15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was ^c respite, ^d he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

16 ^e And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

17 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and ^f it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 And ^g the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they ^h could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast.

19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is ⁱ the finger of God: and Pharaoh's ^j heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

20 ^k And the LORD said unto Moses, ^l Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, ^m Let my people go, that they may serve me.

21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send ⁿ swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.

22 And ^o I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell that no swarms of flies shall be there to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.

23 And I will put ^p a division between my people and thy people: ^q to morrow shall this sign be.

24 And the LORD did so; and ^r there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was ^s corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies.

25 ^t And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.

26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice ^u the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

27 We will go ^v three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as ^w he shall command us.

28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go

vessels whose contents were previously fetched from the river. 22. *did so*, getting water for the purpose by digging, ver. 24. 24. *could not drink*, their idolatrous adoration of the river was thus punished.

CHAP. VIII.—2. *smite*, afflict. *frogs* were abundant in the Nile; but the miracle consisted in their multiplication at the time announced, and in their spreading themselves over the land. These, too, were held sacred by the Egyptians. 3. *ovens*, in the east, are often dug in the ground. 9. *glory*, &c. the versions read 'appoint me the time, when I shall entreat for thee. Geddies translates it, 'deal honourably with me.' 16. *lice*, some think 'gnats';

both swarm in Egypt; the miracle consisted in their greater numbers and production at an unusual time. The Egyptians adored the earth, and were plagued from its dust. 19. *the finger*, denotes the power of God's Spirit, Ps. viii. 3, &c. 21. *swarms*, not flies, but of 'beetles,' so some learned authorities 'flies' is a word supplied by the translators. These 'devoured' things, Ps. lxxviii. 45, and answer better to the Egyptian beetles, which devour clothes, books, and plants, and inflict severe bites on man.

22. *did so*, without the agency of Moses. 25. *in the land*, meaning Goshen, where they were. 26. *the abomination*, the Egyptians considered as such, the sacrifice of cattle.

ye may sacrifice to the LORD your in the wilderness; only ye shall not ery far away: ^b intreat for me.

And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD that the *plagues of flies* may depart from Pharaoh, his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh ^e deal deubly any more in not letting the people sacrifice to the LORD.

And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.

And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the *plagues of flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there rehed not one.

And Pharaoh ^h hardened his heart his time also, neither would he let the people go.

CHAP. IX.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, ^m Go into Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

For if thou ⁿ refuse to let them go, I will hold them still.

Behold, the ^o hand of the LORD is upon battle which is in the field, upon the asses, upon the asses, upon the camels, the oxen, and upon the sheep: *there shall be a very grievous murrain.*

And ^r the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: there shall nothing die of all that is the children's of Israel.

And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do thing in the land.

And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, ^s and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.

And Pharaoh sent, and behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites.

And ^v the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it upon the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be ^z a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

And they took ashes of the furnace, stood before Pharaoh; and Moses ^{aa} sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became ^{ab} a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast.

And the ^{ac} magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the plague was upon the magicians, and upon the Egyptians.

And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he ^{ad} hearkened not unto them; the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

And the LORD said unto Moses,

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^a ch. 8. 20.
^b ver. 8.

^c ch. 9. 28.
^d 1 Ki. 13. 6.

^e De. 32. 39.
^f 1 Sa. 4. 8.

^g Je. 19. 8.
^h Re. 22. 18.

ⁱ ch. 8. 10.
^j ver. 15.

^k Ps. 78. 36.
^l Je. 42. 20.

^m ch. 3. 20.
ⁿ 2 Sa. 24. 15.

^o ver. 12.
^p ch. 14. 17.

^q Pr. 16. 4.
^r Ro. 9. 17.

^s 1 Pe. 2. 9.
^t *made thee stand.*

^u ver. 15.
^v ch. 4. 21.

^w Ro. 2. 5.
^x Job 9. 4.

^y 15. 25, 26.
^z ch. 8. 1.

^{aa} ch. 8. 2.
^{ab} ch. 7. 4.

^{ac} Pr. 22. 3, 4.
^{ad} *set not his heart unto.*

^{ae} ch. 7. 23.
^{af} ch. 8. 22.

^{ag} Re. 16. 21.
^{ah} Ps. 78. 50.

^{ai} Jos. 10. 11.
^{aj} Ps. 18. 13.

^{ak} 78. 47.
^{al} 105. 32.

^{am} 148. 8.
^{an} Is. 30. 30.

^{ao} Eze. 38. 22.
^{ap} Re. 8. 7.

^{aq} ch. 7. 14.
^{ar} 8. 32.

^{as} Job 2. 7.
^{at} Re. 16. 2.

^{au} Ps. 105. 33.
^{av} ch. 8. 22.

^{aw} 9. 4. 6.
^{ax} 10. 23.

^{ay} 11. 7.
^{az} 12. 13.

^{ba} Is. 32. 18, 19.
^{bb} ch. 10. 16.

^{bc} De. 28. 27.
^{bd} 2 Ch. 12. 6.

^{be} Ps. 129. 4.
^{bf} 145. 17.

^{bg} La. 1. 18.
^{bh} Da. 9. 14.

^{bi} ch. 8. 18, 19.
^{bj} Is. 47. 12, 14.

^{bk} 2 Ti. 3. 9.
^{bl} ch. 8. 8, 23.

^{bm} 10. 17.
^{bn} Ac. 8. 24.

^{bo} *voices of God.*
^{bp} Ps. 29. 3, 4.

^{bq} Ps. 81. 11.
^{br} 1 Ki. 22. 33.

^{bs} Ps. 143. 6.
^{bt} Is. 1. 15.

^{bu} ch. 4. 21.

^a Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

14 For I will at this time send all ^c my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; ^d that thou mayest know that *there is none like me in all the earth.*

15 For now I will ^f stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and ^g thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

16 And in very deed for ⁱ this *cause* have I ^j raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

17 As yet ^k exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

18 Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.

19 Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field: *for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.*

20 He that ^p feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses:

21 And he that ^r regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.

22 ^t And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be ^u hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and ^v the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that *was* in the field, both man and beast; and the hail ^y smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

26 Only ^z in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel *were*, was there no hail.

27 ^{aa} And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, ^{ab} I have sinned this time: ^{ac} the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

28 Intreat ^{ad} the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no ^{ae} more ^{af} mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will ^{ag} spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be

AP. IX.—3. *murrain*, 'mortality.' 6. *all the*, some were afterwards killed by hail, so this mean the far greater number; or else those killed were substituted by cattle from other herds. This plague also fell on the representation of their deities, the ox, the ram, &c. 8. *ashes of furnace*, or brick-kiln, by which Israel was tested. *sprinkle it*, so the priests sprinkled the blood of human victims, and here God reproves them for their cruel rite. 9. *a boil*, the word is used to

denote the grievous disease of Job. *blains*, putrid sores. 11. *upon all*, may perhaps again mean the greater part. The miracle was increased by the evident multiplication of the ashes cast into the air. 11. *thine heart*, i. e. thyself. 15. *For now I will*, &c. read in the past tense, 'For now had I,' &c. 17. *exaltest thou thyself*, 'dost thou still treat upon my people?' 18. *grievous*, or heavy. *hail*, a phenomenon in Egypt. 23. *the fire ran*, Heb. 'the fire walked upon the earth.' 29. *spread abroad*, a

any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the ^b earth is the LORD's.

30 But as for thee and thy servants, ^c I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God.

31 And the flax and the barley was smitten: ^d for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was boiled.

32 But the wheat and the rie were not smitten: for they were ^e not grown up.

33 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and ^f spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

35 And ^g the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken ^h by Moses.

CHAP. X.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: ⁱ for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, ^j that I might shew these my signs before him:

2 And that ^k thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the LORD.

3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to ^l humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.

4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the ^m locusts into thy coast:

5 And they shall cover the ⁿ face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and ^o they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field:

6 And they ^p shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a ^q snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?

8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: but ^r who are they that shall go?

9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks

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^a ch. 5. 1.^b Ps. 24. 1.^c 1 Co. 10. 26.^d Is. 26. 10.^e Ru. 1. 22.^f 2. 23.^g hidden, or, dark.^h ver. 29.ⁱ ch. 8. 12.^j ch. 7. 19.^k ver. 4. 5.^l ch. 4. 21.^m Ps. 78. 26.ⁿ 107. 25.^o by the hand of Moses.^p ch. 4. 13.^q Ps. 78. 46.^r ch. 7. 14.^s Joel 2. 2.^t ch. 7. 4.^u ver. 5.^v De. 4. 9.^w Ps. 44. 1.^x 71. 18.^y 78. 5, &c.^z Joel 1. 3.^{aa} Ps. 105. 35.^{ab} hastened to call.^{ac} ch. 9. 27.^{ad} 1 Ki. 21. 29.^{ae} 2 Ch. 7. 14.^{af} 34. 27.^{ag} Job 42. 6.^{ah} Je. 13. 18.^{ai} Ja. 4. 10.^{aj} 1 Pe. 5. 6.^{ak} 1 Ki. 13. 6.^{al} Is. 26. 16.^{am} Pr. 30. 27.^{an} Re. 9. 3.^{ao} eye.^{ap} ver. 15.^{aq} ch. 8. 30.^{ar} y ch. 9. 32.^{as} Joel 1. 4.^{at} 2. 25.^{au} fastened.^{av} Joel 2. 20.^{aw} ch. 8. 3. 21.^{ax} ch. 4. 21.^{ay} 11. 10.^{az} ch. 9. 22.^{ba} that one may feel darkness.^{bb} ch. 23. 33.^{bc} Jos. 23. 13.^{bd} 1 Sa. 18. 21.^{be} Pr. 29. 6.^{bf} Ec. 7. 26.^{bg} 1 Co. 7. 35.^{bh} Ps. 35. 6.^{bi} 105. 28.^{bj} Pr. 4. 19.^{bk} Ec. 2. 14.^{bl} 6. 4.^{bm} Is. 8. 22.^{bn} f ch. 8. 22.^{bo} who, and who, &c.^{bp} ver. 8.^{bq} ver. 10.

and with our herds will we go; for ^c we must hold a feast unto the LORD.

10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is before you.

11 Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

12 ^d And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and ^e eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left.

13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land at that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, ^f the east wind brought the locusts.

14 And ^g the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they ^h before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

15 For they ⁱ covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did ^j eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the tree, which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

16 ^k Then Pharaoh ^l called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, ^m I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.

17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and ⁿ intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

18 And he ^o went out from Pharaoh and intreated the LORD.

19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and ^p cast them ^q into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

20 But the LORD ^r hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

21 ^s And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, ^t even darkness which may be felt.

22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a ^u thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:

23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days, ^v but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24 ^w And Pharaoh called unto Moses and ^x said, Go ye, serve the LORD: only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your ^y little ones also go with you.

prayer-gesture. 31. the flax and the barley, &c. these show the time of the year when these events occurred. Flax is boiled, or in stalk, in February, and barley in the ear. 32. wheat and rye—not grown up, the wheat harvest is in April and May.

CHAP. X.—4. locusts resemble grasshoppers, are two inches and a half long, mostly green, with black spots. The green and tender herb and leaf are rapidly devoured by this insect, and the visit of its myriads is reckoned a terrible judgment in eastern

countries. 9. with our young, &c. this demand was not extraordinary on account of numbers, for Herodotus mentions 700,000 Egyptians meeting at one of their festivals. 10. evil is before you, intimating that he would punish them. 13. east wind, these brought the locusts from Ethiopia, where they were in great numbers. 19. Red sea, or Arabian gulf. 21. be felt, perhaps consisting of gross vapours and thick clouds, not usual in Egypt, and therefore this more horrible and miraculous. The Egyptians

5 And Moses said, Thou must give * us
6 sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we
7 sacrifice unto the LORD our God.
8 Our cattle also shall go ^b with us; there
9 shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof
10 we take to serve the LORD our God;
11 and we know not with what we must
12 serve the LORD, until we come thither.
13 But the LORD ^c hardened Pharaoh's
14 heart, and he would not let them go.
15 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get
16 thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my
17 face no more; for in *that* day thou seest
18 my face thou shalt die.
19 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken
20 well, I will see thy face again no more.

CHAP. XI.

1 AND the LORD said unto Moses, Yet
2 I will bring one plague *more* upon Pha-
3 roah, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will
4 let you go hence: ^f when he shall let you
5 go, he shall surely thrust you out hence
6 altogether.
7 Speak now in the ears of the people,
8 and let every man borrow of his neigh-
9 bour, and every woman of her neighbour,
10 jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.
11 And ^g the LORD gave the people favour
12 in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover
13 the man ^h Moses was very great in the
14 land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's
15 servants, and in the sight of the people.
16 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD,
17 About midnight will I go out into the
18 land of Egypt:
19 And ⁱ all the firstborn in the land of
20 Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of
21 Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even
22 unto the firstborn of the maidservant that
23 is behind the mill; and all the firstborn
24 of beasts.
25 And ^j there shall be a great cry through-
26 out all the land of Egypt, such as there was
27 none like it, nor shall be like it any more.
28 But against any of the children of
29 Israel ^k shall not a dog move his tongue,
30 against man or beast: that ye may know
31 that the LORD doth put a difference
32 between the Egyptians and Israel.
33 And ^l all these thy servants shall come
34 down unto me, and bow down themselves
35 unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all
36 the people ^m * that follow thee: and after
37 that I will go out. And he went out from
38 Pharaoh in ⁿ a great anger.
39 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pha-
40 roah ^o shall not hearken unto you; that
41 thy wonders may be multiplied in the land
42 of Egypt.

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* into our hands.
a Ro. 2. 5.
9. 22.
b Ho. 5. 6.
c ver. 20.
ch. 4. 21.
14. 4, 8.
d ch. 13. 4.
De. 16. 1.
e He. 11. 27.
f or, kid.
f ch. 12. 31, 33, 39.
g Le. 22. 19, 21.
Mal. 1. 8, 14.
He. 9. 14.
1 Pe. 1. 19.
h son of a year.
Le. 23. 12.
i ch. 23. 5.
Nu. 9. 3.
28. 16.
j ch. 12. 35.
k ch. 3. 21.
12. 36.
Ps. 106. 46.
l between the two evenings.
ch. 16. 12.
m 2 Sa. 7. 9.
Es. 9. 4.
n ch. 12. 12, 23, 29.
o ch. 34. 25.
Nu. 9. 11.
1 Co. 5. 10.
p Am. 4. 10.
q De. 16. 7.
r ch. 23. 18.
34. 25.
s Am. 5. 17.
t Jos. 10. 21.
u ch. 12. 33.
v Nu. 33. 4.
w or, princes.
ch. 21. 6.
22. 28.
Ps. 82. 1, 6.
Jno. 10. 34, 35.
x that is at thy feet.
Ju. 4. 10.
8. 5.
1 Ki. 20. 10.
2 Ki. 3. 9.
y heat of anger.
z for a destruction.
y ch. 3. 19.
z Le. 23. 4, 5.
2 Ki. 23. 21.

10 And Moses and Aaron did all these
wonders before Pharaoh: ^a and the LORD
hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he
would not let the children of Israel go
out of his land.

CHAP. XII.

1 AND the LORD spake unto Moses and
Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
2 This ^b month shall be unto you the
beginning of months: it shall be the first
month of the year to you.
3 ^c Speak ye unto all the congregation
of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this
month they shall take to them every man
a ^d lamb, according to the house of their
fathers, a lamb for an house:
4 And if the household be too little for the
lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto
his house take it according to the number
of the souls; every man according to his
eating shall make your count for the lamb.
5 Your lamb shall be ^e without blemish,
a male: of the first year: ye shall take it
out from the sheep, or from the goats:
6 And ye shall keep it up until the
fourteenth day of the same month: and
the whole assembly of the congregation of
Israel shall kill it ^f in the evening.
7 And they shall take of the blood, and
strike it on the two side posts and on the
upper door post of the houses, wherein
they shall eat it.
8 And they shall eat the flesh in that
night, roast with fire, and ^g unleavened
bread; and with bitter *herbs* they shall
eat it.
9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with
water, but ^h roast with fire; his head with
his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.
10 And ⁱ ye shall let nothing of it remain
until the morning; and that which remaineth
of it until the morning ye shall burn with
fire.
11 ^j And thus shall ye eat it; with your
loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and
your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat
it in haste: it is the LORD's passover.
12 For I will pass through the land of
Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-
born in the land of Egypt, both man and
beast; and ^k against all the ^l gods of Egypt
I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.
13 And the blood shall be to you for a
token upon the houses where ye are: and
when I see the blood, I will pass over you,
and the plague shall not be upon you ^m to
destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.
14 And this day shall be unto you for a
memorial; and ye shall keep it a ⁿ feast to

his was their god of day; here they were punished
for their idolatry. 29. no more, the speech of
Moses in ver. 4 of next chapter is thought to have
been now delivered, and then Moses finally departed.
CHAP. XI.—1. thrust, use every means to hasten
his departure. 2. borrow, see ch. iii. 22, note. 3.
renowned. 4. go out, in the exertion of his
power in punishing. 5. die, perhaps by pestilence.
6. first-born of Pharaoh, &c. an awful retaliation for
slaying the Hebrew children. maid-servant, &c.
binding was the work of female slaves. the mill was
hand-mill, made of two stones laid flat on each
other, the uppermost being turned round. 6. a
great cry, the Egyptians were frantic in family
revelments. 7. a dog, &c. proverbial to express
the quietness and peace of their departure. 8.
anger, holy indignation.

CHAP. XII.—2. this month, called Abib or Nisan,
corresponds with part of our March and April.
3. beginning, commencing in future their ecclesiastical

year. 3. tenth day, afterwards they used the
thirteenth. 4. number, which was from ten to
twenty. 6. evening, marg. 'between the two even-
ings;' after the sun had passed the meridian was
reckoned as one, and after sunset till twilight ended,
the other. 8. roast, the Hebrews usually boiled
their meat, but this was sooner done, and they were
in haste. unleavened, because they could not stay to
leaven the dough. bread, 'cakes.' bitter herbs,
symbolical of intense sufferings, see Lam. iii. 15.
9. Eat not—raw, which was done by the Egyptians
at their sacrifices to Osiris. purtenance, inwards:
these the heathen used to divine by. 10. nothing—
remain, to get corrupt, having been used for sacred
purposes. 11. loins girded, a travelling posture,
the long robes being tucked up by a girdle. shoes,
sandals, usually put off while eating. staff, the
travelling companion of the easterns. passover, be-
cause the destroying angel passed over the sprinkled
houses. 13. a token, of safety. 14. for ever, i.e. as

the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

15 Seven ^c days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, ^d that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

16 And in the first day *there shall be* an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save *that* which every ^tman must eat, that only may be done of you.

17 And ye shall observe the *feast of* unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.

18 [¶] In ⁱ the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

19 Seven ^l days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, ^m even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

21 [¶] Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, ^p Draw out and take you a ^q lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

22 And ^r ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and ^v will not suffer ^w the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.

25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, ^y according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

26 And ^z it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?

27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people ^a bowed the head and worshipped.

28 And the children of Israel went away, and ^d did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

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a Nu. 8. 17.

33. 4.

Ps. 78. 51.

105. 36.

135. 8.

136. 10.

b ch. 4. 23.

c ch. 23. 15.

34. 18.

Le. 23. 5, 6.

Nu. 28. 17.

De. 16. 3, 8.

* house of

the pit.

d Ge. 17. 14.

e Pr. 21. 13.

Am. 5. 17.

Ja. 2. 13.

† soul.

f ch. 10. 9.

g ch. 10. 26.

h Ge. 27. 34.

i Le. 23. 5.

k Ge. 20. 3.

† or, dough.

ch. 8. 3.

l ch. 23. 15.

34. 18.

m Nu. 9. 13.

n ch. 3. 21.

11. 3.

o Ge. 15. 14.

Ps. 105. 37.

p ver. 3.

Nu. 9. 4.

Jos. 5. 10.

2 Ki. 23. 21.

Ezr. 6. 20.

Mat. 26. 18.

§ or, kid.

r Nu. 33. 3, 5.

s Ge. 47. 11.

t He. 11. 28.

u ch. 38. 26.

Ge. 12. 2.

46. 3.

Nu. 1. 46.

11. 21.

|| a great

mixture.

Nu. 11. 4.

v Eze. 9. 6.

Re. 7. 3.

9. 4.

w 2 Sa. 24. 16.

1 Co. 10. 13.

x Ge. 15. 13.

Ac. 7. 6.

Ga. 3. 17.

y ch. 3. 8, 17.

z ch. 13. 8, 14.

De. 32. 7.

Jos. 4. 6.

Ps. 78. 6.

* a night of

observa-

tions.

a De. 16. 6.

b Nu. 9. 14.

c ch. 4. 31.

d He. 11. 28.

e Ge. 17. 12, 13.

29 [¶] And it came to pass, that at midnight ^a the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, ^b from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the ^c dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a ^d great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

31 [¶] And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, ^e both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.

32 Also ^f take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and ^g bless me also.

33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, ^h We be all dead men.

34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their ⁱ kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:

36 And ^j the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them ^k such things as they required. And ^l they spoiled the Egyptians.

37 [¶] And ^m the children of Israel journeyed from ⁿ Rameses to Succoth, about ^o six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.

38 And ^p a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds even very much cattle.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

40 [¶] Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was ^q four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42 It is ^r a night ^a to be much observe unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

43 [¶] And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is ^b the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof.

44 But every man's servant that he bought for money, when thou hast ^c circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.

long as the Jewish economy should last. 15. cut off, separated from church privileges, or executed by the magistrate, or miraculously destroyed. 16. convocation, assembly. 21. the passover, the animal bore the name of the institution. 22. hyssop, the original means a small herb. none—shall go out, the blood could protect only as they were enclosed by it. 27. bowed, in reverence and gratitude. 29. firstborn, as every house had its dead, firstborn must also mean chief or head, see Exod. iv 22, and other passages. 30. cry, after the Egyptian man-

ner. house, may be taken for family. 31. and 32. probably by messenger. 32. bless, or pray for me. 34. dough, or flour. kneading troughs are only small wooden bowls among the Arabs. clothes, the hyke, outer garment of the Arabs is six yards long. 3. Rameses, probably a city in Goshen. Succoth, booths, a spot for encamping. men, beside children computed at about three millions. 38. mixed, &c. perhaps proselytes and Egyptians intermarried. 40. four hundred and thirty years, from the call of Abraham to their deliverance in Egypt.

COUNTRIES
between
EGYPT
AND
CANAAH.



PYRAMIDS OF GIZEH, EGYPT.

45 A ^a foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.

46 In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; ^b neither shall ye break a bone thereof.

47 All ^c the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

49 One ^d law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

50 Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

51 And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt ^e by their armies.

CHAP. XIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Sanctify ^f unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.

3 ^g And Moses said unto the people, ^m Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of ⁿ bondage; for ^o by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

4 This ^p day came ye out in the month Abib.

5 ^q And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he ^r sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, ^s that thou shalt keep this service in this month.

6 Seven ^t days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the LORD.

7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.

8 ^u And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, *This is done* because of that ^v which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt.

9 And it shall be for ^w a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

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^a Le. 22. 10.
^b Jno. 19. 33, 36.

^c ver. 6.
^d Nu. 9. 13.
^e ch. 34. 19.
^f Le. 27. 26.
^g Nu. 18. 15.
^h De. 15. 19.
ⁱ Eze. 44. 30.

^j cause to pass over.

^k do it.

^l or, kid.

^m Nu. 15. 15, 16.

ⁿ Ga. 3. 28.
^o Je. 6. 20.

^p Jos. 4. 6, 21.
^q to morrow.

^r ver. 3.
^s ch. 12. 29.

^t ch. 6. 26.
^u ver. 9.

^v ch. 22. 29, 30.
^w Nu. 3. 13.

^x 8. 16, 17.
^y De. 15. 19.

^z Lu. 2. 23.
^{aa} ch. 12. 42.

^{ab} De. 16. 3.

^{ac} servants.

^{ad} ch. 14. 11, 12.
^{ae} Nu. 14. 1. 4.

^{af} ch. 6. 1.
^{ag} De. 17. 16.

^{ah} ch. 14. 2.
^{ai} Nu. 33. 6.

^{aj} &c.
^{ak} ch. 23. 15.

^{al} 34. 18.
^{am} De. 16. 1.

^{an} or, by five in a rank.
^{ao} ch. 6. 8.

^{ap} Ge. 50. 25.
^{aq} Jos. 24. 32.

^{ar} Ac. 7. 16.
^{as} ch. 12. 25, 26.

^{at} Nu. 33. 6.
^{au} ch. 12. 15, 16.

^{av} ch. 40. 38.
^{aw} Nu. 9. 15.

^{ax} 10. 34.
^{ay} De. 1. 33.

^{az} Ne. 9. 12, 19.
^{ba} Ps. 99. 7.

^{bb} 105. 39.
^{bc} Is. 4. 5.

^{bd} 1 Co. 10. 1.
^{be} Nu. 15. 39.

^{bf} De. 11. 18.
^{bg} Fr. 1. 9.

^{bh} Is. 49. 16.
^{bi} Je. 22. 24.

^{bj} Mat. 23. 5.
^{bk} ch. 13. 18.

^{bl} Nu. 33. 7.
^{bm} Je. 44. 1.

10 Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.

11 ⁿ And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee,

12 That ^d thou shalt ^e set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males shall be the LORD's.

13 And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a flamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem.

14 ⁿ And ^f it shall be when thy son asketh thee ^g in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, ^h By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage:

15 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that ⁱ the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem.

16 And it shall be for ^k a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

17 ⁿ And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not ^o through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that ^p was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people ^q repent when they see war, and ^r they return to Egypt:

18 But God ^s led the people about, ^t through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up ^u harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, ^v God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.

20 ^w And ^x they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

21 And ^y the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, ^z from before the people.

CHAP. XIV.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, ^a that they turn and encamp before ^b Pi-hahiroth, between ^c Migdol and the sea,

stranger, heathen. 51. armies, or hosts, marching in order.

CHAP. XIII.—2. sanctify, appoint, set apart or separate. 4. Abib, beginning of harvest in Judea, and answers to part of our March and April. 5. land of the Canaanites, there were seven nations there, but one tribe in particular bore this name. 9. for a sign, &c. the Israelitish parent is to speak this. The allusion is to the custom of wearing fillets; but the Pharisees understood ^d word literally; and hence their phylacteries, or strips of parchment, with portions of the law written on them, which they bound to their wrists and foreheads. 13. ass, probably put for any unclean beast, see Num. xviii. 15. 17. near, only the journey of a few days.

see war, the fierce Philistines would oppose them.

18. harnessed, may mean girded, or marshalled in order.

20. Etham, said to be eight miles from Succoth, at the northern extremity of the gulf of Suez.

21. the Lord, ch. iii. 2, note. pillar, affording a cloudy shelter in the day, and a light by night.

CHAP. XIV.—2. Pi-hahiroth, pi means 'mouth,' and hahiroth 'valley,' signifying the entrance of the valley or pass, or a defile among mountains; but a great difference of opinion exists respecting the precise spot intended. 'Hahiroth,' says Gill, 'are two rocks, and the valley between is called Pi, 'the mouth of the rocks.' Migdol, a tower, perhaps means a fortified city in Egypt. Jer. xlii. 1. Baalzephon, 'lord or master of the watch,' supposed to

over against Baal-zephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.

3 For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, ^a They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.

4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I ^c will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; ^d that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.

5 [¶] And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and ^e the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?

6 And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him:

7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.

8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and ^f the children of Israel went out with an high hand.

9 But the ^g Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

10 [¶] And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel ^h cried out unto the LORD.

11 And ⁱ they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

12 Is ^j not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

13 [¶] And Moses said unto the people, ^k Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: ^l for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

14 The ^m LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall ⁿ hold your peace.

15 [¶] And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

16 But ^o lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

17 And I, behold, I will ^p harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will ^q get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

19 [¶] And the angel of God, ^r which

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^a Ps. 71. 11.

^b Is. 8. 14.

^c 2 Co. 4. 3.

^d Ro. 9. 17, 22.

^e ch. 7. 5.

^f Ps. 105. 25.

^g Ps. 66. 6.

^h ch. 15. 8.

ⁱ Jos. 3. 16.

^j Ne. 9. 11.

^k Ps. 74. 13.

^l 106. 9.

^m 114. 3.

ⁿ Nu. 33. 8.

^o Ps. 66. 6.

^p Is. 63. 13.

^q 1 Co. 10. 1.

^r He. 11. 29.

^s Hab. 3. 10.

^t Nu. 33. 3.

^u Ps. 77. 17, 20.

^v ch. 15. 9.

^w Jos. 24. 6.

^x or, and

^y made them

^z to go hea-

^{aa} vily.

^{ab} Ps. 34. 17.

^{ac} 107. 6.

^{ad} Ps. 106. 7, 8.

^{ae} Jos. 4. 18.

^{af} ch. 5. 21.

^{ag} 6. 9.

^{ah} shook off.

^{ai} De. 11. 4.

^{aj} Ps. 78. 53.

^{ak} Ne. 9. 11.

^{al} He. 11. 29.

^{am} Hab. 3. 8, 13.

^{an} Ps. 106. 11.

^{ao} 2 Ch. 20. 15.

^{ap} 17.

^{aq} Is. 41. 10, 13.

^{ar} 14.

^{as} Ps. 78. 52, 53.

^{at} or, for

^{au} whereas ye

^{av} have seen

^{aw} the Egyp-

^{ax} tians to

^{ay} day, &c.

^{az} Jos. 10. 14.

^{ba} 42.

^{bb} 23. 3.

^{bc} 2 Ch. 20. 29.

^{bd} Ne. 4. 20.

^{be} Is. 31. 4.

^{bf} Is. 30. 15.

^{bg} Ps. 53. 10.

^{bh} 59. 10.

^{bi} hand.

^{bj} ch. 7. 19.

^{bk} a Jno. 2. 11.

^{bl} 11. 45.

^{bm} b ch. 7. 3.

^{bn} c Ju. 5. 1.

^{bo} 2 Sa. 22. 1.

^{bp} d ver. 4.

^{bq} e De. 10. 21.

^{br} Ps. 22. 3.

^{bs} 59. 17.

^{bt} 109. 1.

^{bu} Hab. 3. 18, 19.

^{bv} f Nu. 20. 16.

^{bw} Is. 63. 9.

^{bx} g 2 Sa. 22. 47.

^{by} Is. 25. 1.

went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and ^b it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and ^f made the sea dry land, and the waters were ^g divided.

22 And ^h the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were ⁱ a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 [¶] And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch ^j the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

25 And took off their chariot wheels, ^k that they drove them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

26 [¶] And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea ^l returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD ^m overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And ⁿ the waters returned, and ^o covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

29 But ^p the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel ^q saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.

31 And Israel saw that great ^r work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and ^s believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

CHAP. XV.

THEN sang ^t Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

2 The LORD is my strength and ^u song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I ^v will exalt him.

mean an idolatrous temple for mariners, being common among the ancients. 3. entangled, or hemmed in. 4. host, the hereditary militia. 7. chariots, each carried three persons,—a driver, his guard, and a warrior. 8. high hand, boldly and courageously. 21. east wind, nothing could be more fit, the gulf lying from north to south. 24. morning watch, at four. looked, observed, to punish.

troubled, caused a panic, probably by tempest. 25. took off, &c. the wheels being stuck in the sand. 28. all the host, computed at 250,000.

CHAP. XV.—1. Then sang, &c. the Israelites sang in responsive companies. 2. The Lord, 'Jah,' a poetical term for Jehovah. strength, i.e. protector. prepare him an habitation, has many renderings; the Seventy read, 'I will glorify him.' 3. a man of

1 The LORD is a man of ^a war: the LORD is ^c his name.
 2 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath cast into the sea: his chosen captains so are drowned in the Red sea.
 3 The depths have covered them: ^e they sink into the bottom as a stone.
 4 Thy ^g right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.
 5 And in the greatness of thine ^j excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose ^h against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, ⁱ which consumed them ^k as stubble.
 6 And ^m with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, ⁿ the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.
 7 The ^p enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will ^q divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall ^r destroy them.
 8 Thou didst ^s blow with thy wind, the waters covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters.
 9 Who ^t is like unto thee O LORD, among the ^u gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?
 10 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, and earth swallowed them.
 11 Thou in thy mercy hast ^v led forth the people ^w which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength to thy holy habitation.
 12 The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.
 13 Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; ^x the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; ^y all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.
 14 Fear ^z and dread shall fall upon them; the greatness of thine arm they shall ^a as still ^b as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, ^c which thou hast purchased.
 15 Thou shalt bring them in, and ^d plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, the place, O LORD, ^e which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O LORD, ^f which thy hands have established.
 16 The ^g LORD shall reign for ever and ever.
 17 For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.
 18 And Miriam the prophetess, ^h the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.
 19 And Miriam answered them, Sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath thrown into the sea.
 20 So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness

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^a Ps. 24. 8.
^b Re. 19. 11.
^c Ge. 16. 7.
^d Ps. 83. 18.
^e Nu. 33. 8.
^f Ne. 9. 11.
^g i. e. bitter-ness.
^h Ru. 1. 20.
ⁱ ch. 16. 2.
^j 17. 3.
^k Ps. 118. 15, 16.
^l Ps. 50. 15.
^m 2 Ki. 4. 41.
ⁿ Je. 33. 26.
^o Is. 5. 24.
^p 47. 14.
^q Ju. 2. 22.
^r Ps. 66. 10.
^s Job 4. 9.
^t 2 Th. 2. 8.
^u De. 7. 12.
^v Ps. 78. 13.
^w Hab. 3. 10.
^x Ju. 5. 30.
^y Ge. 49. 27.
^z Is. 53. 12.
^a Lu. 11. 22.
^b De. 28. 27.
^c or, repossess.
^d ch. 23. 25.
^e Ps. 103. 3.
^f 147. 3.
^g Nu. 147. 18.
^h 1 Ki. 8. 23.
ⁱ Je. 49. 19.
^j or, mighty ones.
^k Is. 6. 3.
^l Ps. 77. 14.
^m Nu. 33. 9. 11.
ⁿ Eze. 30. 15.
^o Is. 63. 12, 13.
^p Je. 2. 6.
^q 1 Co. 10. 10.
^r La. 4. 9.
^s Nu. 22. 3.
^t Hab. 3. 7.
^u Jos. 5. 1.
^v Nu. 11. 4, 5.
^w De. 2. 25.
^x 11. 25.
^y Jos. 2. 9.
^z 1 Sa. 25. 37.
^a Jno. 6. 31.
^b 2 Sa. 7. 23.
^c Is. 43. 1, 3.
^d Tit. 2. 14.
^e 1 Pe. 2. 9.
^f Ps. 80. 8.
^g the portion of a day in his day.
^h Pr. 30. 8.
ⁱ Mat. 6. 11.
^j ch. 15. 25.
^k Is. 57. 15.
^l Le. 25. 21.
^m Nu. 16. 28. 30.
ⁿ Is. 35. 2.
^o Jno. 11. 4, 40.
^p Nu. 26. 59.
^q Nu. 16. 11.
^r Lu. 10. 16.

of ^b Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

23 And when they came to ^d Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called ^e Marah.

24 And the people ^f murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And he ^g cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him ^h a tree, ⁱ which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there ^j he proved them,

26 And said, ^k If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these ^l diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD ^m that healeth thee.

27 And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

CHAP. XVI.

AND they took ^a their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of ^b Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel ^c murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

3 And the children of Israel said unto them, ^d Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, ^e when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain ^f bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather ^g a certain rate every day, that I may ^h prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare ⁱ that which they bring in; and ^j it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, ^k At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:

7 And in the morning, then ye shall see ^l the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and ^m what are we, that ye murmur against us?

8 And Moses said, ⁿ This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but ^o against the LORD.

or, noble warrior. 5. as a stone, implies complete destruction, Jer. li. 63, 64; Rev. xviii. 21. right hand, means power. 8. congealed, probably means, became hard, for the passage of the Israelites. 11. fearful, &c. awful even where else is awakened. 12. swallowed, may possibly mean an earthquake. 13. thy holy habitation, the promised land, the dwelling of thine holiness. 14. Palestina, a name derived from the Philistines.

16. pass over the wilderness, or Jordan. 17. mountain, predicts the temple on Mount Zion. 20. prophetess, having the gift of composing divine hymns, see 1 Sam. x. 5, 6. 23. bitter, bitter wells are still there. 24. a tree, we know not of what sort: this was a miracle. 27. twelve wells, still remaining.

CHAP. XVI.—1. Sin, still so called. 3. flesh-pots, or large boilers, from which, perhaps, they were fed in companies. 7. the glory, i. e. the cloud in

9 ¶ And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD ^b appeared in the cloud.

11 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 I ^d have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, ^e At even ye shall eat flesh, and ^f in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.

13 And it came to pass, that at even ^g the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning ^h the dew lay round about the host.

14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness *there lay* ^k a small round thing, as small as the hoarfrost on the ground.

15 And when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said one to another, ^{*} It is manna: for they wist not what *it was*. And Moses said unto them, ⁱ This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

16 ¶ This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, ⁿ an omer [†] for every man, according to the number of your [‡] persons; take ye every man for *them* which *are* in his tents.

17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.

18 And when they did mete *it* with an omer, ^{*} he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.

19 And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.

21 And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

22 ¶ And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

23 And he said unto them, This *is* that which the LORD hath said, To-morrow *is* [‡] the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to-day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not ^d stink, neither was there any worm therein.

25 And Moses said, Eat that to day;

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^a ch. 20.9,10.

^b ver. 7.

ch. 13. 21.

Nu. 16. 19.

1Ki.8.10,11.

^c 2 Ki. 17. 14.

Ps.78.10,22.

106. 13.

^d Mat. 9. 4.

^e ver. 6.

^f ver. 7.

^g Nu. 11. 31.

Ps.78.27,28.

105. 40.

^h Nu. 11. 9.

ⁱ Nu. 11. 7,8.

^k Nu. 11. 7.

De. 8. 3.

Ne. 9. 15.

Ps. 78. 24.

^{*} or, What is this? or, It is a portion

[†] Jno. 6. 31.

49. 58.

ⁿ 1 Co. 10. 3.

^m He. 9. 4.

[†] ver. 36.

[†] by the poll, or, head.

^o ch.25.16,21.

40. 20.

Nu. 17. 10.

De. 10. 5.

1 Ki. 8. 9.

[‡] souls.

^p Nu. 33. 38.

De. 8. 2, 3.

Ne.9.20,21.

Jno. 6. 31.

49.

^r Jos. 5. 12.

Ne. 9. 15.

^s 2 Co. 8. 15.

^t ch. 16. 1.

Nu. 33. 12.

14.

^u Nu.20.3. 4.

^v De. 6. 16.

Ps.78.18,41.

Is. 7. 12.

Mat. 4. 7.

1 Co. 10. 9.

^x ch. 16. 2.

^y ch. 14. 15.

^z ch. 20. 8.

31. 15.

35. 3.

Ge. 2. 3.

Le. 23. 3.

^a 1 Sa. 30. 6.

Jno. 8. 59.

10. 31.

^b Eze. 2. 6.

^c ch. 7. 20.

Nu. 20. 8.

^d ver. 20.

^e Nu. 20. 10.

Ps.78.15,22.

105. 41.

114. 8.

1 Co. 10. 4.

for to day is a sabbath unto the LORD: [†] day ye shall not find it in the field.

26 Six ^a days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, *which* is the sabbath, *in* it there shall be none.

27 ¶ And it came to pass, that they went out *some* of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

28 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long ^e refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

29 See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and ⁱ it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of *it* was like wafers made with honey.

32 ¶ And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations, that they may see the bread wherewith have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said unto Aaron, ^m Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.

34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up ^o before the Testimony, to be kept.

35 And the children of Israel did eat manna ^p forty years, ^r until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.

36 Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

CHAP. XVII.

AND ^a all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and *there was* ⁿ water for the people to drink.

2 Wherefore ⁿ the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?

3 And the people thirsted there for water, and the people ^m murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

4 And Moses ^y cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people, they be almost ready to ^a stone me.

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, ^b Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith ^c thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

6 Behold, ^e I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt

its splendour. 9. *come near*, i.e. worship. before the Lord, the symbol of his presence in the cloud. 13. *quails*, like a red partridge; these birds migrate in immense numbers to Egypt in the spring; their numbers were no miracle, but their appearing at the needful time was a miracle. 14. *a small round thing*, like a drop of dew, which, however, hardened with the sun. 15. *It is manna*, see marg. It is clear they had not seen this food before. 16. *omer*,

three quarts. 34. *testimony*, i.e. the ark, ch. xxv. because the law, the witness of God's will, was laid up there. 36. *ephah*, about seven gallons and a half.

CHAP. XVII.—1. *Rephidim*, a narrow, steep, elevated valley, between Sinai and Horeb, and a very unlikely place for water. 2. *tempt*, distrust. *rock*, known now to be of granite. Monks have made artificial fissures in it, but there are said to be some which bear the marks of this miracle, and which

raite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he called the name of the place Massah, * and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

8 ¶ Then ^b came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said unto ^d Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with ^e the rod of God in mine hand.

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass, when Moses ^f held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for ^g I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it ^h Jehovah-nissi:

16 For he said, * Because ⁱ the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

CHAP. XVIII.

WHEN Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law, heard of all that ^j God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt;

2 Then Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,

3 And her two sons; of which the name of the one was ^k Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land:

4 And the name of the other was ^l Eliezer; for the God of my father, said he, was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh:

5 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at ^m the mount of God:

6 And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.

7 ¶ And Moses ⁿ went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of their ^o welfare; and they came into the tent.

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* found them.

Ge. 44. 34.

Nu. 20. 14.

† i. e. temptation.

a Nu. 20. 13.

Ps. 81. 7.

95. 8.

He. 3. 8.

‡ i. e. chiding,

or, strife,

b Ge. 36. 12.

Nu. 24. 20.

1 Sa. 15. 2.

c Lu. 1. 65.

d Called

Jesus,

Ac. 7. 45.

He. 4. 8.

e ch. 4. 20.

f 2 Ch. 2. 5.

Ps. 135. 5.

g 1 Sa. 2. 3.

Jbb 40. 11.

12.

Ps. 31. 23.

h Ja. 5. 16.

i 1 Ch. 29. 22.

1 Co. 10. 31.

k ch. 34. 27.

l Le. 24. 12.

m 1 Sa. 15. 37.

2 Sa. 8. 12.

n Job 31. 15.

1 Co. 6. 1.

§ a man and

his fellow.

|| i. e. the

LORD my

banner.

* or, Because

the hand of

Amalek is

against the

throne of

the LORD,

therefore,

&c.

† the hand

upon the

throne of

the LORD.

‡ Fading

thou wilt

fade.

o Nu. 11. 14.

17.

p Ps. 44. 1.

r De. 5. 5.

s Ps. 143. 8.

§ i. e. a

stranger

there.

|| i. e. my God

is an help.

† 2 Ch. 19. 5.

10.

Ac. 6. 3.

u Ge. 42. 18.

2 Sa. 23. 3.

v Eze. 18. 8.

x ch. 3. 1, 12.

y 1 Ki. 2. 19.

z peace.

Ge. 43. 27.

2 Sa. 11. 7.

2 Sa. 19. 39.

8 And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the travail that had * come upon them by the way, and how the LORD delivered them.

9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

10 And Jethro said, ^c Blessed be the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know that the LORD ^d is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt ^e proudly he was above them.

12 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law ^f before God.

13 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?

15 And Moses said unto his father in law, Because ^g the people come unto me to enquire of God:

16 When they have ^h a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between ⁱ one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.

17 And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good.

18 ¶ Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing ^j is too heavy for thee; ^k thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou ^l for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them ^m the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people ⁿ able men, such as ^o fear God, ^p men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to ^q their place in peace.

art could have made. 8. Amalek, these Amalekites are thought to have been descendants of Cush, see Gen. xiv. 7. 11. held, &c. an attitude of prayer. 12. Hur, Miriam's husband, so Josephus.

CHAP. XVIII.—1. Jethro, see ch. iii. 1. note. 2. sent her back, probably to escape the difficulties of the exodus. 5. came, he came in the second year after the exodus, hence this is misplaced: see Deut. 1. 16—18; Num. x. 11, 12. his wife, i. e. Moses's.

6. he said, probably by messenger, for afterwards, ver. 7. Moses went out to meet his father-in-law. 12. Jethro—took a burnt-offering, this was a religious feast, after the patriarchal manner, Jethro officiating as priest. sacrifices, 'peace,' or 'thank-offerings.' before God, i. e. the glory in the pillar. 19. to God-ward, or on the part of God. 20. ordinances, these relate to religion. laws, these relate to civil matters. 22. all seasons, sabbaths and holy days were excepted.

24 So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.

25 And ^a Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

26 And they judged the people at all seasons: the ^c hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

27 [¶] And Moses let his father in law depart; and ^f he went his way into his own land.

CHAP. XIX.

IN the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day ^g came they into the wilderness of Sinai.

2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

3 And [¶] Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:

4 Ye [¶] have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* ^o I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now ^p therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ^r ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for ^t all the earth is mine:

6 And ye shall be unto me a ^u kingdom of priests, and an ^v holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

7 [¶] And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee ^z in a thick cloud, ^a that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

10 [¶] And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and ^c sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,

11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD ^e will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that ye go not up* into the mount, or touch the border of it: ^h who-soever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:

13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not

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^{*} or, *cornet*.^a De. 1. 15.^b 1 Sa. 21. 4. 5.^c Zec. 7. 3.^d 1 Co. 7. 5.^e Job 29. 16.^f Ps. 77. 18.^g 2 Ch. 5. 14.^h Nu. 10. 29.ⁱ Nu. 33. 15.^j Nu. 33. 15.^k Ju. 5. 5.^l Is. 6. 4.^m Hab. 3. 3.ⁿ 2 Ch. 7. 1. 3.^o Ps. 114. 7.^p Je. 4. 24.^q He. 12. 26.^r Ac. 7. 38.^s Ne. 9. 13.^t Ps. 81. 7.^u De. 29. 2.^v De. 32. 11.^w Is. 63. 9.^x De. 5. 2.^y *contest*.^z 1 Ki. 8. 53.^a Ps. 135. 4.^b Ca. 8. 12.^c Is. 43. 1.^d Je. 10. 16.^e Mal. 3. 17.^f Tit. 2. 14.^g ch. 3. 5.^h 1 Sa. 6. 19.ⁱ De. 10. 14.^j Job 41. 11.^k Ps. 50. 12.^l 1 Co. 10. 26.^m De. 33. 2. 4.ⁿ 1 Pe. 2. 5. 9.^o Re. 1. 6.^p Is. 62. 12.^q 1 Co. 3. 17.^r 1 Th. 5. 27.^s 2 Sa. 6. 7. 8.^t Jos. 3. 4.^u Ps. 18. 11. 12.^v Mat. 17. 5.^w Jno. 12. 29. 30.^x Le. 26. 1. 13.^y De. 5. 6.^z Ho. 13. 4.^a Le. 11. 44. 45.^b He. 10. 22.^c *servants*.^d 2 Ki. 17. 35.^e Je. 35. 15.^f De. 33. 2.^g Ps. 97. 7.^h Jos. 23. 7.ⁱ Is. 44. 15. 19.^j He. 12. 20.^k Na. 1. 2.^l Nu. 14. 18. 33.^m Job 5. 4.ⁿ Ps. 21. 19.^o Ps. 79. 8.^p Is. 14. 20. 21.^q 65. 6. 7.^r Je. 2. 9.^s 32. 18.^t De. 7. 9.^u Ps. 89. 34.^v Ro. 11. 28.

live: when the ^{*} trumpet soundeth long they shall come up to the mount.

14 [¶] And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: ^b come not at *your* wives.

16 [¶] And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were ^d thunders and lightnings, and a ^e thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And [¶] mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it ⁱ in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and ^k the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and ^m God answered him by a voice.

20 And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses ⁿ up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, [¶] charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD ^o to gaze, and many of them perish.

22 And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD ^p break forth upon them.

23 And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, ^q Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.

24 And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.

25 So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

CHAP. XX.

AND God spake all these words, saying, 2 I ^b *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of ^c bondage.

3 Thou ^d shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou ^e shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou ^f shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* ^g a jealous God, ^h visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

6 And ⁱ shewing mercy unto thousands

CHAP. XIX.—1. *same*, signifies the first. *wilderness* of Sinai, so called from the mountain situated in it. 3. *went up*, on Sinai, where the cloud now was.

6. *of priests*, having access to God, and offering and sacrificing to him. 10. *sanctify*, in an external way, by ablutions, and separation from all uncleanness. 11. *come down*, by a visible display of his power. 12. *set bounds*, probably he drew a line or ditch about the foot of the hill. 13. *touch it*, rather 'him.'

18. *in fire*, Hamor thinks in lightning.

22. *the priests*, for such were before the Aaronical priesthood, probably the firstborn, or elders.

CHAP. XX.—3. *no other gods*, this is opposed to the polytheism of the Gentiles and the Egyptians. *before me*, besides me.—Sept. 4. *graven*, or carved *image*; *when the true God is not to be worshipped under a false representation*. *likeness* means picture. 5. *jealous*, allowing no rival. *visiting*, punishing. *the iniquity*, idolatry is chiefly meant. *upon the children*, who tread in their steps. 6. *thousands*, of

of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 Thou^a shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD^a will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember^a the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six^f days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the^e seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 Honour^m thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou^p shalt not kill.

14 Thou^q shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou^r shalt not steal.

16 Thou^s shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou^t shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

18 And^u all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Moses, ^a Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and ^e that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto ^t the thick darkness where God was.

22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you^o from heaven.

23 Ye shall not make^p with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

24 ^a An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all^q places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not[†] build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

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^a Mat. 5. 33.

^b De. 4. 14.

^c Je. 34. 14.

^d Mi. 6. 11.

^e Le. 26. 2.

^f with his

body.

^g Le. 23. 3.

^h Eze. 20. 12.

ⁱ Lu. 13. 14.

^j Ge. 2. 2, 3.

^k De. 15. 16, 17.

^l saying

shall say.

^m Ne. 13. 16, 19.

ⁿ ch. 22. 8, 28.

^o Ps. 40. 6.

^p Je. 35. 18, 19.

^q Mat. 15. 4.

^r Mar. 10. 19.

^s Ep. 6. 2.

^t Ne. 5. 5.

^u ver. 2, 3.

^v be evil in

the eyes of,

&c.

^w Mat. 5. 21.

^x Ro. 13. 9.

^y Mat. 5. 27.

^z Mat. 19. 18.

^a Ro. 13. 9.

^b 1 Th. 4. 6.

^c De. 19. 16.

^d Hab. 2. 9.

^e Lu. 12. 15.

^f Ro. 7. 7.

^g He. 13. 5.

^h Job 31. 9.

ⁱ Pr. 6. 29.

^j Je. 5. 8.

^k 1 Co. 7. 5.

^l x He. 12. 18.

^m Ge. 9. 6.

ⁿ Mat. 26. 52.

^o Ga. 3. 19, 20.

^p De. 19. 4, 5.

^q 1 Sa. 24. 4.

^r 10, 18.

^s Jos. 20. 2.

^t Nu. 15. 30.

^u He. 10. 26.

^v Ge. 22. 1.

^w Pr. 16. 6.

^x Is. 8. 13.

^y 1 Ki. 2. 28, 34.

^z 1 Ki. 8. 12.

^a De. 21. 7.

^b Ge. 37. 28.

^c ch. 22. 4.

^d Pr. 20. 20.

^e Mar. 7. 10.

^f or, revileth.

^g Ne. 9. 13.

^h 2 Co. 6. 14.

ⁱ 16.

^j or, his

neighbour.

^k 2 Sa. 3. 29.

^l his ceasing.

^m Exr. 6. 12.

ⁿ build them

with

hewing.

^o avenged.

^p Ge. 4. 15, 24.

^q Ro. 13. 4.

CHAP. XXI.

NOW these are the judgments which thou shalt^b set before them.

2 If^c thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

3 If he came in^e by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.

5 And^f if the servant[†] shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:

6 Then his master shall bring him unto the^h judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shallⁱ bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

7 And^j if a man^k sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out^o as the menservants do.

8 If she[†] please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

9 And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

10 If he take him another wife; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish.

11 And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

12 He[†] that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.

13 And^b if a man lie not in wait, but God^c deliver him into his hand; then^d I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.

14 But if a man come^e presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; ^f thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

15 And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

16 And^h he that stealeth a man, andⁱ selleth him, or if he be^m found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

17 And^j he that[†] curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

18 And if men strive together, and one smite^k another with a stone, or with his fist, and he die not, but keepeth his bed:

19 If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit: only he shall pay for[†] the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed.

20 And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely[†] punished.

21 Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he is his money.

22 If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from

generations. 7. in vain, avoid needless and false oaths. not hold him guiltless, i.e. will account him a transgressor, a strong Hebraism. 12. land, of Canaan. 13. not kill, not murder. 14. adultery, includes other like crimes. 17. covet, this is a sin of the heart, of which human laws can take no cognizance, but God's law does. 18. saw, is often put for perceived. 22. seen, see on ver. 18. 24. of earth, might be a figure of the earthly or human nature of Christ, our altar, Heb. x. 10. 26. naked-

ness, owing to the loose robes worn by the orientals. CHAP. XXI. — 1. judgments, judicial laws. 2. buy an Hebrew, this traffic was confined to malefactors, insolvent debtors, and the poor. seventh, he shall go out free, this was but a common apprenticeship: how different from the modern laws of slavery! 4. her master's, having been bought with his money. 6. judges, or civil magistrates. aul, or 'needle.' for ever, i.e. till the jubilee, or death of the master. 8. a strange nation, means another family or tribe.

her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall ^a pay as the judges determine.

23 And if *any* mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,

24 Eye ^b for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 ^c And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, that it perish; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake.

27 And if he smite out his manservant's tooth, or his maidservant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

28 ^d If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then ^e the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit.

29 But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.

30 If there be laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give for ^f the ransom of his life whatsoever is laid upon him.

31 Whether he have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him.

32 If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master ^g thirty shekels of silver, and the ^h ox shall be stoned.

33 ⁱ And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein;

34 The owner of the pit shall make it good, and give money unto the owner of them; and the dead beast shall be his.

35 ^j And if one man's ox hurt another's, that he die; then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the money of it; and the dead ox also they shall divide.

36 Or if it be known that the ox hath used to push in time past, and his owner hath not kept him in; he shall surely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall be his own.

CHAP. XXII.

If a man shall steal an ox, or a ^k sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and ^l four sheep for a sheep.

2 ^m If a thief be found ⁿ breaking up, and be smitten that he die, *there shall* ^o no blood be shed for him.

3 If the sun be risen upon him, *there shall be blood shed* for him; for he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be ^p sold for his theft.

4 If the theft be certainly ^q found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall ^r restore double.

5 ^s If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

24. eye for eye, called *lex talionis*, or the law of retaliation: we do not find that this law was literally observed, but embraced due compensation. 28. an ox, this example extends to all animals subject to man. 33. open a pit, frequently done in digging for springs, and making reservoirs.

CHAP. XXII.—1. five oxen, the theft of them included both the beast and his labour. four sheep, here was the loss of the sheep only. 3. there shall be

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a ver. 30.

b De. 22. 18, 19.

c Le. 24. 20.

d De. 19. 21.

e Mat. 5. 38.

f De. 25. 1.

g 2Ch. 19. 10.

h Ge. 9. 5.

i He. 6. 16.

j ver. 22.

k Nu. 35. 31.

l Ge. 31. 39.

m Zec. 11. 12.

n 13.

o Mat. 26. 13.

p Ph. 2. 7.

q ver. 28.

r De. 22. 28, 29.

s weigh.

t Ge. 23. 16.

u Ge. 34. 12.

v De. 22. 29.

w 1Sa. 18. 25.

x Le. 19. 26, 31.

y 20. 27.

z De. 18. 10, 11.

aa 1Sa. 28. 39.

ab Le. 18. 23.

ac 20. 15.

ad Nu. 25. 7, 8.

ae De. 13. 1, 2, 5.

af 6, 9, 13. 15.

ag 17. 2, 3, 5.

ah or, goat.

ai ch. 23. 9.

aj Le. 19. 33.

ak 25. 35.

al De. 10. 19.

am Je. 7. 6.

an Zec. 7. 10.

ao Mal. 3. 5.

ap 2Sa. 12. 6.

aq Lu. 19. 8.

ar Pr. 6. 31.

as Mat. 24. 43.

at Ps. 94. 6.

au Is. 1. 17, 23.

av 10. 2.

aw Eze. 22. 7.

ax Ja. 1. 27.

ay Nu. 35. 27.

az Job 35. 9.

ba Lu. 18. 7.

bb Job 34. 28.

bc Ps. 18. 6.

bd 145. 19.

be Ja. 5. 4.

bf ch. 21. 2.

bg Job 31. 23.

bh Ps. 69. 24.

bi ch. 21. 16.

bj Ps. 109. 9.

bk La. 5. 3.

bl ver. 1, 7.

bm Pr. 6. 31.

bn Le. 25. 35.

bo 37.

bp De. 23. 19.

bq 20.

br Ne. 5. 7.

bs Ps. 15. 5.

bt Eze. 18. 8, 17.

bu De. 24. 6, 10.

bv 13. 17.

bw Job 22. 6.

bx Pr. 22. 27.

by Am. 2. 8.

6 ^c If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed *therewith*; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 ^d If a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, let him pay double.

8 If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the judges, to see whether he have put his hand unto his neighbour's goods.

9 For all manner of trespass, *whether it be* for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, which *another* challengeth to be his, the ^e cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.

10 If a man deliver unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it:

11 *Then* shall an ^f oath of the LORD be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and the owner of it shall accept *thereof*, and he shall not make it good.

12 And ^g if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner *thereof*.

13 If it be torn in pieces, *then* let him bring it *for* witness, and he shall not make good that which was torn.

14 ^h And if a man borrow *ought* of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner *thereof being* not with it, he shall surely make it good.

15 *But* if the owner *thereof be* with it, he shall not make it good: if it be an hired *thing*, it came for his hire.

16 ⁱ And ^j if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife.

17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall ^k pay money according to the ^l dowry of virgins.

18 ^m Thou ⁿ shalt not suffer a witch to live.

19 ^o Whosoever ^p lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

20 ^q He ^r that sacrificeth unto *any* god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

21 ^s Thou ^t shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22 ^u Ye ^v shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child.

23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they ^w cry at all unto me, I will surely ^x hear their cry;

24 And my ^y wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and ^z your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

25 ^a If ^b thou lend money to *any* of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

26 If ^c thou at all take thy neighbour's

blood shed for him, the person that kills him shall die, because his object was not to kill, but to steal.

6. if fire, the heat makes every thing so dry, that great care is needful on this matter in the east.

12. make restitution, because it argues neglect.

17. the dowry was fifty shekels.

18. witch, for by divination and deception idolatry was kept alive.

19. lieth, &c. a crime common now in Egypt.

25. usury, compound interest, money was to be lent to an Israelite

ment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it to him by that the sun goeth down :

27 For that is his covering only, it is his garment for his skin : wherein shall he sleep ? and it shall come to pass, when he lieth unto me, that I will hear ; for I am gracious.

28 * Thou shalt not revile the * gods, or curse the ruler of thy people.

29 * Thou shalt not delay to offer † the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors : the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.

30 Likewise * shalt thou do with thine oxen, and with thy sheep : seven days it shall be with his dam ; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me.

31 * And ye shall be † holy men unto me : neither shall ye eat any flesh that is born of beasts in the field ; ye shall cast it to the dogs.

CHAP. XXIII.

THOU shalt not † raise a false report : but not thine hand with the wicked to be an † unrighteous witness.

2 * Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil ; * neither shalt thou * speak in cause to decline after many to wrest judgment :

3 * Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause.

4 * If † thou meet thine enemy's ox, or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again.

5 If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and † thou dost forbear to help him, thou shalt surely elp with him.

6 Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause.

7 Keep † thee far from a false matter ; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not : for * I will not justify the wicked.

8 * And † thou shalt take no gift : for the gift blindeth † the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.

9 * Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger : for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

10 And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof :

11 But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still ; that the poor of thy people may eat : and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy * oliveyard.

12 Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest :

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a Ep. 5. 15.

b Ps. 86. 15.

c Ac. 23. 5.

* or, judges.

d ch. 34. 23.

e ch. 12. 15.

† thyfulness.

f Pr. 3. 9.

‡ tear.

g ch. 13. 12.

h De. 15. 19.

i ch. 34. 20.

k Le. 23. 10.

l De. 14. 21.

m De. 16. 13.

n Le. 2. 11.

o Pr. 10. 18.

s or, receive.

|| or, feast.

p Mat. 26. 53.

61.

Ac. 6. 11. 13.

r Pr. 1. 10. 15.

Lu. 23. 23.

s Pr. 72. 2.

* answer.

t De. 14. 21.

u Is. 63. 9.

v De. 22. 1.

Mat. 5. 44.

Ro. 12. 20.

1 Th. 5. 15.

x He. 3. 10. 16.

y Je. 5. 7.

z Jac. 10. 30. 38.

† or, wilt

thou cease to

help him? or,

wouldst

cease to

leave thy

business

for him ;

thou shalt

surely leave

it to join

with him.

a Am. 5. 12.

† or, I will

afflict them

that afflict

thee.

b Ep. 4. 25.

c ch. 33. 2.

d Pr. 17. 15. 26.

e Ro. 1. 18.

f Ac. 24. 26.

s the seeing.

|| soul.

g ch. 34. 13.

h Mat. 4. 10.

i De. 28. 5. 8.

k De. 7. 15.

l Mai. 3. 10. 11.

* or, olive

trees.

† neck.

that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.

13 And in all things that I have said unto you * be circumspect : and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

14 * Three † times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

15 Thou * shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread : (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib ; for in it thou camest out from Egypt : and none shall appear before me empty :) :

16 And † the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in thy field : and † the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord God.

18 Thou * shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread ; neither shall the fat of my † sacrifice remain until the morning.

19 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God. * Thou shalt not see the a kid in his mother's milk.

20 * Behold, * I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, * provoke him not ; for he will † not pardon your transgressions : for † my name is in him.

22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak ; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and † an adversary unto thine adversaries.

23 For † mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites : and I will cut them off.

24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works : * but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.

25 And ye shall * serve the Lord your God, and † he shall bless thy bread, and thy water ; and † I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

26 * There † shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land : the number of thy days I will fulfil.

27 I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their † backs unto thee.

charity. 27. wherein shall he sleep ? the Arab's yoke or outer garment is his bed. 28. gods, 'judges,' s. ch. xxi. 6 : some think God himself is intended ; the word is Alehim. 29. give, not in kind, but in the price of redemption. 30. eighth day, then and not before, because unfit. 31. flesh torn, the blood being in it. cast it to the dogs, some think a humane provision for those creatures, not being domestic among the Jews.

CHAP. XXIII.—2. to decline, i. e. depart from the strict line of rectitude. 3. countenance a poor man, i. e. merely because he is poor, if his cause be just. 11. lie still, this would remind them of the Divine power in making the earth to yield, and give them more time to worship. what they leave, signifies there would be enough and to spare. 14. three times, i. e. three festivals, to promote mutual love, to make one congregation, to add solemnity to their worship, to aid by their gifts the ministers of

the sanctuary, and to typify the gospel church. 15. unleavened bread, the passover, to commemorate the exodus, after the destroying angel had passed over the Israelites' dwellings. 16. of harvest, or pentecost, seven weeks after the passover, an expression of gratitude for the harvest, and commemoration of entrance into the promised land. of ingathering, afterwards called, 'of tabernacles,' when the Jews lived in tents seven days, to commemorate God's care in their tabernacling state in the wilderness. Corn, grapes, olives, &c. were ingathered at this time. 18. my sacrifice, i. e. the paschal lamb. 19. see the, or boil, &c. alludes to a heathen custom, cruel and superstitious, of sprinkling the soil with liquor so prepared, to make it fruitful. 20. an Angel, the Angel of the covenant, Christ, whose name is Jehovah ; some understand it of Joshua, whose name means Jesus. he will not pardon, suffer to pass unchastised. 27. fear, or terror. 28. homestead, a

28 And ^a I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.

29 I ^a will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.

31 And ^a I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will ^a deliver the inhabitants of the land into thy hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

32 Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

33 They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, ^a it will surely be a snare unto thee.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, ^a Nadab, and Abihu, ^a and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off.

2 And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.

3 ^a And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, ^a All the words which the LORD hath said will we do.

4 And Moses ^a wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve ^a pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

6 And Moses ^a took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold ^a the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

9 ^a Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel:

10 And they ^a saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the ^a body of heaven in his clearness.

11 And upon the nobles of the children

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^a Jos. 24. 12.

^b ch. 19. 21.

^c De. 4. 33.

^d Jos. 13. 22.

^e ch. 18. 12.

^f De. 7. 22.

^g ch. 33. 11.

^h Ge. 15. 18.

ⁱ Nu. 34. 3.

^j De. 11. 24.

^k Jos. 1. 4.

^l Ki. 4. 21, 24.

^m Ps. 72. 8.

ⁿ Jos. 21. 44.

^o Jos. 1. 4.

^p 11. 21.

^q Mat. 17. 5.

^r ch. 16. 10.

^s Nu. 14. 10.

^t ch. 34. 12.

^u Jos. 23. 13.

^v Ju. 2. 3.

^w 1 Sa. 18. 21.

^x Ps. 106. 36.

^y He. 12. 18, 29.

^z ch. 28. 1.

^{aa} Le. 10. 1, 2.

^{ab} ch. 1. 5.

^{ac} Nu. 11. 16.

^{ad} ch. 34. 28.

^{ae} ch. 19. 8.

^{af} De. 5. 27.

^{ag} Ga. 3. 19, 20.

^{ah} * take for me.

^{ai} † or, heave

^{aj} offering.

^{ak} 1 Ch. 29. 3.

^{al} 5, 9, 14.

^{am} Ezr. 2. 68.

^{an} 2 Co. 8. 12.

^{ao} 9. 7.

^{ap} † De. 31. 9.

^{aq} Ge. 28. 18.

^{ar} 31. 45.

^{as} † or, silk.

^{at} Ge. 41. 42.

^{au} ch. 27. 20.

^{av} ch. 30. 23.

^{aw} y ch. 30. 34.

^{ax} † He. 9. 18.

^{ay} † ac ch. 28. 5, 6.

^{az} † b ch. 28. 15.

^{ba} † ch. 36. 1, 3, 4.

^{bb} He. 9. 1, 2.

^{bc} d ch. 29. 45.

^{bd} 1 Ki. 6. 13.

^{be} 2 Co. 6. 16.

^{bf} He. 3. 6.

^{bg} Re. 21. 3.

^{bh} e ver. 40.

^{bi} f ch. 37. 1.

^{bj} De. 10. 3.

^{bk} He. 9. 4.

^{bl} g He. 13. 20.

^{bm} 1 Pe. 1. 2.

^{bn} h ch. 3. 6.

^{bo} Is. 6. 1, 5.

^{bp} Jno. 1. 18.

^{bq} 1 Ti. 6. 16.

^{br} Mar. 17. 2.

of Israel he ^b laid not his hand: also ^c they saw God, and did ^d eat and drink.

12 ^a And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

13 And Moses rose up, and ^a his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

14 And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and behold, Aaron and Hur ^a are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

15 And Moses went up into the mount, and ^a a cloud covered the mount.

16 And ^a the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD ^a was like ^a devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and ^a Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

CHAP. XXV.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they ^a bring me an ^a offering: ^a of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

3 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass.

4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and ^a fine linen, and goats' ^a hair,

5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,

6 Oil ^a for the light, ^a spices for anointing oil, and for ^a sweet incense,

7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ^a ephod, and in the ^a breastplate.

8 And let them make me a ^a sanctuary; that ^a I may dwell among them.

9 According ^a to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

10 ^a And ^a they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one

sort of wasps; understood literally by some, but metaphorically by others, as expressive of great evils. 31. sea, &c. the Mediterranean, which bounded the Philistines coast. the desert, of Arabia. river, Euphrates, the south and north boundaries of Canaan.

CHAP. XXIV.—3. young men, being firstborn, or most honourable. burnt offerings, made by fire: these were expiatory, and entirely consumed. peace offerings, these were voluntary; the blood of them was for sacrifice, and the flesh for the offerer to eat, and for the priest, as mediator. 6. in basins, to sprinkle the people on the altar, signifying the Divine ratification of the covenant. 7. the book, God's laws before given. 10. saw, some glorious display of God, but he himself is not to be seen. under his feet, i. e. under the basis

of this glory. sapphire is sky blue, and in value next to the diamond. 11. laid not his hand, to inflict evil, disease, or death; he did not overwhelm them with his dazzling glory. 14. any matters, any cause to be tried.

CHAP. XXV.—2. offering, means something separated from their substance, and devoted to God. 3. brass, copper. 5. rams' skins dyed red, or the skin of red rams; so A. Clarke badgers' skins, 'scal skins,' so Boethroyd. shittim wood, a species of white thorn. 6. oil, 'olive oil.' 7. ephod, see it described ch. xxviii. 6—14. 8. sanctuary, holy place for Divine intercourse. 10. ark, 'little chest,' open at top, or, 'coffer,' covered with the mercy-seat. cubits, the cubit was twenty-one inches. 11. overlay, plate it

of it, and two rings in the other side of it.
 13 And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.
 14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.
 15 The ^a staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.
 16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.
 17 And ^c thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.
 18 And thou shalt make two ^d cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.
 19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: then ^e of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.
 20 And ^f the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.
 21 And ^g thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark; and ^h in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.
 22 And ⁱ there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from ^j between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.
 23 ^k Thou ^l shalt also make a table of shittim wood: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.
 24 And thou shalt overlay it with ^m pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about.
 25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.
 26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet thereof.
 27 Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.
 28 And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them.
 29 And thou shalt make ⁿ the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, ^o to cover withal: of pure gold shalt thou make them.
 30 And thou shalt set upon the table ^p shewbread before me alway.
 31 ^q And ^r thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.
 32 And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the can-

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^a 1 Ki. 8. 8.
^b ch. 16. 34.
 31. 18.
 De. 10. 2. 5.
 31. 26.
 1 Ki. 8. 9.
 2 Ki. 11. 12.
 Ro. 3. 2.
^c ch. 37. 6.
 Ro. 3. 25.
 He. 5. 5.
^d 2 Ch. 3. 10.
^e or, of the matter of the mercy seat.
^f 1 Ki. 8. 7.
 1 Ch. 23. 18.
^g ch. 27. 21.
 30. 8.
 Le. 24. 3. 4.
 2 Ch. 13. 11.
^h or, cause to ascend.
ⁱ Nu. 8. 2.
^j the face of it.
^k ch. 26. 34.
^l ver. 16.
^m ch. 26. 30.
 Nu. 8. 4.
 1 Ch. 28. 11.
 19.
 Ac. 7. 44.
 He. 8. 5.
ⁿ which thou wast caused to see.
^o ch. 29. 42, 43.
 30. 6, 36.
 Le. 16. 2.
 Nu. 17. 4.
^p Nu. 7. 89.
 1 Sa. 4. 4.
 2 Sa. 6. 2.
 2 Ki. 19. 15.
 Ps. 80. 1.
 99. 1.
 Is. 37. 16.
^q ch. 36. 8.
 Re. 21. 3.
^r 1 Ch. 17. 1.
^s the work of a cunning workman, or, embroiderer.
^t ch. 37. 10.
 1 Ki. 7. 48.
 2 Ch. 4. 8.
 He. 9. 2.
^u 1 Ki. 6. 20.
^v ch. 37. 16.
 Nu. 4. 7.
^w ch. 36. 14.
^x or, to pour out withal.
^y ver. 14.
 Is. 4. 5.
^z 1 Sa. 21. 6.
 Mal. 1. 7. 12.
 Mat. 12. 4.
 Mar. 2. 26.
^{aa} ch. 37. 17.
 1 Ki. 7. 49.
 Zec. 4. 2.
 Re. 1. 12.
 4. 5.

destick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side:

33 Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.

34 And in the candlestick shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers.

35 And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.

36 Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all of it shall be one beaten work of pure gold.

37 And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and ^f they shall [†] light the lamps thereof, that they may ^g give light over against [†] it.

38 And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold.

39 Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels.

40 And ^h look that thou make ^{them} after their pattern, ⁱ which was shewed thee in the mount.

CHAP. XXVI.

MOREOVER ⁿ thou shalt make the tabernacle with ^{ten} curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims ^{||} of cunning work shalt thou make them.

2 The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure.

3 The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another.

4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of another curtain, in the coupling of the second.

5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another.

6 And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle.

7 [†] And [†] thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.

8 The length of one curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains shall be all of one measure.

9 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle.

10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on

with sheet of gold. crown, 'cornice.' 16. testimony, see ch. xvi. 34, note. 17. mercy-seat, or 'propitiatory,' typical of Christ, Rom. iii. 25; 1 John ii. 2; and iv. 10. 18. cherubims, their shape is uncertain; considered by some to signify angels: but by others, emblems of ministers directing to Christ. beaten, out of one piece. 24. crown, ver. 11, note. 29. spoons,

'incense pots.' 30. shew-bread, literally, 'bread of faces,' or, 'presence bread,' being constantly placed in God's presence. 31. candlestick, 'lamp bearer,' symbolical of the church. 39. talent, the sacred talent weighed a hundred and twenty pounds.

CHAP. XXVI.—1. tabernacle, 'tent,' dwelling; 'cunning, i. e. skilful. 4. loops, 'eyelet holes.' 6. taches,

the edge of the one curtain *that is* outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.

11 And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the * tent together, that it may be one.

12 And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall * hang over the back-side of the tabernacle.

13 And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side † of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it.

14 And * thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.

15 ¶ And thou shalt make † boards for the tabernacle of * shittim wood standing up.

16 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.

17 Two † tenons shall there be in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

18 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward.

19 And thou shalt make forty * sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

20 And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side there shall be twenty boards:

21 And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

22 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards.

23 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

24 And they shall be † coupled together beneath, and they shall be * coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners.

25 And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

26 ¶ And thou shalt make bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward.

28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end.

29 And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold.

30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle

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a ch. 25. 9. 40.

27. 8.

Ac. 7. 44.

He. 8. 5.

b ch. 36. 35.

Le. 16. 2.

2 Ch. 3. 14.

Mat. 27. 51.

Ep. 2. 14.

He. 9. 3.

c ch. 25. 15.

38. 23.

2 Ch. 2. 7, 13.

14.

Ps. 137. 5.

Ca. 7. 1.

* or, covering

† Es. 1. 6.

ver. 9.

† in the

remainder,

or, sur-

plusage.

f ch. 25. 16.

40. 21.

g Le. 16. 2.

He. 9. 2, 3.

h ch. 25. 21.

40. 20.

He. 9. 5.

i ch. 36. 19.

Nu. 4. 5.

Ps. 27. 5.

121. 4, 5.

Is. 4. 6.

25. 4.

k ch. 40. 22.

l Nu. 4. 31, 32.

Ep. 2. 20, 21.

m ch. 40. 24.

n ch. 25. 5, 23.

o ch. 36. 37.

† hands.

p Nu. 3. 25.

9. 15.

2 Sa. 7. 6.

Ps. 78. 60.

r ch. 36. 38.

s ver. 25, 37.

ch. 27. 10.

12. 18.

36. 24, 26.

38. 27, 30, 31.

40. 18.

Nu. 3. 36.

4. 31, 32.

Ca. 5. 15.

t ch. 39. 1.

u Ezr. 43. 13.

Le. 16. 18.

1 Ki. 1. 50.

2. 28.

Ps. 118. 27.

He. 6. 18.

v Nu. 16. 33.

1 Ki. 8. 64.

§ twined.

x ch. 36. 29.

Ps. cxxxiii.

1 Co. 1. 10.

y ch. 25. 40.

26. 30.

1 Ch. 28. 11.

12. 19.

Mat. 15. 9.

|| he shewed.

z ch. 38. 9.

a according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount.

31 ¶ And b thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of c cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:

32 And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars d of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

33 ¶ And thou shalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the veil f the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between g the holy place and the most holy.

34 And h thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place.

35 And k thou shalt set the table without the veil, and l the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side.

36 And m thou shalt make an hanging for the door of n the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework.

37 And thou shalt make for the hanging o five pillars of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

CHAP. XXVII.

AND thou shalt make * an altar of shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits.

2 And thou shalt make † the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and † thou shalt overlay it with brass.

3 And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basons, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass.

4 And thou shalt make for it a grate of network of brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brasen rings in the four corners thereof.

5 And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar.

6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with brass.

7 And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it.

8 Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: † as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.

9 ¶ And † thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side:

10 And the twenty pillars thereof and

* hooks, * buttons. 17. tenons, to fasten in mortises. 32. hooks, * capitals. — Sept. 36. an hanging, this was the first veil.

CHAP. XXVII.—1. an altar, this was for sacrifices, not for incense. 2. horns, to tie up the victims. 3. pans, to receive the ashes. shovels, * scuttlies, basons, to receive the blood for sprinkling. fleshhooks, probably a three-pronged fork with hooks. firepans,

to carry the holy fire to the altar of incense. 4. a grate, &c. it was a perforated plate of brass, to let the ashes fall. net work, * lattice work. rings, attached to chains, to fasten the grate to the horns. 9. the court, an immense curtain, supported by pillars and posts, enclosing the sacred tent, the latter rising five cubits above it, so as to be seen by those without; within this court the congregation assembled for

their twenty sockets *shall be of brass*; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *shall be of silver*.

11 And likewise for the north side in length *there shall be hangings of an hundred cubits long*, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver.

12 ¶ And for the breadth of the court on the west side *shall be hangings of fifty cubits*: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.

13 And the breadth of the court on the east side *eastward shall be fifty cubits*.

14 The hangings of one side of the gate *shall be fifteen cubits*: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And on the other side *shall be hangings fifteen cubits*: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 ¶ And for the gate of the court *shall be an hanging of twenty cubits*, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with *needlework*: and their pillars *shall be four*, and their sockets four.

17 All the pillars round about the court *shall be filleted with silver*; their hooks *all be of silver*, and their sockets of brass.

18 ¶ The length of *the court shall be an hundred cubits*, and the breadth *fifty every where*, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass.

19 All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, *shall be of brass*.

20 ¶ And *thou shalt command the children of Israel*, that they bring thee pure olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always.

21 In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which is before the testimony, *Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD*: *it shall be a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel*.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND take thou unto thee *Aaron thy brother*, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, *Ben Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons*.

2 And *thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty*.

3 And *thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom*, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

4 And *these are the garments which*

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a ver. 15.
b ver. 6.
c ver. 31.
d ver. 39.
e ch. 39. 2

** or, embroidered.*

f Is. 11. 5.
g 1 Pe. 1. 13.
h Re. 1. 13.

i Ge. 2. 12.
j Job 28. 16.
k Eze. 28. 13.

l Ju. 5. 30.
m Ps. 45. 14.
n Je. 22. 24.

o Zec. 3. 9.
p Ep. 1. 13.
q 2 Ti. 2. 19.

r 2 Ch. 33. 5.
s Ps. 84. 10.
t 92. 13.

u 100. 4.
v 116. 19.

† fifty by fifty.

k Ps. 89. 19.
l Is. 9. 6.

m He. 7. 25.
n 28.

o ver. 29.
p ch. 39. 7.

q Jos. 4. 7.
r Zec. 6. 14.

s Le. 24. 2.
t to ascend up

o ch. 39. 8.
p ch. 26. 31, 33.

q ch. 30. 8.
r 1 Sa. 3. 3.

s 2 Ch. 13. 11.
t ch. 28. 43.

u 29. 9, 28.
v Le. 3. 17.

w 16. 34.
x 24. 9.

y Nu. 18. 23.
z 19. 21.

1 1 Sa. 30. 25.
2 ch. 39. 10.

3 &c.

§ fill in it fillings of stone.

u Nu. 18. 7.

v He. 5. 1, 4.

|| or, ruby.

|| ch. 25. 29.

31. 10.

39. 1, 2.

Le. 8. 7. 30.

Nu. 20. 26.

28.

x ch. 31. 6.

36. 1.

** fillings.*

y ch. 31. 3.

35. 30, 31.

z 1 Ki. 18. 31.

Lu. 22. 30.

Ja. 1. 1.

Re. 7. 4. 8.

21. 12.

they shall make; *a breastplate*, and *b an ephod*, and *c a robe*, and *d a brodered coat*, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

5 And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

6 ¶ And *they shall make the ephod of gold*, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

7 It shall have the two shoulderpieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and so it shall be joined together.

8 And the *curious girdle* of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; *even of gold*, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 And thou shalt take two *onyx stones*, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel:

10 Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth.

11 With the work of an engraver in stone, *like the engravings of a signet*, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold.

12 And thou shalt put the two stones upon the *shoulders of the ephod* for stones of memorial unto the children of Israel: and *Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD* upon his two shoulders *for a memorial*.

13 ¶ And thou shalt make ouches of gold;

14 And two chains of pure gold at the ends; of wreathen work shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathen chains to the ouches.

15 ¶ And *thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work*; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.

16 Foursquare it shall be *being doubled*; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span shall be the breadth thereof.

17 And *thou shalt set in it settings of stones*, even four rows of stones: *the first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this shall be the first row*.

18 And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

19 And the third row a figure, an agate, and an amethyst.

20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their *inclosings*.

21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like the engravings of a signet*; every one with his name shall they be according to *the twelve tribes*.

orship. 17. *filleted*, or furnished with rods of silver. 19. *pins*, stakes to fasten down the curtains. 1. *beaten*, dropped from the bruised olive, not squeezed.

CHAP. XXVIII.—1. *minister*, the word denotes honourable service. *priest's office*, before this every head of a family was priest. 2. *holy garments*, because worn only for sanctuary uses. 3. *unwashed*, skifful. 4. *ephod*, an upper coat without sleeves. *a brodered coat*, rather, a close coat, fitted to the body. *mitre*, 'bonnet,' or 'turban.' 8. *curious girdle*, not that mentioned ver. 4, but some

appendage, to draw the ephod round the body. 13. *ouches*, 'mountings,' 'studs,' or sockets for setting the stones in. 15. *breastplate*, a double piece of cloth, richly wrought, &c. of judgment, because worn when asking counsel, or learning the judgment of God. 17. *sardius*, or ruby, a fine red colour. *topaz*, or chrysolite, a pale green or gold. *carbuncle*, like burning charcoal. 18. *emerald*, bright green. *sapphire*, beautiful blue. 19. *figure*, hyacinth. *dead red* and yellow. *agate*, various colours. *amethyst*, deep purple. 20. *beryl*, bluish green. *onyx*, resembling a human nail. *jasper*, bright green.

22 ¶ And thou shalt make upon the breastplate chains at the ends of wreathen work of pure gold.

23 And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

24 And thou shalt put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breastplate.

25 And the other two ends of the two wreathen chains thou shalt fasten in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod before it.

26 ¶ And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate in the border thereof, which is in the side of the ephod inward.

27 And two other rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart thereof, over against the other coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

28 And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod.

29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

30 ¶ And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

31 ¶ And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all of blue.

32 And there shall be a hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of an habergeon, that it be not rent.

33 ¶ And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about:

34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.

35 And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not.

36 ¶ And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

37 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace,

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a Le. 10. 17.

22. 9.

Nu. 18. 1.

Is. 53. 11.

Eze. 4. 4. 6.

Jno. 1. 29.

He. 9. 28.

1 Pe. 2. 24.

b Le. 1. 4.

Is. 56. 7.

c Eze. 44. 17.

15.

d ch. 30. 30.

40. 15.

Le. 10. 7.

e Le. VIII.

He. 7. 28.

* fill their hand.

† flesh of their nakedness.

‡ be.

f ch. 20. 26.

g Le. 5. 1. 17.

20. 19. 20.

22. 9.

Nu. 9. 13.

18. 22.

h ch. 27. 21.

Le. 17. 7.

i Je. 30. 21.

Ro. 10. 1.

k ver. 12.

l Le. 8. 8.

Nu. 27. 21.

De. 33. 8.

l Sa. 28. 6.

Ezr. 2. 63.

Ne. 7. 65.

m Le. 8. 2.

n Le. 2. 4.

6. 20. 22.

o 2Co. 6. 11. 12.

Phi. 1. 7. 8.

He. 2. 17.

4. 15.

9. 12. 24.

p ch. 39. 22.

r ch. 40. 12.

He. 10. 22.

s or, skirts.

t ch. 28. 2.

u ch. 28. 8.

v ch. 8. 9.

x ch. 28. 41.

30. 25.

Le. 8. 12.

10. 7.

21. 10.

Nu. 35. 25.

y Le. 8. 13.

z ch. 39. 30.

Zec. 14. 20.

|| bind.

a Nu. 18. 7.

* fill the hand of.

b ch. 28. 41.

Eze. 43. 26.

He. 5. 4.

7. 28.

that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be.

38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

39 ¶ And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre of fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle of needlework.

40 ¶ And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets thou shalt make for them, for glory and for beauty.

41 And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach:

43 And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute for ever unto him and his seed after him.

CHAP. XXIX.

AND this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office: Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish,

2 And unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and waters unleavened anointed with oil: of wheaten flour shalt thou make them.

3 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket with the bullock and the two rams.

4 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water.

5 And thou shalt take the garments and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod:

6 And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre.

7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.

8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them.

9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be their's for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.

29. memorial, to urge him in his prayers for the people.
30. Urim and Thummim mean, 'light and perfection': this was no distinct part of the dress, or it would have been described, and most likely alludes to the precious stones. 31. robe, a mantle, next under the ephod, reaching to the feet, and girded. 32. habergeon, or coat of mail. 33. pomegranates, resemblances of that fruit, which is somewhat larger than the golden pippin. 36. a plate, rather, 'a flower bud,' which formed the top of the mitre.

38. bear the iniquity, this supposes some defect in the matter or manner of offerings, and typifies Christ our holy High Priest, who has borne the sins of his people.

40. bonnets, 'turbans.' 41. consecrate here is literally, 'fill the hand,' i. e. with sacrifices to offer.

42. breeches, 'drawers.' nakedness, see ch. xx. 26, note.

CHAP. XXIX.—1. hallow, consecrate. 7. pour it, an emblem of the effusion of the Spirit. 9. consecrate, see ch. xxviii. 41, note. 10. put their hands.

And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock. And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar. And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul that is above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn them upon the altar. But the flesh of the bullock, and his dung, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it is a sin offering. Thou shalt also take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle it and about upon the altar. And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his ribs, and put them unto his pieces, and unto his head. And thou shalt burn the whole ram on the altar: it is a burnt offering unto the LORD: it is a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And thou shalt take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about. And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right shoulder; for this is a ram of consecration: And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the LORD: And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shalt wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and burn them upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour before

B. C. 1491.
a 1 Sa. 2. 28.
b Ps. 99. 6.
c Le. 7. 31, 34.
Nu. 18. 11, 18.
De. 18. 3.
d ch. 27. 2.
30. 2.
e Le. 3. 3.
* It seemeth by anatomy, and the Hebrew doctors, to be the midriff.
f Le. 10. 15.
g Le. 7. 34.
h Le. 4. 11, 12, 21.
Le. 13. 11.
i Le. 1. 4, 9.
j Nu. 20. 26, 28.
k Nu. 18. 8, 35, 25.
† he of his sons.
l Nu. 20. 28.
m Le. 8. 35.
or, upon.
n Ge. 8. 21.
o Mat. 12. 4.
p ver. 3.
Le. 8. 22.
r Le. 10. 14, 15, 17.
s Le. 22. 10.
t Is. 52. 15.
He. 9. 19, 23.
12. 24.
1 Pe. 1. 2.
u Ex. 40. 12.
v ver. 1.
x He. 10. 11.
y ch. 30. 26, 28, 29.
40. 10.
z Mat. 23. 19.
a Nu. 28. 3.
1 Ch. 16. 40.
2 Ch. 2. 4, 13, 11.
31. 3.
Ezr. 3. 3.
b Da. 9. 27.
12. 11.
c 2 Ki. 16. 15.
Eze. 46. 13, 15.
§ or shake to and fro.
d Le. 7. 30.

the LORD: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it for a wave offering before the LORD: and it shall be thy part. And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons: And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' for by a statute for ever from the children of Israel: for it is an heave offering: and it shall be an heave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace offerings, even their heave offering unto the LORD. And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them. And that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on seven days, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy place. And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place. And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy. And if ought of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it is holy. And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all things which I have commanded thee: seven days shalt thou consecrate them. And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it. Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy. Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually. The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even: And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink offering.

signifying the transference of the guilt of the offerer to the victim. 14. *flesh—burn*, the priests ate of the sin offerings in general, but not of those offered for their own sins, signifying that these required full atonement. 16. *sprinkle, &c.* signifying that even our best services need the sprinkling of Christ's blood. 18. *burnt-offering*, which was voluntary, see 1. 3. *sweet savour*, see Eph. v. 2. *made by fire*, which ascended upwards, and was accepted. 20. *tip, &c.* parts touched for the whole, to signify entire consecration of body and spirit. *sprinkle*, to show that nothing could be acceptable without the blood

of the sacrifice. 22. *rump*, tail, the best part of an eastern sheep, fat, and sometimes weighing twenty pounds. 24. *a wave offering*, waved horizontally towards the four cardinal points, to denote its consecration to the Lord of the whole earth. 33. *a stranger*, one not of Aaron's race. 37. *holy*, separated to the service of God. 38. *two lambs*, typical of the Lamb of God, who continually takes away his people's sins. 40. *deal*, three wine quarts. *hin*, five quarts. *drink offering*, wine offered with meat-offerings and other sacrifices; it flowed out from perforated basins, on the altar.

41 And the other lamb thou shalt ^a offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat offering of the morning, and according to the drink offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

42 *This shall be* ^a a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: ^s where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.

43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and [†] the tabernacle ^k shall be sanctified by my glory.

44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

45 [†] And [†] I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

46 And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the LORD their God.

CHAP. XXX.

AND thou shalt make ^a an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it.

2 A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; four-square shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of the same.

3 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the [†] top thereof, and the ^{*} sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about.

4 And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two [†] corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal.

5 And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

6 And thou shalt put it before the vail that is by the ark of the testimony, before the ^{*} mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.

7 And Aaron shall burn thereon: sweet ^a incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.

8 And when Aaron [†] lighteth the lamps [†] at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

9 Ye shall offer no ^a strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon.

10 And ^f Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD.

11 [†] And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

B. C. 1491.

^a 1 Ki. 18. 29. 36

Ezr. 9. 4, 5.

Ps. 141. 2.

^b Nu. 1. 2, 5.

2 Sa. 24. 2.

^{*} them that

are to be

numbered.

^c Job 36. 18.

Ps. 49. 7.

Mar. 10. 45.

1 Ti. 2. 6.

[†] Pe. 1. 18, 19.^d 2 Sa. 24. 15.^e ch. 30. 8.^f Nu. 28. 6.[†] Mat. 17. 24.^g ch. 25. 22.^h Nu. 17. 4.ⁱ Eze. 45. 12.^j ch. 38. 26.^k or, Israel.^l 1 Ki. 8. 11.

2 Ch. 7. 1. 3.

Hag. 2. 7, 9.

Mal. 3. 1.

^m Job 34. 19.

Pr. 22. 2.

Ep. 6. 9.

Col. 3. 25.

ⁿ multiply.[†] diminish.^o Zec. 2. 10.^p Jno. 14. 17.

23.

^q 2 Co. 6. 16.

Re. 21. 3.

^r ch. 38. 25.^s Nu. 16. 40.^t ch. 37. 25.^u Le. 4. 7, 18.

Re. 8. 3.

^v 1 Ki. 7. 38.^w ch. 40. 7, 30.^x roof.^y walls.^z Ps. 26. 6.^{aa} Is. 52. 11.^{ab} Jno. 13. 10.^{ac} Heb. 10. 22.^{ad} ribs.^{ae} ch. 28. 43.^{af} ch. 25. 21, 22.^{ag} Ca. 4. 14.^{ah} Eze. 27. 22.^{ai} incense of

spices.

^{aj} Ps. 45. 8.^{ak} Pr. 7. 17.^{al} 1 Sa. 2. 28.^{am} 1 Ch. 23. 13.^{an} Lu. 1. 9.^{ao} Je. 6. 20.^{ap} causeth to

ascend, or,

setteth up.

^{aq} between the

two evens.

^{ar} ch. 12. 6.^{as} Ps. 45. 8.^{at} Le. 10. 1.^{au} or, per-

fumer.

^{av} Ps. 89. 20.^{aw} 133. 2.^{ax} Le. 16. 18.

23. 27.

12 When ^b thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after ^{*} their number, then shall they give every man ^c a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no ^d plague among them, when thou numberest them.

13 This ^f they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: ([†] a shekel is twenty gerahs:) [†] an half shekel shall be the offering of the LORD.

14 Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD.

15 The [†] rich shall not [†] give more, and the poor shall not [†] give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

16 And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and ^e shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be [†] a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

17 [†] And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Thou [†] shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt [†] put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.

19 For Aaron and his sons [†] shall wash their hands and their feet thereat:

20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:

21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and [†] it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

22 [†] Moreover the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Take thou also unto thee [†] principal spices, of pure [†] myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of [†] sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels,

24 And of [†] cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive an hin:

25 And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the ^{*} apothecary: it shall be [†] an holy anointing oil.

26 And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony,

27 And the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of incense,

28 And the altar of burnt offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot.

CHAP. XXX.—1. to burn incense, to counteract the smell of the slaughtered animals, and symbolical of God being propitious, receiving our prayers and confessions. 9. strange incense, made not according to the Divine direction. 10. an atonement. the Hebrew means, 'covering,' intimating that our offences are screened from Divine justice. once a year, on the day of expiation, Lev. xvi. 19; Nu.

xxix. 7. 12. a ransom, intimating that their souls were forfeited by sin. 13. shekel, &c. see Gen. xx. 16, note. 15. rich—poor, all redeemed alike. 21. shall wash, to teach them purity. for ever, during the Jewish economy. 23. principal, or most excellent. 25. an holy anointing oil, signifying the Spirit of God, and his graces. 26. the tabernacle, a part of it for the whole, typical of Christ's human nature

9 And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: ^a whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy.

10 And ^b thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

11 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.

12 Upon man's flesh shall it not be used, neither shall ye make any other use of it, after the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you.

13 Whosoever compoundeth any like it, whosoever putteth any of it upon a man, ^c I shall even be cut off from his people.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and gahcha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall ye be a like weight:

15 And thou shalt make it a perfume, a sweet odour after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy:

16 And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: ^m it shall be unto you most holy.

17 And as for the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the LORD.

18 Whosoever shall make like unto that, smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 See, ⁿ I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

3 And I have ^o filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

5 And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are ^p wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;

7 The ^q tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense,

9 And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and ^r the laver and his foot,

10 And ^s the cloths of service, and the

B. C. 1491.

^a ch. 29. 37.

^b ch. 29. 7, &c.

^c Le. 8. 12, 30.

^d ch. 30. 25, 31.

^e ch. 37. 29.

^f Le. 19. 3, 30.

^g ch. 26. 2.

^h Is. 56. 2, 4, 7.

ⁱ Eze. 44. 21.

^j ch. 20. 8.

^k De. 5. 12.

^l Eze. 20. 12.

^m Ge. 17. 14.

ⁿ Le. 7. 20, 21.

^o ch. 35. 2.

^p Nu. 15. 35.

^q ch. 25. 6.

^r ch. 37. 29.

^s ch. 20. 9.

^t ch. 16. 23.

^u ch. 20. 10.

^v Ge. 2. 2.

^w holiness.

^x salted.

^y Le. 2. 13.

^z Le. 16. 2.

^{aa} ch. 29. 37.

^{ab} Le. 2. 3.

^{ac} Eze. 20. 12.

^{ad} ch. 1. 31.

^{ae} ch. 2. 2.

^{af} ch. 24. 12.

^{ag} ch. 34. 28, 29.

^{ah} De. 4. 13.

^{ai} ch. 5. 22.

^{aj} ch. 9. 10, 11.

^{ak} 2 Co. 3. 3.

^{al} ch. 35. 30.

^{am} ch. 24. 18.

^{an} De. 9. 9.

^{ao} 1 Ch. 2. 20.

^{ap} Ac. 7. 40.

^{aq} 1 Ki. 7. 14.

^{ar} ch. 13. 21.

^{as} Ju. 8. 24, 27.

^{at} ch. 35. 34.

^{au} ch. 20. 23.

^{av} De. 9. 16.

^{aw} Ju. 17. 3, 4.

^{ax} 1 Ki. 12. 28.

^{ay} Ne. 9. 18.

^{az} Ps. 106. 19.

^{ba} Is. 46. 6.

^{bb} Ro. 4. 41.

^{bc} Ro. 1. 23.

^{bd} ch. 28. 3.

^{be} ch. 36. 1.

^{bf} ch. 36. 8.

^{bg} ch. 37. 1, &c.

^{bh} Le. 23. 2, 4.

^{bi} ch. 21. 37.

^{bj} 2 Ki. 10. 20.

^{bk} 2 Ch. 30. 5.

^{bl} vessels.

^{bm} f ch. 38. 1.

^{bn} 1 Co. 10. 7.

^{bo} ch. 38. 8.

^{bp} ch. 39. 1, 41.

^{bq} Nu. 4. 5, 6, &c.

holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,

11 And ^c the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

12 ^d And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, ^e Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.

14 Ye ^f shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for ^g whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

15 Six ^h days may work be done; but in the ⁱ seventh is the sabbath of rest, ^j holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

17 It is ^k a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for ^l in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

18 ^m And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, ⁿ two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

CHAP. XXXII.

AND when the people saw that Moses ^a delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, ^b Up, make us gods, which shall ^c go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the ^d golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

4 And ^e he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made ^f proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD.

6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the ^g people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

7 ^h And the LORD said unto Moses,

of his church, both having the unction of the Holy Spirit. 32. Upon man's flesh, &c. which was done at the feast of the Passover. 34. stacte, gum which drops from the myrrh tree. gahcha, a root, the colour of a man's skin, and a principal perfume in India, supposed to be the crust of the shell-fish purpura.

CHAP. XXXI.—2. called by name, i. e. appointed to a certain work. 3. the spirit of God, 'a spirit,' an excellent spirit, i. e. given him a superior genius.

6. put wisdom, i. e. more wisdom. 8. pure, the gold and oil being the purest. 18. finger of God, his power, without any agency.

CHAP. XXXII.—1. gods, Alechim, 'a god.' 2. earrings, often used as amulets, and worn by both sexes. 4. and fashioned it, i. e. caused it to be formed, or they fashioned it. 5. Lord, 'Jehovah,' hence it seems they wished the image to represent the true God. 6. to eat, &c. of the peace-offerings. to play, or dance.

^a Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, ^e have corrupted themselves:

8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which ^d I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, ^e These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, ^f I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:

10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and ^g I will make of thee a great nation.

11 And ^h Moses besought [†] the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

12 Wherefore ^m should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou ^o swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, ^p I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

14 And the LORD ^q repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

15 ^r And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony ^{were} in his hand: the tables ^{were} written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other ^{were} they written.

16 And the ^v tables ^{were} the work of God, and the writing ^{was} the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, ^{There is} a noise of war in the camp.

18 And he said, ^{It is} not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither ^{is} it the voice of them that cry for ^{||} being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear.

19 [¶] And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt ^{it} in the fire, and ground ^{it} to powder, and strawed ^{it} upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of ^{it}.

21 And Moses said unto Aaron, [¶] What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger

B. C. 1491.

^a De. 9. 12.

^b ch. 14. 11.

^c Ge. 6. 11, 12.

^d De. 4. 16.

^e 32. 5.

^f Ju. 2. 19.

^g Ho. 9. 9.

^h ch. 20. 3, 23.

ⁱ De. 9. 16.

^j 1 Ki. 12. 28.

^k 2 Ch. 30. 8.

^l Is. 48. 4.

^m Ac. 7. 51.

ⁿ ver. 4.

^o ch. 33. 4, 5.

^p 2 Ch. 28. 19.

^q those that rose up against them.

^r Nu. 14. 12.

^s Ps. 74. 1, 2.

^t 106. 23.

^u the face of the LORD.

^v Nu. 14. 13.

^w De. 32. 27.

^x Nu. 25. 5.

^y De. 33. 9.

^z Ge. 22. 16.

^{aa} He. 6. 13.

^{ab} or, And Moses said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the LORD, because every man hath been against his son, and against his brother, &c.

^{ac} P De. 13. 6, 11.

^{ad} 1 Sa. 15. 18, 22.

^{ae} Pr. 21. 3.

^{af} Zec. 13. 3.

^{ag} Mat. 10. 37.

^{ah} § Fill your hands.

^{ai} r Ge. 12. 7.

^{aj} 2 Sa. 24. 16.

^{ak} 1 Ch. 21. 15.

^{al} Je. 26. 13, 19.

^{am} Joel 2. 13.

^{an} Jon. 3. 10.

^{ao} t 1 Sa. 12. 20, 23.

^{ap} Lu. 15. 18.

^{aq} u 2 Sa. 16. 12.

^{ar} Am. 5. 15.

^{as} v ch. 31. 18.

^{at} Ro. 9. 3.

^{au} s Ps. 56. 8.

^{av} 139. 16.

^{aw} Da. 12. 1.

^{ax} Ph. 4. 3.

^{ay} Re. 3. 5.

^{az} Eze. 18. 4.

^{ba} || weakness.

^{bb} a Nu. 20. 16.

^{bc} b Am. 3. 14.

^{bd} Ro. 2. 5, 6.

^{be} c 2 Sa. 12. 9.

^{bf} Ac. 7. 41.

^{bg} d Ge. 12. 7.

^{bh} e Ge. 20. 9.

of my lord wax hot: ^b thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief.

23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there ^c came out this calf.

25 [¶] And when Moses saw that the people ^{were} ^a naked; (for Aaron ^h had made them naked unto their shame among [¶] their enemies:)

26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and [¶] slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

29 [†] For ^p Moses had said, [§] Consecrate yourselves to day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

30 [¶] And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, [¶] Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; [¶] peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, [¶] blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

33 And the LORD said unto Moses, [¶] Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: [¶] behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless ^b in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

35 And the LORD plagued the people, because ^c they made the calf, which Aaron made.

CHAP. XXXIII.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swore unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ^d Unto thy seed will I give it:

2 And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

9. stiff-necked, obstinate as the untrained ox. 10. Let me alone, i. e. Pray not for them. 14. repented, see Gen. vi. 6, note. 15. on both their sides, as on the two inside pages of a sheet of paper, so as to double up. 18. sing, rather, shout, like a giddy multitude. 19. brake them, showing that the covenant was now broken. 20. to powder, probably first turning it into gold leaf. 22. mischief, wicked-

ness. 25. naked, stripped of their moral excellence, or literally naked, like idolaters. 28. three thousand men, justly punished for idolatry. 30. I shall make an atonement, by his prayers prevail with God to forgive their sin. 32. thy book, the register of the people, i. e. 'let me die.' 35. plagued, continued so to do at certain times.

Unto ^a a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: ^d I consume thee in the way.

And when the people heard these evil things, ^e they mourned: ^f and no man durst put on him his ornaments.

For the LORD had said unto Moses, ^g say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.

And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which ^h sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp.

And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, ⁱ that all the people rose up, and stood every man ^j at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle.

And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood ^k at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD ^l talked with Moses.

And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand ^m at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door.

And ⁿ the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, ^o I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, ^p shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is ^q thy people.

And he said, ^r My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee ^s a rest.

And he said unto him, ^t If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? ^u Is it not in that thou goest with us? so ^v I shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

And the LORD said unto Moses, ^w I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

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^a ch. 3. 8.^b 1 Ti. 6. 16.^c ch. 34. 5. 7.^d Je. 31. 14.^e ch. 23. 21.^f ch. 32. 10.^g Nu. 16. 21, 45.^h Nu. 14. 1, 39.ⁱ 2 Sa. 19. 24.^j 2 Ki. 19. 1.^k Es. 4. 1, 4.^l Ezr. 9. 3.^m Job 1. 20.ⁿ Is. 32. 11.^o Eze. 24. 17.^p Ro. 9. 15, 16.^q Ro. 4. 4, 16.^r Ge. 32. 30.^s Ju. 6. 22.^t Is. 22. 13.^u Is. 6. 5.^v Is. 2. 21.^w Ps. 91. 1, 4.^x Jno. 1. 18.^y De. 4. 29.^z 2 Sa. 21. 1.^{aa} De. 10. 1, 4.^{ab} Nu. 16. 27.^{ac} Ps. 99. 7.^{ad} Ge. 32. 30.^{ae} Nu. 12. 8.^{af} De. 34. 10.^{ag} Nu. 14. 17.^{ah} Ge. 18. 19.^{ai} Je. 1. 5.^{aj} Jno. 10. 14, 15.^{ak} 2 Ti. 2. 19.^{al} 2 Ch. 30. 9.^{am} Ne. 9. 17.^{an} Ps. 116. 5.^{ao} Joel 2. 13.^{ap} Ps. 31. 19.^{aq} Ro. 2. 4.^{ar} Da. 9. 4.^{as} Ps. 103. 3.^{at} 130. 4.^{au} Da. 9. 9.^{av} Ep. 4. 32.^{aw} 1 Jno. 1. 9.^{ax} Ps. 86. 11.^{ay} Jos. 24. 19.^{az} Job 10. 14.^{ba} Mi. 6. 11.^{bb} Na. 1. 3.^{bc} Joel 2. 17.^{bd} ch. 40. 34.^{be} 38.^{bf} Is. 63. 9.^{bg} De. 3. 20.^{bh} Jos. 22. 4.^{bi} Ps. 95. 11.^{bj} ver. 3.^{bk} Nu. 14. 14.^{bl} De. 4. 7, 34.^{bm} 2 Sa. 7. 23.^{bn} 1 Ki. 8. 53.^{bo} Ps. 147. 20.^{bp} Ps. 94. 14.^{bq} Je. 10. 16.^{br} Zec. 2. 12.^{bs} Ge. 19. 21.^{bt} Ja. 5. 16.^{bu} 2 Sa. 7. 23.

18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me ^c thy glory.

19 And he said, ^d I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee: ^e and will be ^f gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for ^g there shall no man see me, and live.

21 And the LORD said, Behold, ^h there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee ⁱ in a cleft of the rock, and will ^j cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see ^k my back parts: but my face shall ^l not be seen.

CHAP. XXXIV.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, ^m Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon ⁿ these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.

2 And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount.

3 And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

4 And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed ^o the name of the LORD.

6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD ^p God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in ^q goodness and truth,

7 Keeping ^r mercy for thousands, ^s forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and ^t that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for ^u thine inheritance.

10 And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will ^v do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all

for God says, 'I will not go up.' 3. milk and honey, see ch. iii. 8, note. stiff-necked, see ch. xxxii. 9, note. 7. the tabernacle, a sacred tent, probably long in use, the new tabernacle not being yet erected: or Moses's own tent. 11. speaketh unto his friend, i. e. with unreserved confidence. a young man, a chosen one: it denotes excellency, for Joshua was now aged fifty. 12. by name, to call by name was a mark of favour, bestowed by eastern monarchs. 13. thy way, the way of his duty. 14. my presence, its visible sign in the cloud. 15. hence, from the mount to Canaan.

16. separated, distinguished by peculiar favours, 'made glorious.'—Sept. 23. my back parts, 'that which I shall be hereafter,' perhaps Christ in his glorified humanity, as seen on the mount. my face, i. e. unincarnate Deity.

CHAP. XXXIV.—2. present thyself to me, or, stand before me, the posture of the most honoured servants. 7. by no means clear, &c. God's mercy and grace consist with an entire hatred of sin, and determination to punish it. 9. If now, 'since now.' my Lord, not Jehovah, but Adonai, the Ruler, Director, i. e.

the people among which thou art shall see the work of the LORD : for it is ^a a terrible thing that I will do with thee.

11 Observe ^b thou that which I command thee this day : behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for ^a a snare in the midst of thee :

13 But ye shall destroy their altars, break their [†] images, and [‡] cut down their groves :

14 For thou shalt worship no other god : for the LORD, whose [§] name is Jealous, is a jealous God :

15 Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they ⁱ go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one ^k call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice :

16 And thou take of ^m their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.

17 Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

18 ⁿ The feast of ^o unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib : for in the month Abib thou earnest out from Egypt.

19 All ^p that openeth the matrix is mine ; and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male.

20 But ^q the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb : and if thou shalt redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me ^r empty.

21 ^s Six ^t days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest : in eaving time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

22 ^u And ^v thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the ^w year's end.

23 ^x Thrice ^y in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel.

24 For I will ^b cast out the nations before thee, and ^c enlarge thy borders : ^d neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year.

25 Thou ^e shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven ; ^f neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning.

26 The ^g first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. ^h Thou shalt not see the kid in his mother's milk.

27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou ⁱ these words : for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

28 And ^j he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights ; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And ^k he

B. C. 1491.

^a De. 10. 21.

Ps. 145. 6.

Is. 64. 3.

^{* words.}^b Jno. 14. 21.^c ch. 32. 15, 16.^d Mat. 17. 2.^e 2 Co. 3. 7, 13.^f ch. 23. 33.^{† statues.}[‡] Jn. 6. 25.[§] 2 Ki. 18. 4.

23. 14.

^{||} So Is. 9. 6.

57. 15.

^h ch. 24. 3.ⁱ Ju. 2. 17.

Je. 3. 9.

Eze. 6. 9.

^k Nu. 25. 2.^l 1 Co. 10. 27.^m 2 Co. 3. 13.

16.

ⁿ Ezr. 9. 2.^o He. 4. 16.

10. 19, 22.

^p ch. 12. 15.^q Eze. 44. 30.

Lu. 2. 23.

^r ch. 34. 32.^s Nu. 18. 15.^t or, kid.^u ch. 20. 9.

31. 14, 15.

^v Le. 23. 3.

Nu. 15. 32.

&c.

De. 5. 12.

Lu. 13. 14.

^{|| holiness.}¹ Sa. 9. 7, 8.² Sa. 24. 24.^v ch. 20. 9.

Lu. 13. 14.

^x ch. 16. 23.^y ch. 23. 16.^{|| revolution of the year.}^z ch. 23. 14, 17.

De. 16. 16.

^a ch. 25. 2.^b Le. 18. 24.

De. 7. 1.

Ps. 78. 55.

80. 8.

^c De. 12. 20.

19. 8.

^d Ge. 35. 5.² Ch. 17. 10.

Pr. 16. 7.

Ac. 18. 10.

^e ch. 25. 6.^f ch. 23. 18.^g ch. 12. 10.^h ch. 31. 6.ⁱ ch. 23. 19.

De. 26. 10.

^k De. 14. 21.^l ch. 26. 1, 2.

&c.

^m De. 4. 13.

31. 9.

ⁿ ch. 25. 10.

&c.

^o ch. 24. 18.

De. 9. 9, 18.

^p ch. 25. 23.^q ch. 25. 30.

Le. 24. 5, 6.

^r ch. 31. 18.

De. 10. 2, 4.

^s ch. 25. 31, &c.

wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten ^{*} commandments.

29 [†] And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the [‡] two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that ^d the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.

30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone ; and they were afraid to come nigh him.

31 And Moses came unto them ; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him : and Moses talked with them.

32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh : ^k and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai.

33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put ^l a vail on his face.

34 But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, ⁿ he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded.

35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone : and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

CHAP. XXXV.

AND Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, ^r These are the words which the LORD hath commanded, that ye should do them.

2 Six ^s days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you ^t an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD : whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.

3 Ye ^x shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.

4 ^y And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying,

5 Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD : ^a whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD ; gold, and silver, and brass,

6 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' ^b hair,

7 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,

8 And oil for the light, ^c and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense,

9 And onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the breastplate.

10 And ^d every wise hearted among you shall come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded ;

11 The ^e tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets,

12 The ^f ark, and the staves thereof, with the mercy seat, and the vail of the covering,

13 The ^g table, and his staves, and all his vessels, ^h and the shewbread,

14 The ⁱ candlestick also for the light,

probably the Angel of the covenant. 17. molten included graven images. 21. eaving time, seed-time. 26. see the, ch. xxiii. 19, note. 28. shone, was horned,

an expression for darting rays. Hence the frequent representations of Moses with illuminated horns.

CHAP. XXXV.—3. no fire, probably except from

and his furniture, and his lamps, with the
for the light,

15 And ^b the incense altar, and his
graves, ^c and the anointing oil, and ^d the
sweet incense, and the hanging for the
door at the entering in of the tabernacle,

16 The ^f altar of burnt offering, with
his brassen grate, his staves, and all his
essels, the laver and his foot,

17 The ^g hangings of the court, his pil-
lars, and their sockets, and the hanging
for the door of the court,

18 The pins of the tabernacle, and the
pins of the court, and their cords,

19 The ^k cloths of service, to do service
in the holy place, the holy garments for
Aaron the priest, and the garments of his
sons, to minister in the priest's office.

20 ^l And all the congregation of the
children of Israel departed from the pre-
sence of Moses.

21 And they came, every one ⁿ whose
heart stirred him up, and every one whom
his spirit made willing, and they brought
the LORD's offering to the work of the
tabernacle of the congregation, and for all
his service, and for the holy garments.

22 And they came, both men and wo-
men, as many as were willing hearted,
and brought bracelets, and earrings, and
rings, and tablets, and jewels of gold: and
every man that offered offered an offering
of gold unto the LORD.

23 And ^o every man, with whom was
found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and
fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins
of rams, and badgers' skins, brought them.

24 Every one that did offer an offering
of silver and brass brought the LORD's
offering: and every man, with whom was
found shittim wood for any work of the
service, brought it.

25 And all the women that were ^u wise
hearted did spin with their hands, and
brought that which they had spun, both
of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet,
and of fine linen.

26 And all the women whose heart
stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair.

27 And ^v the rulers brought onyx stones,
and stones to be set, for the ephod, and
for the breastplate;

28 And ^w spice, and oil for the light,
and for the anointing oil, and for the
sweet incense.

29 The children of Israel brought a
^b willing offering unto the LORD, every
man and woman, whose heart made them
willing to bring for all manner of work,
which the LORD had commanded to be
made by the hand of Moses.

30 ^l And Moses said unto the children
of Israel, See, ^c the LORD hath called by
name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of
Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

31 And he hath ^d filled him with the
spirit of God, in wisdom, in understand-
ing, and in knowledge, and in all manner
of workmanship;

32 And to devise curious works, to work
in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

33 And in the cutting of stones, to set
them, and in carving of wood, to make
any manner of cunning work.

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^a ch. 31. 6.

^b ch. 30. 1.

^c ch. 30. 23.

^d ch. 30. 34.

^e ch. 31. 3.

1 Ki. 7. 14.

2 Ch. 2. 14.

Is. 28. 26.

54. 16.

^f ch. 27. 1.

^g ch. 27. 9.

^h 1 Co. 1. 5, 7.

12. 4, 8.

12.

Ga. 3. 5.

2 Ti. 2. 15.

ⁱ ch. 28. 3.

31. 6.

35. 10, 35.

^k ch. 31. 10.

39. 1, 41.

Nu. 4. 5, 6.

&c.

^l ch. 25. 8.

He. 8. 2.

^m Ps. 119. 6.

Mat. 28. 20.

Lu. 1. 6.

ⁿ ver. 5, 22, 26.

29.

ch. 25. 2.

36. 2.

1 Ch. 28. 2, 9.

29. 9.

Ezr. 7. 27.

2 Co. 6. 12.

9. 7.

^o ch. 35. 2, 26.

1 Ch. 29. 5.

^p ch. 35. 27.

Ps. 5. 3.

Is. 50. 4.

^q 1 Ch. 29. 8.

2 Ch. 24. 14.

31. 6. 10.

2 Co. 8. 2, 3.

Phi. 2. 21.

4. 17, 18.

^u ch. 28. 3.

31. 6.

36. 1.

2 Ki. 23. 7.

Pr. 31. 19, 22.

24.

^v ch. 26. 1.

^x 1 Ch. 15. 1.

1 Ki. 6. 23.

2 Ch. 3. 10.

Eze. 1. 5. 28.

10. 1. 19.

^z 1 Ch. 29. 6.

Ezr. 2. 68.

^a ch. 30. 23.

1 Ch. 29. 9.

^c ch. 31. 2, &c.

1 Ki. 7. 13.

14.

Is. 28. 16.

Jno. 3. 27.

1 Co. 3. 10.

12. 4, 11.

Ja. 1. 17.

^d ch. 26. 5.

^e Is. 11. 2, 3.

61. 1. 3.

Col. 2. 3.

^f 1 Co. 12. 20.

Ep. 2. 20.

22.

1 Pe. 2. 4, 5.

^g ch. 26. 7.

34 And he hath put in his heart that
he may teach, both he, and ^a Aholiab,
the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

35 Them hath he ^b filled with wisdom
of heart, to work all manner of work, of
the engraver, and of the cunning work-
man, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and
in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen,
and of the weaver, even of them that do
any work, and of those that devise ^c cunning
work.

CHAP. XXXVI.

THEN wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab,
and every ⁱ wise hearted man, in whom
the LORD put wisdom and understanding
to know how to work all manner of work
for the service of the ^j sanctuary, according
^m to all that the LORD had commanded.

2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aho-
liab, and every wise hearted man, in
whose heart the LORD had put wisdom,
even every one ^o whose heart stirred him
up to come unto the work to do it:

3 And they received of Moses all the of-
fering, which the children of Israel ^p had
brought for the work of the service of the
sanctuary, to make it *withal*. And they
brought yet unto him free offerings every
^q morning.

4 And all the wise men, that wrought
all the work of the sanctuary, came every
man from his work which they made;

5 ^r And they spake unto Moses, say-
ing, ^s The people bring much more than
enough for the service of the work, which
the LORD commanded to make.

6 And Moses gave commandment, and
they caused it to be proclaimed through-
out the camp, saying, Let neither man
nor woman make any more work for the
offering of the sanctuary. So the people
were restrained from bringing.

7 For the stuff they had was sufficient
for all the work to make it, and too much.

8 ^t And ^u every wise hearted man among
them that ^v wrought the work of the ta-
bernacle made ten curtains of fine twined
linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet:
with ^w cherubims of cunning work made
he them.

9 The length of one curtain *was* twenty
and eight cubits, and the breadth of one
curtain four cubits: the curtains *were* all
of one size.

10 And he coupled the five curtains one
unto another: and the other five curtains
he coupled one unto another.

11 And he made loops of blue on the
edge of one curtain from the selvedge in
the coupling: likewise he made in the
utermost side of another curtain, in the
coupling of the second.

12 Fifty ^x loops made he in one curtain,
and fifty loops made he in the edge of
the curtain which *was* in the coupling of
the second: the loops held one curtain to
another.

13 And he made fifty taches of gold, and
coupled the curtains one unto another
with the taches: so it became ^y one taber-
nacle.

14 ^z And ^a he made curtains of goats'
hair for the tent over the tabernacle: ^b
eleven curtains he made them.

absolute necessity. 18. pins, see ch. xxvii. 19. 19.
cloths of service, perhaps to cover the furniture in
moving; also aprons, towels. &c. 22. tablets, thought

from the word to signify a bosom girdle. Dr. Geddes
renders it 'loockets.'

CHAP. XXXVI.—2. called, or had called.

15 The length of one curtain *was* thirty cubits, and four cubits *was* the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains *were* of one size.

16 And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves.

17 And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which completh the second.

18 And he made fifty taches of brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

19 And ^b he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above *that*.

20 ¹ And ^a he made boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood, standing up.

21 The length of a board *was* ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.

22 One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side southward:

24 And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, *which is toward the north corner*, he made twenty boards,

26 And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

27 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward he made six boards.

28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

29 And they were [†] coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to both of them in both the corners.

30 And there were eight boards; and their sockets *were* sixteen sockets of silver, [§] under every board two sockets.

31 ¹ And he made ^k bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle.

32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward.

33 And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.

34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold to be places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35 ¹ And he made ⁿ a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: *with* cherubims made he it of cunning work.

36 And he made thereunto four pillars of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks *were* of gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver.

37 ¹ And he made an ^o hanging for the tabernacle door of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, ^{*} of needlework;

38 And the five pillars of it with their

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^a ch. 25. 10.
26. 33.
31. 7.

40. 3. 20.

21.

Nu. 10. 33..

36.

^b ch. 26. 14.

^c ch. 26. 15.

^d ch. 25. 5. 10.

De. 10. 3.

^e 1Pe. 1. 18, 19.

^f ch. 25. 17.

Le. 16. 12..

15.

1 Ch. 28. 11.

Ro. 3. 25.

He. 9. 5.

1 Juo. 2. 2.

^g 1 Ki. 6. 23..

29.

Ps. 80. 1.

^{*} or, out of,

&c.

[†] or, out of,

&c.

^h Ge. 3. 24.

28. 12.

Is. 6. 2. 3.

Eze. X.

Jno. 1. 51.

He. 1. 14.

ⁱ ch. 25. 23.

Eze. 40. 39.

.. 42.

Mal. 1. 12.

Col. 1. 27.

[†] twined.

[§] two sockets,

two sockets

under one

board.

^k ch. 26. 26.

^l ch. 25. 29.

1 Ki. 7. 50.

2 Ki. 12. 13.

Je. 52. 18.

19.

2 Ti. 2. 20.

^{||} or, to pour

out *withal*.

^m ch. 25. 31.

Le. 24. 4.

1 Ch. 28. 15.

2 Ch. 13. 11.

Zec. 4. 2. 11.

Mat. 5. 15.

Phi. 2. 15.

He. 9. 2.

Re. 2. 1. 5.

ⁿ ch. 26. 31.

Mit. 27. 51.

He. 10. 20.

^o ch. 26. 36.

^{*} the work of

a needle-

worker,

or, em-

broiderer.

hooks: and he overlaid their chapters and their fillets with gold: but their five sockets *were* of brass.

CHAP. XXXVII.

AND Bezaleel made ^a the ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half *was* the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it:

2 And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about.

3 And he cast for it four rings of gold, to be set by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it.

4 And he made staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with ^c gold.

5 And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

6 ¹ And he made the ^f mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half *was* the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

7 And he made ^g two cherubims of gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat;

8 One cherub ^{*} on the end on this side, and another cherub [†] on the other end on that side: out of the mercy seat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

9 And the cherubims ^h spread out *their* wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another; *even to the mercy seatward* were the faces of the cherubims.

10 ¹ And he made ⁱ the table of shittim wood: two cubits *was* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about.

12 Also he made thereunto a border of an hand breadth round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about.

13 And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that *were* in the four feet thereof.

14 Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table.

15 And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table.

16 And he made the vessels which *were* upon the table, his ^j dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers ^{||} to cover *withal*, of pure gold.

17 ¹ And he made the ^m candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, were of the same:

18 And six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof:

19 Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick.

20 And in the candlestick *were* four bowls made like ^a almonds, his knops, and his flowers.
 21 And a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it.
 22 Their knops and their branches were the same: all of it *was* one beaten work of pure gold.
 23 And he made his seven ^b lamps, and his snufflers, and his snuffdishes, of pure gold.
 24 Of a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof.
 25 ^c And ^e he made the incense altar of shittim wood: the length of it *was* a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; it *was* foursquare; and two cubits *was* the height of the horns thereof *were* of the same.
 26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, both the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about.
 27 And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal.
 28 And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.
 29 ^f And he made ^g the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

AND ^h he made the altar of burnt offering of shittim wood: five cubits *was* the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof; it *was* foursquare; and three cubits the height thereof.
 2 And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it: the horns thereof *were* of the same: and he overlaid it with brass.
 3 And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basons, and the ⁱ fleshhooks, and the firepans: all the vessels thereof made he of brass.
 4 And he made for the altar a brass grate of network under the compass thereof beneath unto the midst of it.
 5 And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, to be places for the staves.
 6 And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with brass.
 7 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.
 8 ^j And he made ^k the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the ^l looking-glasses of the women assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
 9 ^m And he made ⁿ the court: on the south side southward the hangings of the court *were* of fine twined linen, an hundred cubits:
 10 Their pillars *were* twenty, and their brassen sockets twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *were* of silver.
 11 And for the north side the hangings *were* an hundred cubits, their pillars *were* twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty;

B. C. 1491.

^a Nu. 17. 8.
 Ec. 12. 5.
 Je. 1. 11.
^b ch. 25. 37.
 Nu. 8. 2.
 Ze. 4. 2.
 Re. 1. 12, 20.
 4. 5.
^c ch. 30. 1.
 2 Ch. 26. 16.
 Mat. 23. 19.
 Lu. 1. 9, 10.
 He. 7. 25.
 13. 10.
 Re. 8. 3, 4.
^d 2 Ch. 3. 14.
^e ch. 30. 23.
 34.
 Ps. 23. 5.
 92. 10.
 2 Co. 1. 21.
 22.
 1 Jno. 2. 20.
 27.
^f ch. 27. 19.
 2 Ch. 3. 9.
 Ezr. 9. 8.
 Ec. 12. 11.
 Is. 22. 23.
 33. 20.
 Ep. 2. 21, 22.
 Col. 2. 19.
^g Nu. 1. 50, 53.
 9. 15.
 10. 11.
 17. 7, 8.
 18. 2.
 2 Ch. 24. 6.
 Ac. 7. 44.
^h ch. 27. 1.
 40. 6, 29.
 2 Ch. 4. 1.
 Eze. 43. 13.
 17.
 Ro. 8. 3, 4.
 12. 1.
 He. 9. 14.
 1 Pe. 2. 5.
ⁱ Nu. 4. 28, 33.
^k ch. 31. 2, 6.
^l ch. 35. 34, 35.
^m 1 Sa. 2. 13.
ⁿ 1 Ch. 22. 14.
 16.
 29. 2, 7.
 Hag. 2. 8.
^o ch. 25. 2.
 29. 24.
 35. 22.
^p ch. 30. 13.
 24.
 Le. 5. 15.
 27. 3, 25.
 Nu. 3. 47.
 18. 16.
^r ch. 30. 18.
^s ch. 30. 13, 15.
^t a poll.
^u or, brassen glasses.
^v assembling by troops, as 1 Sa. 2. 22.
^w ch. 12. 37.
 Nu. 1. 46.
^x Ps. 84. 2, 10.
 92. 13.
 100. 4.
 116. 19.
^y ch. 26. 19, 21.
 25, 32.

the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver.

12 And for the west side *were* hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver.

13 And for the east side eastward fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of the one side of the gate *were* fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And for the other side of the court gate, on this hand and that hand, *were* hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 All the hangings of the court round about *were* of fine twined linen.

17 And the sockets for the pillars *were* of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver; and the overlaying of their chapters of silver; and all the pillars of the court *were* filleted with silver.

18 And the hanging for the gate of the court *was* needlework, of ^a blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits *was* the length, and the height in the breadth *was* five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court.

19 And their pillars *were* four, and their sockets of brass four; their hooks of silver, and the overlaying of their chapters and their fillets of silver.

20 And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, *were* of brass.

21 ^b This is the sum of the tabernacle, even of ^c the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest.

22 And ^d Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

23 And with him *was* ^e Aholiab, son of Anisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.

24 All ^f the gold that *was* occupied for the work in all the work of the holy place, even the gold of the ^g offering, *was* twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after ^h the shekel of the sanctuary.

25 And the silver of them that *were* numbered of the congregation *was* an hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:

26 A ⁱ bekah for ^j every man, that is, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for ^k six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty men.

27 And of the hundred talents of silver *were* cast ^l the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the veil; an hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

28 And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five shekels he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapters, and filleted them.

29 And the brass of the offering was seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels.

30 And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the brassen altar, and the brassen grate for it, and all the vessels of the altar,

31 And ^a the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the court gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

CHAP. XXXIX.

AND of ^b the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made ^c cloths of service, to do service in the ^d holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; ^e as the LORD commanded Moses.

2 And ^f he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, with ^g cunning work.

4 They made shoulderpieces for it, to couple ^h it together: by the two edges was it coupled together.

5 And the ⁱ curious girdle of his ephod, that was upon it, was of the same, according to the work thereof; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the LORD ^j commanded Moses.

6 ^k And ^l they wrought onyx stones inclosed in ouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel.

7 And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, that they should be stones for a ^m memorial to the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

8 ⁿ And ^o he made the breastplate of cunning work, like the work of the ephod: of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 It was foursquare; they made the breastplate double: a span was the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, being doubled.

10 And ^p they set in it four rows of stones: the first row was a ^q sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this was the first row.

11 And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

12 And the third row, a figure, an agate, and an amethyst.

13 And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: they were inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings.

14 And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according ^r to the twelve tribes.

15 And they made upon the breastplate ^s chains at the ends, of wreathen work of pure gold.

16 And they made two ouches of gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate.

17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastened in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod, before it.

19 And they made two rings of gold,

B. C. 1491.

^a ch. 26. 37.
27. 10.

^b ch. 25. 4.
26. 1.
35. 23.

^c Mat. 16. 24.
1 Co. 1. 25.
27.

^d ch. 31. 10.
35. 19.

^e ch. 28. 31.

^f Ps. 93. 5.
Eze. 43. 12.
He. 9. 12, 25.

^g ch. 28. 4.
^h ch. 28. 6.
Le. 8. 7.

ⁱ ch. 28. 33.

^k ch. 26. 1.
36. 8.

^l ch. 28. 8.
29. 5.

^m Is. 11. 5.
Re. 1. 13.

ⁿ ch. 28. 39, 40.

^o Mat. 28. 20.
1 Co. 11. 23.
He. 11. 19.

^p ch. 28. 439.
Eze. 44. 18.

^q ch. 28. 9.

^r ch. 28. 42.

^s ch. 28. 39.

^t ch. 28. 36, 37.

^u ch. 28. 12.

^v 2 Co. 5. 21.
He. 7. 26.

^w ch. 28. 15.

^x Zec. 14. 20.
Tit. 2. 14.
Re. 5. 10.

^y ver. 42, 43.
ch. 25. 40.
De. 12. 32.

^z 1 Sa. 15. 22.
1 Ch. 28. 19.
Mat. 28. 20.

^a ch. 3. 2.
He. 8. 5.

^b ch. 28. 17.
&c.

^c or, ruby.

^d he. 9. 5.

^e Mat. 5. 14.
Phi. 2. 15.

^f Re. 21. 12.

^g 2 Ch. 3. 5.
Ca. 1. 10.

^h Jno. 10. 28.
17. 12.

ⁱ Pe. 1. 5.
Jude 1.

^j the incense of sweet spices.

and put *them* on the two ends of the breastplate, upon the border of it, which was on the side of the ephod inward.

20 And they made two *other* golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart of it, over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

21 And they did bind the breastplate by his rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod; as the LORD ^e commanded Moses.

22 ^f And ^g he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue.

23 And *there* was an hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of an habergeon, with a band round about the hole, that it should not rend.

24 And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twined linen.

25 And they made ⁱ bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates;

26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister *in*; as the LORD commanded Moses.

27 ^j And ^k they made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons,

28 And ^l a mitre of fine linen, and goodly bonnets of fine linen, and ^m linen breeches of fine twined linen,

29 And ⁿ a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework; as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 ^o And ^p they made the plate of the ^q holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like to the engravings of a signet, ^r HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten *it* on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses.

32 ^s Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did ^t according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

33 ^u And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets,

34 And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the veil of the covering,

35 The ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the ^v mercy seat,

36 The table, and all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread,

37 The pure candlestick, with the lamps thereof, *even* with the lamps ^w to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light,

38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and ^x the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door,

39 The brassen altar, and his grate of brass, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot,

40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation,

41 The cloths of service to do service in the holy place, and the holy garments for

Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, minister in the priest's office.

42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work.

43 And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses ^b blessed them.

CHAP. XL.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 On the first day of the ^e first month shalt thou set up ^f the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

3 And ^g thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail.

4 And ⁱ thou shalt bring in the table, and ^j set in order ^k the things that are to be set in order upon it; ^m and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof.

5 And ⁿ thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door of the tabernacle.

6 And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

7 And ^o thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein.

8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate.

9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and ^p anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy.

10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and ^q it shall be an altar ^r most holy.

11 And thou shalt anoint the laver and its foot, and sanctify it.

12 And ^s thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water.

13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, ^t and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats:

15 And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be ^u an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

16 Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.

17 ^v And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the ^w tabernacle was reared up.

18 And Moses reared up the tabernacle,

B. C. 1491.

^a ch. 35. 10.

^b ch. 25. 16.

^c Le. 9. 22, 23.

Nu. 6. 23.

Jos. 22. 6.

2 Sa. 6. 13.

1 Ki. 8. 14.

2 Ch. 30. 27.

^d ch. 26. 33.

35. 12.

^e ch. 12. 2.

13. 4.

^f ch. 26. 1, 30.

^g ch. 26. 33.

Nu. 4. 5.

^h ch. 26. 35.

ⁱ ch. 26. 35.

^k ver. 4.

^l ch. 25. 30.

Le. 24. 5, 6.

^m the order thereof.

ⁿ He. 9. 2.

Re. 1. 12, 20.

2. 1. 5.

^o Ps. 119. 105.

^p Jno. 14. 6.

He. 10. 19.

22.

^q Jno. 2. 1, 2.

^r ch. 25. 37.

^s ch. 30. 6.

^t ch. 30. 34, 35.

^u ch. 30. 18.

^v ch. 26. 36.

^w He. 13. 10.

^x ch. 29. 38.

&c.

^y ch. 30. 26.

^z ch. 30. 18.

^a ch. 29. 36, 37.

[†] holiness of holinesses.

^b ch. 30. 19, 20.

^c Le. 8. 1. 13.

^d ch. 27. 9, 16.

^e ch. 28. 41.

^f ch. 29. 43.

Le. 16. 2.

Nu. 9. 15.

1 Ki. 8. 10.

11.

2 Ch. 5. 13.

7. 2.

Is. 6. 4.

Hag. 2. 7, 9.

Re. 15. 8.

^g Le. 16. 2.

1 Ki. 8. 11.

2 Ch. 5. 14.

^h Nu. 25. 13.

Ps. 110. 4.

He. V.

VII. X.

ⁱ Nu. 9. 17.

10. 11.

Ne. 9. 19.

[†] journeyed.

^k Nu. 9. 19.

22.

^l ch. 13. 21.

Nu. 9. 15.

^m Nu. 7. 1.

ⁿ Is. 4. 5, 6.

and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars.

19 And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses.

20 ^v And he took and put ^h the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark:

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and ^d set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 ^u And ^k he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the vail.

23 And ^k he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moses.

24 ^u And ⁿ he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward.

25 And ^p he lighted the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

26 ^u And ^h he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the vail:

27 And ^h he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the LORD commanded Moses.

28 ^u And ⁿ he set up the hanging at the door of the tabernacle.

29 And ^v he put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and ^z offered upon it the burnt offering and the meat offering; as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 ^u And ^z he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash ^{withal}.

31 And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat:

32 When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; ^h as the LORD commanded Moses.

33 And ^d he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

34 ^u Then ^f a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses ^z was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

36 And ⁱ when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys:

37 But ^k if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

38 For ^l the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and ⁿ fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

CHAP. XXXIX. — 43. *had commanded*, see chap. xxxvii. 1, note.

CHAP. XL. — 15. *anointing* — *everlasting priesthood*, this anointing was to be used in the investiture of the

high-priest with his office, until the Messiah should come; but this present unction served for all the priests in successive generations.

The Third Book of MOSES, called LEVITICUS.

Describes the Levitical laws and ceremonies.

CHAP. I.

AND the LORD ^a called unto Moses, and spake unto him ^c out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, *even* of the herd, and of the flock.

3 If his offering *be* a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male ^e without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD.

4 And ^f he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall *be* ^g accepted for him ^h to make atonement for him.

5 And he shall kill the ⁱ bullock before the LORD: ^j and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, ^k and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

6 And he shall flay the burnt offering, and cut it into his pieces.

7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and ^l lay the wood in order upon the fire:

8 And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar:

9 But his inwards and his legs shall he wash in water: and the priest shall burn all on the altar, *to be* a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a ^m sweet savour unto the LORD.

10 ⁿ And if his offering *be* of the flocks, *namely*, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt sacrifice; he shall bring it a male ^o without blemish.

11 And ^p he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle his blood round about upon the altar.

12 And he shall cut it into his pieces, with his head and his fat: and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar:

13 But he shall wash the inwards and the legs with water: and the priest shall bring *it* all, and burn *it* upon the altar: it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

14 ^q And if the burnt sacrifice for his offering to the LORD *be* of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of ^r turtle doves, or of young pigeons.

15 And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and ^s wring off his head, and burn *it* on the altar; and the blood thereof shall *be* wrung out at the side of the altar:

16 And he shall pluck away his crop with ^t his feathers, and cast it ^u beside the altar on the east part, by the place of the ashes.

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^a Ex. 19. 3.

^b Ge. 15. 10

^c Ex. 40. 34, 35

^d Nu. 12. 4, 5.

^e ch. 9. 17.

^f Nu. 15. 4.

^g Ex. 12. 5.

^h De. 15. 21.

ⁱ Mal. 1. 14.

^j Ep. 5. 27.

^k He. 9. 14.

^l 1 Pe. 1. 19.

^m ch. 16. 21.

ⁿ Ex. 29. 10, 15, 19.

^o ch. 22. 21, 27.

^p Is. 56. 7.

^q Ro. 12. 1.

^r Phi. 4. 18.

^s ch. 9. 7.

^t Nu. 15. 25.

^u 2 Ch. 29. 23.

^v 24

^w Ro. 5. 11.

^x ch. 5. 12.

^y 6. 15.

^z 24. 7.

^{aa} Is. 66. 3.

^{ab} Ac. 10. 4.

^{ac} k Mi. 6. 6.

^{ad} l 2 Ch. 35. 11.

^{ae} He. 10. 11.

^{af} m ch. 7. 9.

^{ag} 10. 12, 13.

^{ah} n ch. 3. 8.

^{ai} He. 12. 24.

^{aj} 1 Pe. 1. 2.

^{ak} o Ex. 29. 37.

^{al} Nu. 18. 9.

^{am} p Ex. 29. 2.

^{an} r Ge. 22. 9.

^{ao} ^{or, on a flat plate, or, slice.}

^{ap} Ge. 8. 21.

^{aq} Eze. 20. 28, 41.

^{ar} 2 Co. 2. 15.

^{as} Ep. 5. 2.

^{at} ver. 3.

^{au} ver. 5.

^{av} Ex. 29. 18.

^{aw} Mar. 8. 15.

^{ax} Lu. 12. 1.

^{ay} 1 Co. 5. 8.

^{az} Ga. 5. 9.

^{ba} y ch. 23. 10, 11.

^{bb} Ex. 22. 29.

^{bc} z ascend.

^{bd} ch. 5. 7.

^{be} 12. 8.

^{bf} Lu. 2. 24.

^{bg} a Mar. 9. 49.

^{bh} Col. 4. 6.

^{bi} t or, pinch off the head with the nail.

^{bj} Nu. 18. 19.

^{bk} c Eze. 43. 24.

^{bl} s or, the fifth thereof.

^{bm} d ch. 6. 10.

^{bn} e ch. 23. 10, 14.

17 And he shall cleave it with the wings thereof, *but* ¹ shall not divide it asunder: and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that is upon the fire: it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

CHAP. II.

AND when any will offer a ¹ meat offering unto the LORD, his offering shall *be* of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon:

2 And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereof his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: and the priest shall burn ² the memorial of it upon the altar, *to be* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD:

3 And ³ the remnant of the meat offering shall *be* Aaron's and his sons': ⁴ it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

4 ⁵ And if thou bring an oblation of a meat offering baken in the oven, *it shall be* unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers ⁶ anointed with oil.

5 ⁷ And if thy oblation *be* a meat offering baken ⁸ in a pan, it shall *be* of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil.

6 Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour oil thereon: it is a meat offering.

7 ⁹ And if thy oblation *be* a meat offering baken in the fryingpan, it shall *be* made of fine flour with oil.

8 And thou shalt bring the meat offering that is made of these things unto the LORD: and when it is presented unto the priest, he shall bring it unto the altar.

9 And the priest shall take from the meat offering a memorial thereof, and shall burn *it* upon the altar: *it is* an ¹⁰ offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

10 And that which is left of the meat offering shall *be* Aaron's and his sons': *it is* a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

11 No meat offering, which ye shall bring unto the LORD, shall *be* made with ¹¹ leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.

12 ¹² As ¹³ for the oblation of the firstfruits, ye shall offer them unto the LORD: but they shall not ¹⁴ be burnt on the altar for a sweet savour.

13 And every oblation of thy meat offering ¹⁵ shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer ¹⁶ the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: ¹⁷ with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

14 And if thou offer a meat offering of thy firstfruits unto the LORD, ¹⁸ thou shalt offer for the meat offering of thy firstfruits

and therefore without blood. oil, &c. would express that what gave a relish to food, God would have presented to him. 2. *burn the memorial*, 'burn them as a memorial.' 4. *wafers*, probably made, as with the Arabs, by laying batter on a stone pitcher having fire within, and the batter becomes baked, thin as a wafer. 11. *no leaven*, to keep in memory the exodus. *honey*, forbidden, because used in the gentile sacrifices. 13. *with salt*, expressive of its

CHAP. I.—3. *burnt sacrifice*, i. e. one wholly burnt on the altar. 4. *put his hand*, see Exod. xxix. 10, note. 7. *put fire*, it originally descended from heaven, and was afterwards preserved by supplying it, which is here meant.

CHAP. II.—1. *meat-offering*, rather, 'a wheat-offering,' the term meat being now restricted to flesh. This was not atoning, but an expression of gratitude,

een ears of corn dried by the fire, *even* *beaten out of* *a* full ears.
 15 And thou shalt put oil upon it, and frankincense thereon: it is a meat offering.
 16 And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, *part of the beaten corn thereof, and part of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD.*

CHAP. III.

AND if his oblation be *a* sacrifice of peace offering, if he offer it of the herd; whether it be a male or female, he shall offer it *5* without blemish before the LORD.

2 And *6* he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle blood upon the altar round about.

3 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of peace offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD; *7* the *8* fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards,

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

5 And Aaron's sons *9* shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which is upon the wood that is on the fire: it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

6 *10* And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offering unto the LORD be of the flock; male or female, *11* he shall offer it without blemish.

7 If he offer a lamb for his offering, then shall he *12* offer it before the LORD.

8 And he shall lay his hand *13* upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle the blood thereof round about upon the altar.

9 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of peace offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat thereof, and the whole rump, it shall he take off hard by the backbone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards,

10 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, shall he take away.

11 And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: it is *14* the food of the offering made by fire unto the LORD.

12 *15* And if his offering be a goat, then shall he offer it before the LORD.

13 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about.

14 And he shall offer thereof his offering, *16* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

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a 2 Ki. 4. 42.*b* ch. 7. 23, 25.*1* Sa. 2. 15.*2* Ch. 7. 7.*c* ch. 6. 18.

7. 36.

17. 7.

23. 14.

d ch. 7. 11, 29.

22. 21.

e De. 32. 14.

Ne. 8. 10.

He. 9. 12.

f ch. 7. 23, 25.

17. 10, 14.

Ge. 9. 4.

De. 12. 16.

1 Sa. 14. 33.

Eze. 44. 7, 15.

Ac. 15. 20, 21.

29.

Ep. 1. 7.

1 Ti. 4. 4.*5* ch. 1. 3.*h* ch. 1. 4, 5.

Ex. 29. 10.

i ch. 5. 15, 17.

Nu. 15. 22.

&c.

1 Sa. 14. 27.

Ps. 19. 12.

k ch. 8. 12.*l* ch. 4. 8, 9.

Ex. 29. 13, 22.

m or, *suet*.*n* ch. 9. 2.*o* ch. 1. 3, 4.*p* or, *midriff**over the liver, and**over the kidneys.**q* ch. 6. 12.

Ex. 29. 13.

r ch. 16. 14.

Nu. 19. 4.

s Ro. 12. 1.

Tit. 2. 11, 12.

t ch. 8. 15.

9. 9.

16. 18.

u 1 Ki. 8. 62.

Ep. 5. 2.

He. 9. 14.

v Is. 53. 6.

2 Co. 5. 21.

1 Pe. 2. 24.*x* ch. 5. 9.*y* ch. 3. 3, 5.

ch. 21. 6, 8.

17, 21, 22.

22. 25.

Eze. 44. 7.

Mal. 1. 7, 12.

z Ex. 29. 14.

Nu. 19. 5.

a ver. 1, 7, &c.*b* to without the camp.*c* ch. 6. 11.*d* He. 13. 11.*e* at the pouring out of the ashes.*f* Nu. 15. 24.

Jos. 7. 11.

LORD; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards,

15 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

16 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savour: *6* all the fat is the LORD'S.

17 It shall be a *6* perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither *6* fat nor *f* blood.

CHAP. IV.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, *2* If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them:

3 If *3* the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, *4* a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering.

4 And he shall bring the bullock *5* unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD.

5 And the priest that is anointed *6* shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation:

6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary.

7 And the priest shall *7* put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour *8* all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards,

9 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away,

10 As *9* it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt offering.

11 And *10* the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung,

12 Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth *11* without the camp unto a clean place, *12* where the ashes are poured out, and *13* burn him on the wood with fire; *14* where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt.

13 *15* And *16* if the whole congregation

arity and perfection. 14. green ears, parched corn was the food of the poor, and might show at God partook with them.

CHAP. III.—1. peace-offering, this was to express voluntary thanksgiving, free devotion, a vow, or to obtain peace and prosperity. 9. rump, see Exod. xiv. 22, note.

CHAP. IV.—2. ignorance, or mistake. 3. a young

bullock, as valuable an offering as for the whole congregation, ver. 14, showing the greatness of the sin of a high priest. 6. seven times, denoting perfection, and has respect to the complete efficacy of Christ's one great sacrifice. 12. without the camp, signifying the guilt of sin being now removed, see Heb. xiii. 11, 12. 13. the whole congregation, this provided for errors made by the priests and magistrates

of Israel sin through ignorance,^a and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which should not be done, and are guilty;

14 When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD: and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD.

16 And ^h the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation:

17 And the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, even before the veil.

18 And he shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before the LORD, that is in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

19 And he shall take all his fat from him, and burn it upon the altar.

20 And he shall do with the bullock as he did ⁱ with the bullock for a sin offering, so shall he do with this: ^m and the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them.

21 And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it is a sin offering for the congregation.

22 ⁿ When a ruler hath sinned, and ^r done somewhat through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD his God concerning things which should not be done, and is guilty;

23 Or ^e if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish:

24 And ^o he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD: it is a sin offering.

25 And ^p the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it ^q upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering.

26 And he shall burn all his fat upon the altar, as ^b the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings: ^c and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

27 ^f And ^d if ^{*} any one of the [†] common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty;

28 Or ^j if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned.

29 And ^k he shall lay his hand upon the

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a ch. 5. 2. 4.

b ch. 3. 14.

c ch. 3. 3.

d ch. 1. 9.

e Ex. 29. 18.

f ver. 26.

g ch. 1. 4.

h Jno. 1. 29.

i ver. 36.

j Pe. 1. 18.

k He. 9. 12.

l ch. 3. 5.

m Nu. 15. 25.

n Ro. 4. 25.

o Ep. 1. 6, 7.

p Col. 1. 14.

q ver. 3.

r Nu. 15. 25.

s Da. 9. 24.

t Ro. 5. 11.

u He. 2. 17.

v 10. 10. 12.

w 1 Jno. 1. 7.

x 2. 2.

y 1 Ki. 8. 31.

z Mat. 26. 63.

aa ver. 17.

ab ch. 7. 18.

ac 17. 16.

ad 19. 8.

ae 20. 17.

af Nu. 9. 13.

ag ch. 11. 24. 28.

ah 31. 33.

ai Nu. 19. 11.

aj 13. 16.

ak ver. 2. 13.

al s ver. 14.

am 2 Ki. 22. 10.

an 13.

ao ver. 17.

ap ch. XII.

aq XIII.

ar XV.

as ver. 4, &c.

at Is. 53. 6.

au 1 Sa. 25. 22.

av Mar. 6. 23.

aw Ac. 23. 12.

ax y ch. 9. 9.

ay z Ro. 3. 24.

az 10. 4.

ba He. 2. 10.

bb ch. 16. 21.

bc 26. 40.

bd Nu. 5. 7.

be Ezr. 10. 11.

bf 12.

bg ch. 3. 5.

bh c ver. 20.

bi Nu. 15. 28.

bj d ver. 2.

bk Nu. 15. 27.

bl * any soul.

bm † people of the land.

bn c ch. 14. 21.

bo ‡ his hand cannot reach to the sufficiency of a lamb.

bp f ch. 5. 4.

bq g ch. 1. 14.

br h He. 10. 4. 14.

head of the sin offering, and slay the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering.

30 And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.

31 And ^k he shall take away all the fat thereof, ^c as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar for a ^a sweet savour unto the LORD; ^e and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

32 And if he bring ^g a lamb for a sin offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish.

33 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and slay it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering.

34 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar:

35 And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, ⁱ according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: ^k and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

CHAP. V.

AND if a soul sin, ⁿ and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall ^o bear his iniquity.

2 Or ^p if a soul touch any unclean thing, whether it be a carcase of an unclean beast, or a carcase of unclean cattle, or the carcase of unclean creeping things, and if it be hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and ^q guilty.

3 Or if he touch ^r the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness it be that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty.

4 Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with his lips ^s to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these.

5 And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall ^t confess that he hath sinned in that thing:

6 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.

7 And ^u if ^v the be not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for his trespass, which he hath committed, two ^w turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, unto the LORD; one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering.

8 And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin

in directing the people. 22. ruler, or 'chief.' 27. any one of the common people, i. e. a single person being a common priest, Levite, or Israelite, and therefore here distinguished from the congregation.

CHAP. V.—1. of swearing, 'of an oath;' the sense is, a witness on oath was to reveal all he knew. 2. guilty, i. e. subject to the law respecting uncleanness. 6. trespass offering, typical of Christ's, Isa. liii. 10.

offering first, and ^a wring off his head from his neck, but shall not divide it asunder: ^b 9 And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar: it is a sin offering.

^c 10 And he shall offer the second for a burnt offering, according to ^d the ^e manner: ^f and the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin which he hath sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

^g 11 ^h But if he be not able to bring two turtle doves, or two young pigeons, then ⁱ he that sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering: ^j he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put ^k any frankincense thereon: for it is a sin offering.

^l 12 Then shall he bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it, ^m even a memorial thereof, and burn it on the altar, ⁿ according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: it is a sin offering.

^o 13 And ^p the priest shall make an atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him: and ^q the remnant shall be the priest's, as a meat offering.

^r 14 ^s And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

^t 15 If ^u a soul commit a trespass, and sin through ignorance, in the holy things of the LORD; then ^v he shall bring for his trespass unto the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flocks, with thy estimation by shekels of silver, after ^w the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass offering:

^x 16 And he shall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the holy thing, and ^y shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

^z 17 ^{aa} And if a ^{ab} soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he wist it not, yet is he ^{ac} guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.

^{ad} 18 And he shall bring a ram ^{ae} without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and wist it not, and it shall be forgiven him.

^{af} 19 It is a trespass offering: ^{ag} he hath certainly trespassed against the LORD. ^{ah}

CHAP. VI.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses saying,

^{ai} 2 If a soul sin, and ^{aj} commit a trespass against the LORD, and ^{ak} lie unto his neighbour in that ^{al} which was delivered him to keep, or in ^{am} fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath ^{an} deceived his neighbour;

^{ao} 3 Or ^{ap} have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and ^{aq} sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein:

^{ar} 4 Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or

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^a ch. 1. 15.
^b ch. 5. 16.
^c Nu. 5. 7.
^d Sa. 12. 6.
^e Lu. 19. 8.
^f ch. 4. 7, 18, 30, 34.

^g in the day of his trespass, or, in the day of his being found guilty.

^h ch. 1. 14.

ⁱ or, ordinance.

^j ch. 4. 26.
^k ch. 4. 26.
^l Nu. 5. 15.

^m or, for the burning.

ⁿ ch. 4. 35.
^o ch. 4. 26.
^p ch. 16. 4.
^q Ex. 28. 39.
^r 41, 43.
^s Eze. 44. 17.

^t ch. 2. 3.
^u ch. 1. 16.
^v ch. 22. 14.
^w Eze. 10. 19.
^x ch. 4. 12.
^y ch. 27. 25.
^z Ex. 30. 13.
^{aa} ch. 3. 3, 9, 14.
^{ab} ch. 6. 5.
^{ac} 22. 14.
^{ad} 27, 13, 15, 27, 31.

^{ae} Nu. 5. 7.
^{af} ch. 2. 1.
^{ag} Nu. 15. 4.
^{ah} ch. 4. 2.
^{ai} Ps. 19. 12.
^{aj} Lu. 12. 48.
^{ak} ver. 1, 2.
^{al} 1 Ti. 2. 5, 6.
^{am} ch. 2. 2, 9.
^{an} Eze. 44. 29.
^{ao} ver. 26.
^{ap} ch. 10. 12, 13.
^{aq} ch. 2. 11.
^{ar} Eze. 10. 2.
^{as} Nu. 15. 9, 10.
^{at} ver. 25.
^{au} ch. 2. 3.
^{av} 7. 1.

^{aw} Ex. 29. 37.
^{ax} Nu. 5. 6.
^{ay} ch. 3. 17.
^{az} ch. 19. 11.
^{ba} Col. 5. 4.
^{bb} Ac. 3. 9.
^{bc} Ex. 22. 7, 10.
^{bd} ch. 22. 3. 7.
^{be} Ex. 29. 37.

^{bf} putting of the hand, or, in dealing.

^{bg} Pr. 24. 28.
^{bh} 26. 19.

^{bi} De. 22. 1. 3.
^{bj} Ex. 29. 2.
^{bk} Ex. 22. 11.

^{bl} Je. 7. 9.
^{bm} Zec. 5. 4.
^{bn} Ex. 16. 36.

that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found,

^{bo} 5 Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even ^{bp} restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, ^{bq} in the day of his trespass offering.

^{br} 6 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest:

^{bs} 7 And ^{bt} the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD: and it shall be forgiven him for any thing of all that he hath done in trespassing therein.

^{bu} 8 ^{bv} And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

^{bw} 9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: It is the burnt offering, ^{bx} because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it.

^{by} 10 And ^{bz} the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them ^{ca} beside the altar.

^{cb} 11 And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp ^{cc} unto a clean place.

^{cd} 12 And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon ^{ce} the fat of the peace offerings.

^{cf} 13 The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.

^{cg} 14 ^{ch} And ^{ci} this is the law of the meat offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before the LORD, before the altar.

^{cj} 15 And he shall take of it his handful, of the flour of the meat offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which is upon the meat offering, and shall burn ^{ck} it upon the altar for a sweet savour, even the ^{cl} memorial of it, unto the LORD.

^{cm} 16 And ^{cn} the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: ^{co} with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it.

^{cp} 17 It ^{cq} shall not be baken with leaven. ^{cr} I have given it unto them for their portion of my offerings made by fire; ^{cs} it is most holy, as is the sin offering, and as the trespass offering.

^{ct} 18 All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. ^{cud} It shall be a statute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire: ^{cu} every one that toucheth them shall be holy.

^{cv} 19 ^{cve} And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

^{cvi} 20 This ^{cvi} P is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an ^{cvi} ephah of fine flour for a meat offering perpetual, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night.

^{cvi} 21 In a pan it shall be made with oil; and when it is baken, thou shalt bring it

in: and the baken pieces of the meat offering shalt thou offer for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

22 And the priest of his sons ^b that is anointed in his stead shall offer it: *it is a statute for ever unto the LORD*; ^c it shall be wholly burnt.

23 For every meat offering for the priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.

24 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

25 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin offering: *In the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the sin offering be killed before the LORD*: ^a it is most holy.

26 The ^a priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: ^b in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation.

27 Whatsoever ^a shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy: and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in the holy place.

28 But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden ^a shall be broken: and if it be sodden in a brasen pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in water.

29 All ^a the males among the priests shall eat thereof: ^a it is most holy.

30 And ^a no sin offering, whereof *any* of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile *withal* in the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

CHAP. VII.

LIKEWISE ^a this is the law of the trespass offering: ^a it is most holy.

2 In ^a the place where they kill the burnt offering shall they kill the trespass offering: and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle round about upon the altar.

3 And he shall offer of it ^b all the fat thereof; the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards,

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul that is above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away:

5 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar for an offering made by fire unto the LORD: *it is a trespass offering.*

6 Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it shall be eaten in the holy place: ^a it is most holy.

7 As the sin offering *is*, so *is* ^a the trespass offering: *there is one law for them*: the priest that maketh atonement there-with shall have it.

8 And the priest that offereth any man's burnt offering, *even* the priest shall have to himself the skin of the burnt offering which he hath offered.

9 And ^a all the meat offering that is baken in the oven, and all that is dressed in the fryingpan, and ^a in the pan, shall ^a be the priest's that offereth it.

10 And every meat offering, mingled with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, ^a one as much as another.

11 And ^a this is the law of the sacrifice

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^a Ps. 107. 8, 22.

116. 17.

Ho. 14. 2.

Lu. 17. 16.

2 Co. 9. 11.

15.

Ep. 5. 20.

He. 13. 15.

1 Pe. 2. 5.

^b ch. 4. 3.

^c Ex. 29. 25.

^d ch. 2. 4.

Nu. 6. 15.

^e Am. 4. 5.

Mat. 13. 33.

^f ch. 1. 3, 5, 11.

4, 24, 29, 33.

^g Nu. 18. 8, 11.

19.

^h ch. 21. 22.

ⁱ ch. 22. 30.

^k ch. 10. 17, 18.

Eze. 44. 28.

29.

^l ver. 16.

^m ch. 19. 6. 8.

Ec. 9. 10.

Jno. 9. 4.

ⁿ Ex. 29. 37.

30. 29.

^o ch. 11. 33.

15. 12.

^p Nu. 18. 10.

^q ver. 25.

^r Nu. 18. 27.

^t ch. 10. 18.

16. 27.

He. 13. 11.

^u ch. 11. 10, 11.

41.

19. 7.

^v ch. V.

6. 1. 7.

^x ch. 6. 17, 25.

21. 22.

^y ch. 1. 3, 5, 11.

^z ch. 15. 3.

^a Ge. 17. 14.

^b ch. 4. 8, 9.

^c Ex. 29. 13.

^c ch. XII.

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^d ch. 11. 24, 28.

^e Eze. 4. 14.

^f Ex. 12. 15, 19.

30, 33, 38.

^g ch. 3. 17.

^h carcass.

ⁱ ch. 17. 15.

De. 14. 21.

^j Eze. 4. 14.

44. 31.

^k ch. 2. 3.

^l ch. 6. 25, 26.

14. 13.

^k ch. 3. 17.

17. 10, 14.

^l Ge. 9. 4.

^l ch. 2. 3, 10.

Nu. 18. 9.

Eze. 44. 29.

⁺ or, on the flat plate, or, slice.

^m 1 Co. 9. 7, 13.

Ga. 6. 6.

ⁿ 2 Co. 8. 14.

^o ch. 3. 1.

22, 18, 21.

^p ch. III.

of peace offerings, which he shall offer unto the LORD.

12 If he offer it for ^a a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers ^d anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried.

13 Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering ^a leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings.

14 And of it he shall offer one out of the whole oblation for an heave offering unto the LORD, ^a and it shall be the priest's that sprinkle the blood of the peace offerings.

15 And ^a the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten ^m the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning.

16 But if the sacrifice of his offering *be* a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten:

17 But the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire.

18 And if *any* of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be ^a imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an ^a abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity.

19 And the flesh that toucheth any unclean *thing* shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire: and as for the flesh, all that be clean shall eat thereof.

20 But the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that *pertain* unto the LORD, ^a having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul ^a shall be cut off from his people.

21 Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean *thing*, as ^a the uncleanness of man, or *any* ^a unclean beast, or *any* ^a abominable unclean *thing*, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which *pertain* unto the LORD, even that soul ^a shall be cut off from his people.

22 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, ^a Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat.

24 And the fat of the ^a beast that dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used in any other use: but ye shall in no wise eat of it.

25 For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, even the soul that eateth it shall be cut off from his people.

26 Moreover ^a ye shall eat no manner of blood, *whether it be* of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings.

27 Whatsoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

28 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

29 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, ^a He that offereth the sacrifice of

CHAP. VII.—1. *trespass offering*, this was any sin committed against man, through ignorance or thoughtlessness. 15. *not leave*, or it would putrefy in a hot country, which would be improper for a holy

thing. 16. *a vow*, i.e. on account of a vow. *a voluntary offering*, not being directed by any command of God, but a free-will act. 17. *be burnt*, that it might not putrefy, be put to superstitious uses, or profit.

his peace offerings unto the LORD shall bring his oblation unto the LORD of the sacrifice of his peace offerings.

30 His ^b own hands shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the fat with the breast, it shall he bring, that the breast may be waved for a wave offering before the LORD.

31 And ^c the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar: but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'.

32 And ^e the right shoulder shall ye give unto the priest for an heave offering of the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

33 He among the sons of Aaron, that offereth the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for his part.

34 For ^k the wave breast and the heave shoulder have I taken of the children of Israel from off the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest and unto his sons by a statute for ever from among the children of Israel.

35 [†] This is the portion of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day when he presented them to minister unto the LORD in the priest's office;

36 Which the LORD commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, [†] in the day that he anointed them, by a statute for ever throughout their generations.

37 This is the law [†] of the burnt offering, [†] of the meat offering, [†] and of the sin offering, [†] and of the trespass offering, [†] and of the consecrations, and [†] of the sacrifice of the peace offerings;

38 Which the LORD commanded Moses to mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel [†] to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

CHAP. VIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Take ^a Aaron and his sons with him, and ^a the garments, and ^f the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread;

3 And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And Moses ^k did as the LORD commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

5 And Moses said unto the congregation, [†] This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.

6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.

7 And ^m he put upon him the ⁿ coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound ⁿ it unto him therewith.

8 And he put the breastplate upon him: also he ^p put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim.

9 And [†] he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, even upon his forehead, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD [†] commanded Moses.

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^a Ex. 30. 26.^b ch. 3. 3, 4, 9.^c ch. 8. 27.^d Ex. 29. 24, 27.^e Nu. 6. 20.^f ch. 21. 10, 12.^g Ex. 29. 7.^h Ps. 133. 2.ⁱ ch. 3. 5, 11, 16.^j Ex. 29. 8, 9.^k ch. 9. 21.^l Nu. 6. 20.^m bound.ⁿ Ex. 29. 10.^o Eze. 43. 19.^p ch. 4. 4.^q ch. 10. 14, 15.^r Ex. 29. 28.^s Nu. 18. 18, 19.^t De. 18. 3.^u ch. 4. 7.^v Ex. 29. 12, 36.^w Eze. 43. 20.^x He. 9. 22.^y Da. 9. 24.^z Ro. 5. 10.^{aa} 2 Co. 5. 18.^{ab} Ep. 2. 16.^{ac} Col. 1. 21, 22.^{ad} He. 2. 17.^{ae} ch. 4. 8.^{af} Ex. 29. 13.^{ag} Ga. 3. 13.^{ah} He. 13. 11.^{ai} ch. 4. 11, 12.^{aj} Ex. 29. 14.^{ak} ch. 8. 12, 30.^{al} Ex. 40. 13, 15.^{am} Ex. 29. 15.^{an} ch. 6. 9.^{ao} ch. 6. 14.^{ap} ch. 6. 25.^{aq} ver. 1.^{ar} ch. 6. 20.^{as} ver. 11.^{at} ch. 1. 2.^{au} Ge. 8. 21.^{av} Ex. 29. 18.^{aw} Ep. 5. 2.^{ax} Ex. 29. 19, 31.^{ay} Jno. 17. 19.^{az} 1 Co. 1. 30.^{ba} 2 Co. 5. 21.^{bb} Ep. 5. 25, 27.^{bc} Ex. 29. 1. 3.^{bd} Ex. 28. 2, 4.^{be} Ex. 30. 24, 25.^{bf} Ro. 6. 13, 19.^{bg} 12. 1.^{bh} 1 Co. 6. 20.^{bi} Ph. 1. 20.^{bj} Mat. 28. 20.^{bk} 1 Co. 15. 3.^{bl} He. 9. 21, 22.^{bm} Ex. 29. 4.^{bn} Ex. 29. 22.^{bo} Ex. 29. 5.^{bp} 1s. 61. 3, 10.^{bq} Ex. 28. 4.^{br} Ro. 3. 22.^{bs} 13. 14.^{bt} Ex. 29. 23.^{bu} Ex. 28. 30.^{bv} Ex. 29. 24.^{bw} &c.^{bx} Ex. 29. 6.^{by} Ex. 28. 37.^{bz} &c.

10 And ^a Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them.

11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

12 And he ^d poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.

13 And ^f Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and [†] put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses.

14 And ^h he brought the bullock for the sin offering: and Aaron and his sons ⁱ laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the sin offering.

15 And he slew ⁱ it; [†] and Moses took the blood, and put ⁱ it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, ^m to make reconciliation upon it.

16 And ⁿ he took all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul [†] above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned ⁱ it upon the altar.

17 But the bullock, and his hide, his flesh, and his dung, he burnt with fire ^o without the camp; as the LORD ^p commanded Moses.

18 [†] And [†] he brought the ram for the burnt offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

19 And he killed ⁱ it; and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

20 And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat.

21 And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: [†] it was a burnt sacrifice for ^b a sweet savour, and an offering made by fire unto the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 [†] And [†] he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

23 And he slew ⁱ it; and Moses took of the blood of it, and put ⁱ it upon the tip of [†] Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

24 And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses [†] sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

25 And [†] he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul [†] above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder:

26 And [†] out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put [†] them on the fat, and upon the right shoulder:

27 And he put all [†] upon Aaron's hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved them [†] for a wave offering before the LORD.

28 And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt [†] them on the altar upon the burnt offering: they were consecra-

tions for a sweet savour: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

29 And Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave offering before the LORD: for of the ram of consecration it was Moses' ^a part; as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 And ^c Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which *was* upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

31 ^f And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, ^h Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and there eat it with the bread that is in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it.

32 And ⁱ that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ye burn with fire.

33 And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation in seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for ⁿ seven days shall he consecrate you.

34 As ^o he hath done this day, so the LORD hath commanded to do, to make an atonement for you.

35 Therefore shall ye abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and ^p keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not: for so I am commanded.

36 So Aaron and his sons did all things which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. IX.

AND ^v it came to pass on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel;

2 And he said unto Aaron, ^w Take thee a young calf for a sin offering, ^y and a ram for a burnt offering without blemish, and offer *them* before the LORD.

3 And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, ^z Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin offering; and a calf and a lamb, both of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering;

4 Also a bullock and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and ^a a meat offering mingled with oil: for ^f to day the LORD will appear unto you.

5 ^g And they brought that which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation: and all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD.

6 And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do: and ⁱ the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.

7 And Moses said unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and ^k offer thy sin offering, and thy burnt offering, and make an atonement for thyself, and for the people: and ^o offer the offering of the people, and make

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^a 1 Co. 10. 31

^b 1 Pe. 4. 11.

^c ch. 8. 15.

^d Ex. 29. 21.

^e 30. 30.

^f Nu. 3. 3.

^g ch. 4. 7.

^h ch. 8. 16, 17.

ⁱ ch. 4. 8.

^j ch. 4. 11.

^k Ex. 29. 31, 32

^l ch. 1. 5.

^m ch. 8. 20, 21.

ⁿ Ex. 29. 34.

^o Is. 53. 10.

^p He. 2. 17.

^q 5. 3.

^r Eze. 43. 25,

^s 26.

^t He. 7. 16.

^u P ch. 1. 3, 10.

^v or, ordi-

^w nance.

^x ch. 2. 1, 2.

^y filled his

^z hand out

^a of it.

^b Nu. 3. 7.

^c 9. 19.

^d De. 11. 1.

^e 1 Ki. 2. 3.

^f Ex. 29. 38.

^g ch. 3. 1, &c.

^h Eze. 43. 27.

ⁱ Ex. 29. 1.

^j ch. 8. 18.

^k ch. 3. 5, 16.

^l Ex. 29. 24, 26

^m ch. 4. 23.

ⁿ Ezr. 6. 17.

^o 10. 19.

^p Nu. 6. 23.

^q De. 21. 5.

^r Lu. 24. 50.

^s ch. 2. 4.

^t Nu. 16. 19, 42

^u Ex. 29. 43.

^v Ge. 4. 4.

^w Ju. 6. 21.

^x 1 Ki. 18. 38.

^y 2 Ch. 7. 1.

^z Ps. 20. 3.

^a 1 Ki. 18. 39.

^b 2 Ch. 7. 3.

^c Ezr. 3. 11.

^d Ex. 24. 16.

^e j ch. 16. 1.

^f 22. 9.

^g Nu. 3. 3, 4.

^h 26. 61.

ⁱ 1 Ch. 24. 2.

^j ch. 4. 3.

^k 1 Sa. 3. 14.

^l He. 5. 3.

^m 7. 27.

ⁿ 9. 7.

^o ch. 16. 12.

^p Nu. 16. 18.

^q 1 Ki. 13. 1, 2

^r 2 Ch. 26. 16.

^s 20.

^t Je. 44. 8, 15,

^u 19. 21.

^v Lu. 1. 9. 11.

^w Re. 8. 3. 5.

^x Ex. 30. 9.

^y He. 5. 1.

an atonement for them; as the LORD commanded.

8 ^u Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin offering, which *was* for himself.

9 And ^v the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood, and ^w put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar:

10 But ^x the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of the sin offering, he burnt upon the altar; ^y as the LORD commanded Moses.

11 And ^z the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp.

12 And he slew the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, ^a which he sprinkled round about upon the altar.

13 And ^b they presented the burnt offering unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head: and he burnt *them* upon the altar.

14 And he did wash the inwards and the legs, and burnt *them* upon the burnt offering on the altar.

15 ^c And ^m he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which *was* the sin offering for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first.

16 And he brought the burnt offering, and offered it ⁿ according to the ^{*} manner.

17 And he brought ^r the meat offering, and ^t took an handful thereof, and burnt it upon the altar, ^s beside the burnt sacrifice of the morning.

18 He slew also the bullock and the ram for ^u a sacrifice of peace offerings, which *was* for the people: and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar round about.

19 And the fat of the bullock and of the ram, the rump, and that which covereth the inwards, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver:

20 And they put the fat upon the breasts, ^z and he burnt the fat upon the altar:

21 And the breasts and the right shoulder Aaron waved ^a for a wave offering before the LORD; as Moses commanded.

22 And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and ^c blessed them, and came down from offering of the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and peace offerings.

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: ^e and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.

24 And ^g there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: ⁱ which when all the people saw, ^k they shouted, and fell on their faces.

CHAP. X.

AND ^j Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and ^m put incense thereon, and offered ⁿ strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.

33. the door, i. e. the door of the court of the tabernacle. for seven days, these implied a perfect and full consecration.

CHAP. IX.—7. for thyself, this shows the imperfection of the Levitical priesthood, compared with of Christ: see Heb. vii. 27, 28. 22. blessed them, prayed for them in the words of Num. vi. 23, &c.

24. a fire, a manifest token of God's acceptance of their services. So 2 Chron. vii. 1; 1 Ki. xviii. 38. The fire on the brazen altar was miraculously kindled, and thus originating, was to be kept up continually: comp. ch. vi. 13.

CHAP. X.—1. strange, profane or common, instead of the fire before kindled, and never to go out: see

2 And there ^a went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This ^b is that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them ^c that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. ^d And Aaron held his peace.

4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of ^e Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, and carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.

5 So they went near, and carried them on their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said.

6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, ^f Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest ^g wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled.

7 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: ^h for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

8 ⁱ And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying,

9 Do ^j not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations:

10 And that ye may ^k put difference between holy and unholy, and between clean and clean;

11 And ^l that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

12 ^m And Moses spake unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons that were left, Take ⁿ the meat offering that remaineth of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar: for ^o it is most holy:

13 And ye shall eat it in the holy place, because it is thy due, and thy sons' due, of the sacrifices of the LORD made by fire: for ^p so I am commanded.

14 And ^q the wave breast and heave shoulder shall ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee: *for they be* thy due, and thy sons' due, which are given out of the sacrifices of peace offerings of the children of Israel.

15 The ^r heave shoulder and the wave breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be thine, and thy sons' with thee, *for a statute for ever*; as the LORD hath commanded.

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^a Nu. 16. 35.

² Sa. 6. 7.

^b ch. 9. 3, 15.

^c Ex. 19. 22.

^d Is. 52. 11.

^e Eze. 20. 41.

^f ch. 6. 26, 29.

^g Is. 49. 3.

^h Jno. 13. 31, 32.

ⁱ Lu. 14. 13.

^j Th. 1. 10.

^k Ps. 39. 9.

^l Ex. 6. 18, 22.

^m Nu. 3. 19, 30.

ⁿ ch. 6. 30.

^o Lu. 7. 12.

^p Ac. 5. 6, 9, 10.

^q 8. 2.

^r ch. 6. 26.

^s ch. 9. 8, 12.

^t Ex. 33. 5.

^u De. 33. 9.

^v Eze. 24. 16.

^w 17.

^x Nu. 16. 22, 46.

^y Jos. 7. 1.

^z 22. 18, 20.

^{aa} 2 Sa. 24. 1.

^{ab} Jo. 6. 20.

^{ac} 14. 12.

^{ad} Ho. 9. 4.

^{ae} Mal. 1. 10, 13.

^{af} Ex. 28. 41.

^{ag} De. 14. 4.

^{ah} Ac. 10. 12, 14.

^{ai} Eze. 44. 21.

^{aj} Lu. 1. 15.

^{ak} 1 Ti. 3. 3.

^{al} Tit. 1. 7.

^{am} Je. 15. 19.

^{an} Eze. 22. 26.

^{ao} De. 24. 8.

^{ap} Ne. 8. 2, 8, 9.

^{aq} 13.

^{ar} Je. 18. 18.

^{as} Mal. 2. 7.

^{at} Ex. 29. 2.

^{au} Nu. 18. 9, 10.

^{av} x ch. 21. 22.

^{aw} y Is. 65. 4.

^{ax} 66. 3, 17.

^{ay} z Is. 52. 11.

^{az} Mat. 15. 11.

^{ba} 20.

^{bb} Mar. 7. 2, 15.

^{bc} 18.

^{bd} Ac. 10. 14, 15.

^{be} 15. 29.

^{bf} Ro. 14. 14, 17.

^{bg} 1 Co. 8. 8.

^{bh} Col. 2. 16, 21.

^{bi} He. 9. 10.

^{bj} a ch. 2. 3.

^{bk} 6. 16.

^{bl} b De. 14. 9.

^{bm} c Ex. 29. 24, 26.

^{bn} 27.

^{bo} Nu. 18. 11.

^{bp} d ch. 7. 29, 30.

^{bq} 34.

^{br} e ch. 7. 18.

^{bs} De. 14. 3.

16 ^t And Moses diligently sought ^u the goat of the sin offering, and, behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron *which were left alive*, saying,

17 Wherefore ^v have ye not eaten the sin offering in the holy place, seeing it is most holy, and God hath given it you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD?

18 Behold, ^w the blood of it was not brought in within the holy place: ye should indeed have eaten it in the holy place, ^x as I commanded.

19 And Aaron said unto Moses, Behold, ^y this day have they offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD: and such things have befallen me: and ^z if I had eaten the sin offering to day, ^{aa} should it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD?

20 And when Moses heard *that*, he was content.

CHAP. XI.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, ^a These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that *are* on the earth.

3 Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, *and* cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.

4 Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: *as* the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

5 And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

6 And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

7 And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; ^b he is unclean to you.

8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; ^c they *are* unclean to you.

9 ^d These *be* shall ye eat of all that *are* in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.

10 And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they *shall be* an ^e abomination unto you:

11 They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcases in abomination.

12 Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales

h. ix. 21. note. 2. *went out fire*, lightning, say some, or perhaps the fire which consumed the offerings. *from the Lord*, from the cloud, as some imagine. *devoured*, destroyed, for their bodies and garments remained entire, ver. 4, 5. 3. *held his peace*, 'was silent,' a mark of excessive grief and submission. 6. *Uncover not*, which was a mark of mourning forbidden to the high-priest; they were not by any such signs to reflect in this case on the Divine goodness, or interrupt their services. 9. *do not drink*, &c. hence it is inferred that Nadab and Abihu had got drunk from the peace-offerings made on that day.

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most fitted to separate the people from idolaters, with whom, as a necessary consequence, they could not eat, and were therefore the more likely to live separated from them; the distinction here made had also a great regard to the promotion of health. 3. *parteth*, into two claws. *cheweth the cud*, such animals have several stomachs, as the ox. 5. *coney*, 'jerboa.' 6. *hare*, because he *cheweth*, this has been disputed, but the tame hares of Cower the poet 'chewed the cud all day till evening.' 7. *swine*, this in hot countries is subject to distempers, and unwholesome. 10. *not fins and scales*, the shark, the ray, and the sun-fish have no scales; nor have the seal and the walrus, &c. These creatures are

in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you.

13 [†] And ^h these are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the ^e eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,

14 And ^d the vulture, and the kite after his kind;

15 Every ^e raven after his kind;

16 And ^f the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,

17 And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl,

18 And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier eagle,

19 And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

20 All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you.

21 Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth;

22 Even these of them ye may eat: ^h the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind.

23 But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you.

24 And for these ye shall be unclean: whosoever toucheth the carcase of them shall be unclean until the even.

25 And whosoever beareth ought of the carcase of them ⁱ shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

26 The carcasses of every beast which divideth the hoof, and is not clovenfooted, nor cheweth the cud, are unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them shall be unclean.

27 And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beasts that go on all four, those are unclean unto you: whoso toucheth their carcase shall be unclean until the even.

28 And he that beareth the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: they are unclean unto you.

29 [†] These also shall be unclean unto you among the ^h creeping things that creep upon the earth; the weasel, and ^o the mouse, and the tortoise after his kind,

30 And the ferret, and the chameleon, and the lizard, and the snail, and the mole.

31 These are unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them, when they be dead, shall be unclean until the even.

32 And upon whatsoever any of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean; whether it be any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel it be, wherein any work is done, [†] it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; so it shall be cleansed.

33 And every earthen vessel, whereinto any of them falleth, whatsoever is in it

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^a ch. 6. 28.

15. 12.

^b De. 14. 12.

^c Job 39. 27.

30.

Je. 4. 13.

48. 40.

La. 4. 19.

Ho. 8. 1.

Hab. 1. 8.

Mat. 24. 38.

^d Job 28. 7.

^e Ge. 8. 7.

1 Ki. 17. 4.6.

Job 38. 41.

Pr. 30. 17.

Lu. 12. 24.

^f Ps. 102. 6.

Is. 13. 21, 22.

34. 11, 15.

1 Th. 5. 5, 7.

^g a gathering together of waters.

^h ch. 17. 15.

22. 8.

De. 14. 21.

Eze. 4. 14.

44. 31.

ⁱ Mat. 3. 4.

Mar. 1. 6.

[†] doth multiply feet.

^j ch. 14. 8.

15. 5.

Nu. 19. 10, 22.

31. 24.

Ps. 51. 2, 7.

Zec. 13. 1.

Jno. 13. 8.

Ac. 22. 16.

He. 9. 9, 10.

10. 22.

1 Pe. 3. 21.

1 Jno. 1. 7.

Re. 7. 14.

^j ch. 20. 25.

[†] souls.

^k ch. 19. 2.

20, 26.

Ex. 19. 6.

1 Th. 4. 7.

1 Pe. 1. 15, 16.

1 Ex. 6. 7.

^m Ps. 105. 43.

45.

ⁿ Ps. 10. 3.

17, 13, 14.

Hab. 2. 6.

Lu. 12. 15.

16. 14.

Jno. 6. 26, 66.

Phi. 3. 19.

Col. 3. 5.

2 Ti. 3. 2, 5.

He. 13. 5.

^o Is. 66. 17.

^p ch. 10. 10.

Ro. 14. 2, 3.

13. 23.

^r ch. 15. 19.

^s Lu. 2. 22.

^t ch. 15. 19.

^u ch. 15. 12.

Ge. 17. 12.

Lu. 1. 59.

2. 21.

Jno. 7. 22, 23.

shall be unclean; and ^a ye shall break it.

34 Of all meat which may be eaten, that on which such water cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every such vessel shall be unclean.

35 And every thing whereupon any part of their carcase falleth shall be unclean; whether it be oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down: for they are unclean, and shall be unclean unto you.

36 Nevertheless a fountain or pit, ^h wherein there is plenty of water, shall be clean: but that which toucheth their carcase shall be unclean.

37 And if any part of their carcase fall upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it shall be clean.

38 But if any water be put upon the seed, and any part of their carcase fall thereon, it shall be unclean unto you.

39 And if any beast, of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcase thereof shall be unclean until the even.

40 And ^h he that eateth of the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth shall be an abomination; it shall not be eaten.

42 Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever [†] hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination.

43 Ye ^j shall not make your [†] selves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby.

44 For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ^k ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

45 For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ^m ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

46 This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth:

47 To ^p make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.

CHAP. XII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a ^r woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then ^s she shall be unclean seven days; ^t according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

3 And in the ^u eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

4 And she shall then continue in the

to this day regarded in general as unwholesome and even dangerous as food. 13. fowls, those here prohibited are still never eaten among other nations, except in cases of necessity. 16. cuckow, 'sea-gull.' —Sept. 22. the beetle, rather, another sort of locust. grasshopper, rendered locust in 2 Chron. vii. 13.

27. paws, as apes, lions, bears, &c. 29. tortoise, 'toad,' 'lizard.' 35. ranges for pots, 'fire-stones,' i. e. stones set round their pots, which they placed in a hole, and surrounded with these stones, which became heated with burnt dried dung.

of her purifying three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled.

5 But if she ^b bear a maid child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her purgation: and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying threescore and six days.

6 And when ^d the days of her purifying be fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring ^e a lamb ^f of the first year, a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest:

7 Who shall offer it before the LORD, and make ^g an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This is ^h the law for her that hath an issue, either a male or a female.

8 And ⁱ if ^j she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

CHAP. XIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, ^a a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh like the plague of leprosy; ^b then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests:

3 And the priest shall ^c look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and when the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight ^d be ^e deeper than the skin of his flesh, it is a plague of leprosy; and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean.

4 If the bright spot ^f be white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight ^g be not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the priest shall shut him ^h that hath the plague seven days:

5 And the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and, behold, ⁱ if the plague his sight be at a stay, and the plague read not in the skin; then the priest shall shut him up seven days more:

6 And the priest shall look on him again the seventh day: and, behold, ^j if the plague be somewhat dark, and the plague spread in the skin, the priest ^k shall pronounce him clean: it is ^l but a scab: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.

7 But if the scab spread much abroad in the skin, after that he hath been seen of the priest for his cleansing, he shall be clean of the priest again:

8 And ^m if the priest see that, behold, the plague spreadeth in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a leprosy.

9 When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest;

10 And ⁿ the priest shall see him: and, behold, ^o if the rising ^p be white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and there be ^q quick raw flesh in the rising;

11 It is an old leprosy in the skin of his

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^a Hag. 2. 13.

Lu. 2. 22, 23.

^b 1 Ti. 2. 14, 15.

^c 1 Ki. 8. 33, 36.

Job 40. 4.

42. 6.

Is. 64. 6.

Jno. 16. 8, 9.

Ro. 7. 14.

1 Jo. 1. 8, 10.

^d Lu. 2. 22.

^e Jno. 1. 29, 36.

He. 7. 26.

1 Pe. 1. 18, 19.

^f a son of his year.

^g Jno. 9. 41.

^h ch. 1. 4.

Job 1. 5.

14. 4.

Ro. 3. 23, 26.

1 Co. 7. 14.

He. 9. 12, 14.

ⁱ Ga. 3. 28.

^j ch. 5. 7.

Lu. 2. 24.

^k her hand

find not

sufficiency

of.

^l ch. 4. 26.

^m Ex. 9. 9.

15. 26.

2 Ki. 20. 7.

Job 2. 7.

ⁿ or, swelling

^o De. 28. 27.

Is. 3. 17.

^p De. 17. 8, 9.

24. 8.

Lu. 17. 14.

^q Eze. 44. 23.

Hag. 2. 11.

Mal. 2. 7.

Ac. 20. 28.

He. 13. 7.

^r 2 Ti. 2. 17.

3. 13.

^s Mat. 18. 17.

18.

Jno. 20. 23.

1 Co. 5. 4, 6.

2 Th. 3. 14, 15.

1 Ti. 1. 20.

^t a burning

of fire.

Is. 3. 24.

^u Is. 11. 3, 4.

Jude 22, 23.

^v ch. 11. 25.

14. 8.

^w Nu. 12. 10, 12.

2 Ki. 5. 27.

2 Ch. 26. 20.

^x Ps. 53. 4.

Is. 1. 3, 5.

Ac. 22. 3, 4.

26. 9, 10.

2 Co. 4. 3, 4.

2 Th. 2. 11, 12.

^y the quick-

ening of

living flesh

flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up: for he is unclean.

12 And if a leprosy break out abroad in the skin, and the leprosy ^a cover all the skin of him that hath the plague from his head even to his foot, wheresoever the priest looketh;

13 Then the priest shall consider: and, behold, ^b if the leprosy have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean that hath the plague: it is all turned white: ^c he is clean.

14 But when raw flesh appeareth in him, he shall be unclean.

15 And the priest shall see the raw flesh, and pronounce him to be unclean: ^d for the raw flesh is unclean: it is a leprosy.

16 Or if the raw flesh turn again, and be changed unto white, he shall come unto the priest;

17 And the priest shall see him: and, behold, ^e if the plague be turned into white; then the priest shall pronounce him clean that hath the plague: he is clean.

18 ^f The flesh also, in which, even in the skin thereof, was a ^g boil, and is healed.

19 And in the place of the boil there be a white rising, or a bright spot, white, and somewhat reddish, and it be shewed to the priest;

20 And if, when the priest seeth it, behold, ^h it be in sight lower than the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white; the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague of leprosy broken out of the boil.

21 But if the priest look on it, and, behold, ⁱ there be no white hairs therein, and ^j if it be not lower than the skin, but be somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days:

22 And if it spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague.

23 But if the bright spot stay in his place, and spread not, it is a burning boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

24 ^k Or if there be ^l any flesh, in the skin whereof there is ^m a hot burning, and the quick flesh that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white;

25 Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, ⁿ if the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it be in sight deeper than the skin; it is a leprosy broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy.

26 But if the priest look on it, and, behold, ^o there be no white hair in the bright spot, and it be no lower than the other skin, but be somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days:

27 And the priest shall look upon him the seventh day: and if it be spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy.

28 And if the bright spot stay in his place, and spread not in the skin, but it be somewhat dark; it is a rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean: for it is an inflammation of the burning.

29 ^p If a man or woman have a plague upon the head or the beard;

30 Then the priest shall see the plague:

and, behold, if it be in sight deeper than the skin; and there be in it a yellow thin hair; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a dry scall, *even* a leprosy upon the head or beard.

31 And if the priest look on the plague of the scall, and, behold, it be not in sight deeper than the skin, and that there is no black hair in it; then the priest shall shut up him that hath the plague of the scall seven days:

32 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague: and, behold, if the scall spread not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the scall be not in sight deeper than the skin;

33 He shall be shaven, but the scall shall he not shave; and the priest shall shut up him that hath the scall seven days more:

34 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall: and, behold, if the scall be not spread in the skin, nor be in sight deeper than the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.

35 But if the scall ^c spread much in the skin after his cleansing;

36 Then the priest shall look on him: and, behold, if the scall be spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for yellow hair; he is unclean.

37 But if the scall be in his sight at a stay, and that there is black hair grown up therein; the scall is healed, he is clean: and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38 ¶ If a man also or a woman have in the skin of their flesh bright spots, *even* white bright spots;

39 Then the priest shall look: and, behold, if the bright spots in the skin of their flesh be darkish white; it is a freckled spot that groweth in the skin; he is clean.

40 And the man whose § hair is fallen off his head, he is bald; *yet* he is clean.

41 And he that hath his hair fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, he is forehead bald: *yet* he is clean.

42 And if there be in the bald head, or bald forehead, a white reddish sore; it is a leprosy sprung up in his bald head, or his bald forehead.

43 Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, if the rising of the sore be white reddish in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosy appeareth in the skin of the flesh;

44 He is a leprous man, he is unclean: the priest shall pronounce him ^e utterly unclean; his plague is in his head.

45 And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, ^k Unclean, unclean.

46 All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; ^l without the camp shall his habitation be.

47 ¶ The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, *whether it be* a woollen garment, or a linen garment;

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* work of.

† vessel, or instrument

^a ch. 14. 44.

^b De. 7. 25, 26.

Ac. 19. 19.

^c 2Ti. 2. 16, 17.

3. 13.

^d Eze. 24. 13.

He. 6. 4-8.

2 Pe. 1. 9.

2. 20-22.

† whether it be bald in the head thereof, or in the forehead thereof.

§ head is pilled.

^e Is. 33. 14.

Mat. 3. 12.

25. 41.

Re. 21. 8.

^f 2Ki. 5. 10, 14.

Ps. 51. 2.

2 Co. 7. 1.

He. 9. 10.

Re. 1. 5.

^g Job 36. 14.

Mat. 6. 23.

Mar. 7. 21..

23.

Ep. 4. 18.

^h Mat. 8. 2, 4.

Mar. 1. 40, 44.

Lu. 5. 12, 14.

17. 14.

ⁱ Eze. 24. 17.

22.

Mi. 3. 7.

Job 42. 6.

Ps. 51. 3, 5.

Is. 6. 5.

64. 6.

^k La. 4. 15.

Lu. 5. 8.

17, 12, 13.

^l Nu. 5. 2.

12. 14.

2 Ki. 7. 3.

15. 5.

2 Ch. 26. 21.

Ps. 38. 11.

La. 1. 1.

Lu. 17. 12.

1 Co. 5. 5, 13.

2 Th. 3. 6.

|| or, sparrows.

^m Nu. 19. 6.

ⁿ Heb. 9. 19.

^o Ex. 12. 22.

Nu. 19. 18.

Ps. 51. 7.

48 Whether it be in the warp, or woof, of linen, or of woollen; whether in a skin, or in any * thing made of skin;

49 And if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any † thing of skin; it is a plague of leprosy, and shall be shewed unto the priest:

50 And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up it that hath the plague seven days:

51 And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in a skin, or in any work that is made of skin; the plague is ^a a fretting leprosy; it is unclean.

52 He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is: for it is a fretting leprosy; it shall be ^b burnt in the fire.

53 And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague be not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin;

54 Then the priest shall command that they wash the thing wherein the plague is, and he shall shut it up seven days more:

55 And the priest shall look on the plague, ^d after that it is washed: and, behold, if the plague have not changed his colour, and the plague be not spread; it is unclean; thou shalt burn it in the fire; it is fret inward, *whether it be* bare within or without.

56 And if the priest look, and, behold, the plague be somewhat dark after the washing of it; then he shall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof:

57 And if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a spreading plague: ^e thou shalt burn that wherein the plague is with fire.

58 And the garment, either warp, or woof or whatsoever thing of skin it be, which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be ^f washed the second time, and shall be clean.

59 This *is* the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of woollen or linen either in the warp, or woof, or any thing of skins, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

CHAP. XIV.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses saying,

2 This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He ^a shall be brought unto the priest:

3 And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper;

4 Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two || bird alive and clean, and ^m cedar wood, and ⁿ scarlet, and ^o hyssop:

5 And the priest shall command the

infectious distemper in the skin, common in Egypt and Syria, &c. 45. and shall cry. Unclean, to preserve passengers from legal impurity, and from catching the disease by infection. 47. the garment also, &c. Scott supposes this sort of leprosy supernatural, but facts related by eastern travellers con-

tradict his opinion. 59. the plague of leprosy, this was sometimes inflicted for sin, and was an emblem of its defiling nature.

CHAP. XIV.—4. two birds, the one to represent Christ as dying for his sins, the other to represent him as rising again for his purification or justification.

of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water:

As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that is killed over the running water:

And he shall ^b sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy ^c seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field.

And he that is to be cleansed ^d shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of the tent seven days.

But it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head, his beard, and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his body in water, and he shall be clean.

And on the eighth day ^e he shall take two lambs without blemish, and one lamb ^f of the first year without blemish, and three tenth deals of fine flour ^g a meat offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil.

And the priest that maketh him clean shall present the man that is to be cleansed, and those things, before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of congregation:

And the priest shall take one he lamb, ^h and offer him for a trespass offering, and a log of oil, and ⁱ wave them for a wave offering before the LORD:

And he shall slay the lamb ^j in the place where he shall kill the sin offering, the burnt offering, in the holy place: ^k as the sin offering is the priest's, so the trespass offering: ^l it is most holy:

And the priest shall take ^m some of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put ⁿ it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, upon the thumb of his right hand, upon the great toe of his right foot:

And the priest shall take ^o some of the oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand:

And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD:

And of the rest of the oil that is in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, ^p upon the blood of the trespass offering:

And the remnant of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall ^q pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: ^r and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD.

And the priest shall offer ^s the sin offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness:

B. C. 1490.

^a ch. 5. 7.

Job 34. 19.

Pr. 14. 31.

22. 2.

Lu. 6. 20.

21. 2. 4.

2 Co. 8. 12.

Ja. 2. 5.

^{*} his hand reach not.

^b He. 9. 13.

^c 2 Ki. 5. 10, 14.

[†] for a waving.

[†] upon the face of the field.

^d ch. 13. 6.

^e ch. 15. 14, 15.

Lu. 2. 22, 24.

^f ch. 11. 25.

^g ver. 11, 12.

ⁱ Mat. 8. 4.

Mar. 1. 41.

Lu. 5. 14.

^k ver. 14.

[§] the daughter of her year.

^l Ec. 5. 1.

^m ch. 2. 1.

Nu. 15. 4, 15.

ⁿ ch. 5. 2, 18.

6. 6, 7.

^o Ex. 29. 24.

^p ch. 1. 5, 11.

4. 24.

^r ch. 7. 7.

^s ch. 2. 3.

21. 22.

^t Jno. 17. 19.

^u ch. 8. 23.

Ex. 29. 20.

^v ch. 15. 15.

^x Jno. 3. 34.

1 Jno. 2. 20.

^y Ps. 72. 12.

14.

136. 23.

Lu. 7. 22.

^z Ge. 17. 8.

Nu. 32. 22.

De. 7. 1.

32. 49.

Jos. 13. 1, &c.

^a Eze. 36. 27.

Jno. 1. 16.

1 Pe. 1. 2.

^b Is. 45. 7.

Am. 3. 6.

Mt. 6. 9.

^c 2 Co. 1. 21, 22.

Ep. 1. 17, 20.

^d ch. 4. 26.

^e Ps. 91. 10.

Pr. 3. 33.

Zec. 5. 4.

^f ch. 12. 7.

Is. 53. 4, &c.

Ro. 8. 3.

2 Co. 5. 21.

Ep. 5. 2.

1 Pe. 2. 24.

^{||} or, prepare

[§] 1 Co. 15. 33.

2 Ti. 2. 17, 18.

He. 12. 15.

Re. 18. 4.

ness; and afterward he shall kill the burnt offering:

20 And the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the meat offering upon the altar: and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

21 And ^a if he be poor, and ^{*} cannot get so much; then he shall take one lamb for a trespass offering [†] to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one tenth deal of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering, and a log of oil;

22 And ^a two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall be a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering.

23 And ^a he shall bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing unto the priest, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the LORD.

24 And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD:

25 And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass offering, ^k and the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and put it upon the ^l tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot:

26 And the priest shall pour of the oil into the palm of his own left hand:

27 And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the LORD:

28 And the priest shall put of the oil that is in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of the blood of the trespass offering:

29 And the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put upon ^t the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the LORD.

30 And he shall offer the one of ^v the turtledoves, or of the young pigeons, such as he can get;

31 Even such as he is able to get, the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, with the meat offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before the LORD.

32 This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosy, whose hand is not able to get ^y that which pertaineth to his cleansing.

33 ^u And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

34 When ^z ye be come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and ^b I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession;

35 And he that owneth the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, It seemeth to me there is as it were ^a a plague in the house:

36 Then the priest shall command that they [§] empty the house, before the priest go into it to see the plague, that [§] all that

7. seven, signifying perfect cleansing, 10. tenth deals, three tenths of an ephah, rather than two pints. meat-offering, or wheat offering, in gratitude for the removal of his disease. ^z about half a pint. trespass-offering, or 'guilt offering': this taught him that sin was the cause of leprosy. 13. sin-offering—burnt-offering, these

were made for his impurity, and as an atonement. 34. leprosy in a house, thought by some to have been supernatural, but by others to have been a nitrous or vitriolic exudation from the stones, bursting through the plaster, like that which we call salt-petre walls. 36. empty, for the better examination of the walls.

is in the house be not made unclean and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house:

37 And he shall look on the plague, and, behold, if the plague be in the walls of the house with hollow strakes, greenish or reddish, which in sight are lower than the wall;

38 Then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days:

39 And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look: and, behold, if the plague be spread in the walls of the house;

40 Then the priest shall command that they ^c take away the stones in which the plague is, and they shall cast them into an unclean place without the city:

41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off without the city into ^e an unclean place:

42 And they shall take other stones, and ^e put them in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaister the house.

43 And if the plague come again, and break out in the house, after that he hath taken away the stones, and after he hath scraped the house, and after it is plaistered;

44 Then the priest shall come and look, and, behold, if the plague be spread in the house, it is ⁱ a fretting leprosy in the house: it is unclean.

45 And he shall ^k break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry them forth out of the city into an unclean place.

46 Moreover he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the even.

47 And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes; and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes.

48 And if the priest ^l shall come in, and look upon it, and, behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, after the house was plaistered: then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, ^m because the plague is healed.

49 And ^o he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:

50 And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water:

51 And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times:

52 And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet:

53 But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and ⁿ make an atonement for the house: and it shall be clean.

54 This is the law for all manner of plague of leprosy, and ⁿ scall,

55 And for the ⁿ leprosy of a garment, ^o and of a house,

56 And ^a for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot:

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^a De. 24. 8.

Eze. 44. 23.

^b in the day of the un-

clean, and in the day of the clean

ch. 22. 4.

Na. 5. 2.

2 Sa. 3. 29.

Mat. 9. 20.

Mar. 5. 25.

Lu. 8. 43.

^c or, run-

ning of the reins.

^d Ps. 101. 5, 7, 8

Pr. 22. 10.

25. 4, 5.

Is. 1. 25, 26.

Je. 21. 12.

Mat. 18. 17.

Jno. 15. 2.

1 Co. 5. 3, 5.

2 Th. 3. 6, 14.

^e vessel.

^f ch. 11. 25.

17. 15.

^g Mar. 5. 2, 5.

Re. 22. 15.

^h Is. 1. 16.

Ja. 4. 8.

ⁱ 2 Ch. 17. 7, 9

29. 4, 5.

Ac. 1. 21, 26

1 Ti. 5. 21, 22.

^k Ps. 26. 6.

Eze. 36. 25, 27.

29.

He. 9. 14.

10. 22.

Re. 7. 14.

^l ch. 13. 51.

Zec. 5. 4.

^m 1 Ki. 9. 6, 9.

2 Ki. 10. 27.

17. 20, 23.

Je. 52. 12, 13

Mat. 22. 7.

Lu. 19. 43.

44.

ⁿ ch. 6. 28.

11. 32, 33.

2 Co. 5. 1.

Phi. 3. 21.

^o in coming in shall come in, &c.

^p Job 5. 18.

Ho. 6. 1.

Mar. 5. 25.

34.

1 Co. 6. 11.

^q ver. 28.

ch. 14. 8.

^r ver. 4.

^s ch. 14. 22, 23

ch. 14. 19, 30

ch. 22. 4.

De. 23. 10.

2 Co. 7. 1.

1 Pe. 2. 11.

1 Jno. 1. 7.

^t ver. 20.

^u ch. 13. 30.

^v ch. 13. 47.

^w ver. 34.

^x 1 Sa. 21. 4.

Ps. 51. 5.

1 Th. 4. 3, 5.

He. 13. 4.

^y ch. 13. 2.

^z ch. 12. 2.

57 To ^a teach * when it is unclean, and when it is clean: this is the law of leprosy.

CHAP. XV.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, ^b When any man hath ^c running issue out of his flesh, because of his issue he is unclean.

3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it is his uncleanness.

4 Every bed, whereon he lieth that hath the issue, is unclean; and every thing whereon he sitteth, shall be unclean.

5 And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, ^d and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

6 And he that sitteth on any thing whereon he sat that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, ^e and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

7 And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

8 And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and ^f bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

9 And what saddle soever he rideth upon that hath the issue shall be unclean.

10 And whosoever toucheth any thing that was under him shall be unclean until the even: and he that beareth any of the things shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

11 And whomsoever he toucheth that hath the issue, and hath not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

12 And the ^g vessel of earth, that he toucheth which hath the issue, shall be broken: and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

13 And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue; then ^h he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.

14 And on the eighth day he shall come to him ⁱ two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest:

15 And the priest shall offer them, ^j one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD of his issue.

16 And ^k if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even.

17 And every garment, and every thing whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the even.

18 The woman also with whom shall lie with seed of copulation, they both bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until the even.

19 ^l And ^m if a woman have an issue

her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be ^e put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until even.

And ^e every thing that she lieth upon or separation shall be unclean: every thing also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean.

And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

And whosoever toucheth any thing she sat upon shall wash his clothes, bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

And if it be on her bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, shall be unclean until the even.

And ^e if any man lie with her at all, her flowers be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and all the bed whereon she lieth shall be unclean.

And if ^a a woman have an issue of blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of separation; all the days of the issue her uncleanness shall be as the days of separation: she shall be unclean.

Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation: and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation.

And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

But ^m if she be cleansed of her issue, she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

And on the eighth day she shall take her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her before the LORD for the uncleanness of her uncleanness.

Thus shall ye ^e separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they be not in their uncleanness, when they come into my tabernacle that is among them.

This ^v is the law of him that hath an issue, ^e and of *him* whose seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith;

And ^a of her that is sick of her flow, and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her that is unclean.

CHAP. XVI.

And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they were offered before the LORD, and died; and the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that ^f he come at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is before the ark; that he die not: for ^e I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat. Thus shall Aaron ^e come into the holy

B. C. 1490.

^a ch. 4. 3.^{*} in her separation.^b ch. 6. 10.^e Ex. 28. 39.

42, 43.

^c Pr. V.

22. 14.

^e Ec. 7. 26.^d ch. 8. 6, 7.^e Ex. 30. 20.^e ch. 4. 14.^e Nu. 29. 11.

2 Ch. 29. 21.

^e Ezr. 6. 17.^e Eze. 45. 22.

23.

^f ch. 9. 7.^e He. 5. 2.

7, 27, 28.

^e ch. 20. 18.^e Eze. 18. 6.

22. 10.

^h Mat. 9. 20.^e Mar. 5. 25.^e Lu. 8. 43.⁺ Azazel.⁺ went up.⁺ 1 Jno. 2. 2.^k Eze. 36. 25.

29.

^e He. 10. 22.⁺ 1 Pe. 1. 18, 19.⁺ 1 Jno. 1. 7.⁺ ch. 10. 1.⁺ Nu. 16. 18, 46.⁺ Re. 8. 5.⁺ ver. 13.⁺ Ex. 30. 34.⁺ Ex. 30. 1, 7, 8.⁺ Nu. 16. 7, 18.

46.

⁺ Re. 8. 3, 4.⁺ Ezr. 25. 21.⁺ He. 9. 13, 25.

10. 4.

⁺ ch. 4. 5, 6.⁺ ch. 11. 47.⁺ De. 24. 8.⁺ Eze. 44. 23.⁺ He. 2. 17.

5. 2.

⁺ Nu. 5. 3.

19. 13, 20.

⁺ Eze. 5. 11.

23. 38.

⁺ He. 6. 19.

9. 3, 7, 12.

⁺ ver. 2.⁺ ver. 16.⁺ ver. 19.⁺ Ex. 29. 36.⁺ Eze. 45. 18.⁺ He. 9. 22, 23.⁺ ver. 24, 25.⁺ dwelleth.⁺ ch. 10. 1. 2.⁺ Lu. 1. 10.⁺ ch. 23. 27.⁺ Ex. 30. 10.⁺ He. 9. 7.

10. 19.

⁺ Ex. 25. 22.

40. 34.

⁺ 1 Ki. 8. 10.

12.

⁺ Ex. 30. 10.⁺ He. 9. 7, 12.

24. 25.

place: ^a with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

4 He shall put on ^e the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments; therefore ^d shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on.

5 And he shall take of ^e the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and ^f make an atonement for himself, and for his house.

7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the ⁺ scapegoat.

9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD's lot ⁺ fell, and offer him for a sin offering.

10 But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make ^e an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself:

12 And he shall take ^e a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of ⁺ sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the vail:

13 And ^e he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the ⁺ mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not:

14 And ^e he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and ^e sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 ⁺ Then ⁺ shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood ⁺ within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

16 And he shall ^e make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that ⁺ remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

17 And ^e there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.

18 And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the LORD, and ^e make an atonement for it; and shall take of the

AP. XVI.—2. *not at all times*, or every day, or as he pleased, but only on the great day of atonement, once a year. *that he die not*, by appearing in the presence without leave or order. 3. *with a young bullock*, &c. such was the imperfection of this blood, that the priests were to offer first for

their sins, and then for the people, see Heb. ix. 7, &c. 4. *linen*, not the glorious robes, this being the day of humiliation. 8. *scape-goat*, this name is explained by verse 22. 10. *wilderness* here means 'a land not inhabited,' (verse 22.) i. e. a desert or forest. 14. *upon*, rather, 'before the mercy seat.'

blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about.

19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and ^b hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

20 ^a And when he hath made an end of ^d reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat:

21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, ^e putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of ^a a fit man into the wilderness:

22 And the goat shall ^e bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land [†] not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

23 And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, ^h and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there:

24 And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, ^m and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.

25 And ⁿ the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar.

26 And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, ^p and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.

27 And ^q the bullock for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall one carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.

28 And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

29 ^r And this shall be a statute for ever unto you: that ^v in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you:

30 For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to ^y cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

31 It ^a shall be a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever.

32 And ^d the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall [†] consecrate ^f to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and ^g shall put on the linen clothes, even the holy garments:

33 And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an

B. C. 1490.

^a ch. 23. 31.

Nu. 29. 7.

^b Eze. 43. 20.

^c Ex. 30. 10.

He. 9. 7, 25.

^d Eze. 45. 20.

^e Is. 53. 6.

^f a man of opportunity

^g De. 12. 5, &c.

^h Is. 53. 11, 12.

Jno. 1. 29.

He. 9. 28.

1 Pe. 2. 21.

[†] of separation.

ⁱ Eze. 42. 14.

41. 19.

^j Ro. 5. 13.

^k Ge. 17. 14.

^l Ge. 21. 33.

22. 2.

31. 54.

1 Ki. 14. 23.

2 Ki. 16. 4.

17. 10.

2 Ch. 28. 4.

^m ver. 3, 5.

ⁿ ch. 4. 10.

^o ch. 3. 2.

^p ch. 15. 5.

^q Nu. 18. 17.

^r ch. 4. 12, 21.

6. 30.

He. 13. 11.

^s 2 Ch. 11. 15.

Ps. 106. 37.

1 Co. 10. 20.

Re. 9. 20.

^t Ju. 6. 26.

^u 1 Sa. 7. 9.

^v ch. 23. 27.

Ex. 30. 10.

Nu. 29. 7.

Is. 58. 3. 5.

Da. 10. 3, 12.

^x Ge. 9. 4.

De. 12. 16, 23.

15. 23.

1 Sa. 14. 33.

Eze. 44. 7.

^y Ps. 51. 2.

Je. 33. 8.

Ep. 5. 26.

He. 9. 13, 14.

10. 1, 2.

1 Jno. 1. 7, 9.

^z Je. 44. 11.

Eze. 14. 8.

15. 7.

^a ch. 23. 32.

^b ver. 14.

^c Mat. 26. 28.

Ro. 3. 25.

5. 9.

Ep. 1. 7.

Col. 1. 14, 20.

He. 13. 12.

1 Pe. 1. 2.

1 Jno. 1. 7.

Re. 1. 5.

^d ch. 4. 3, 5, 16.

^e He. 9. 22.

^f All his hand

^g Ex. 29. 29, 30.

Nu. 20. 26.

28.

^h He. 7. 26.

atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation.

34 And ^a this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins ^c once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. XVII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them; This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, saying,

3 What man soever *there be* of the house of Israel, ^f that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that killeth it out of the camp,

4 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD; blood shall be ⁱ imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man ^k shall be cut off from among his people:

5 To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, ^l which the offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation unto the priest, and offer them for peace offerings unto the LORD.

6 And the priest ^m shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and ⁿ burn the fat for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

7 And they shall no more offer the sacrifices ^o unto devils, after whom the have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.

8 ^p And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, ^q that offereth a burnt offering sacrifice,

9 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the LORD; even that man shall be cut off from among his people.

10 ^r And ^s whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; ^t I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

11 For ^u the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar ^v to make an atonement for your souls: for ^w it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourn among you eat blood.

13 And whatsoever man *there be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that

21. lay, &c. see Exod. xxix. 10, note. into the wilderness, this was the sending away of their sins by a free and full remission.

CHAP. XVII.—3. killeth, respects not the killing for common food, but for sacrifice. 4. unto the door, in opposition to the heathen, who sacrificed in all places; to cut off occasions of idolatry, &c.

5. offer in the open field, which was done before tabernacle was erected. 7. devils, or 'demons' see 1 Cor. x. 20: the Hebrew is 'hairy ones,' so therefore read 'goats,' observing that it alludes the worship of Pan under the form of a goat. a whoring, a name for idolatry, whose rites included the sinful practice.

among you, * which ^a hunteth and killeth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall not ^b pour out the blood thereof, and ^c cover it with dust.

For ^e it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore shall ye give the blood of it unto the children of Israel. Ye shall not shed the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

And ^f every soul that eateth [†] that which died of itself, or that which was eaten with beasts, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger, ^h he shall both wash his clothes, ⁱ and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until even: then shall he be clean.

But if he wash them not, nor bathe himself, then ^m he shall bear his iniquity.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, [†] I am the LORD your God. After [†] the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. Ye [†] shall do my judgments, and keep my ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God.

Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: ^a which if a man do, he shall live in them: ^c I am the LORD.

[†] None of you shall approach to any person that is [§] near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I am the LORD.

The ^a nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

The ^a nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness.

The [§] nakedness of thy sister, whether of thy father, or daughter of thy father, whether she be born at home, or abroad, even their nakedness shalt thou not uncover.

The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: theirs is thine own nakedness.

The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman.

Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is thy father's near kinswoman.

Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt.

Thou ^m shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy

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* that hunteth any hunting.

^a ch. 7. 26.

^b De. 15. 23.

^c Mat. 14. 4.

^d Mar. 12. 19.

^e Eze. 24. 7.

^f De. 12. 23.

^g Ex. 22. 31.

[†] a carcass.

[†] or, one wife to another.

^h Ex. 26. 3.

ⁱ 1 Sa. 1. 6. 8.

^j ch. 11. 25.

^k ch. 15. 5.

^l Eze. 18. 6.

^m 22. 10.

ⁿ Pr. 6. 29. 32.

^o Mal. 3. 5.

^p Mat. 5. 27.

^q Ro. 2. 22.

^r 1 Co. 6. 9.

^s He. 13. 4.

^t Nu. 19. 20.

^u 2 Ki. 16. 3.

^v 23. 10.

^w Je. 19. 5.

^x Eze. 20. 31.

^y Ac. 7. 43, called

^z Moloch.

[†] Mal. 1. 12.

[†] Ex. 6. 7.

[†] Ro. 1. 27.

[†] 1 Co. 6. 9.

[†] 1 Ti. 1. 10.

[†] Eze. 20. 7. 8.

[†] Ex. 22. 19.

[†] Ex. 23. 24.

[†] De. 12. 2, &c.

[†] De. 4. 1, 2.

[†] Mat. 15. 18.

[†] 20.

[†] 1 Co. 3. 17.

[†] y De. 18. 12.

[†] Nu. 35. 34.

[†] Je. 2. 7.

[†] Eze. 36. 17.

[†] Lu. 10. 28.

[†] Ro. 10. 5.

[†] Ga. 3. 12.

[†] b Ps. 89. 32.

[†] Is. 26. 21.

[†] Je. 5. 9, 29.

[†] Ho. 2. 13.

[†] 9. 9.

[†] c Mal. 3. 6.

[†] § remainder of his flesh.

[†] d ch. 20. 11, &c.

[†] e Ge. 49. 4.

[†] Am. 2. 7.

[†] 1 Co. 5. 1.

[†] f Je. 9. 19.

[†] Eze. 36. 13.

[†] 17.

[†] g 2 Sa. 13. 12.

[†] Eze. 22. 11.

[†] h De. 18. 9.

[†] i 1 Pe. 1. 16.

[†] k Ex. 20. 12.

[†] l Ex. 31. 13.

[†] m Ge. 38. 18, 26.

[†] n 1 Co. 10. 14.

[†] 1 Jno. 5. 21.

son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

16 Thou ^a shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness.

17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness.

18 Neither shalt thou take [†] a wife to her sister, [§] to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time.

19 Also ^k thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

20 Moreover [†] thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her.

21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed ^a pass through the fire to ^o Molech, neither shalt thou [†] profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

22 Thou [†] shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

23 Neither [†] shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

24 Defile [†] not ye yourselves in any of these things: [†] for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:

25 And [†] the land is defiled: therefore I do [†] visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.

26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:

27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;)

28 That [†] the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you.

29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.

30 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, ^h that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.

CHAP. XIX.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, [†] Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.

3 [†] Ye [†] shall fear every man his mother and his father, and [†] keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.

4 [†] Turn [†] ye not unto idols, nor make

AP. XVIII.—3. *Egypt—Canaan*, the idolatries of these nations are particularly alluded to, because of their vicinity to Israel, and consequent evil influence upon them. 5. *live in them*, be happy or contented in observing them: see 1 Thess. iii. 8. *I am the LORD*, or *JEHOVAH*, having a right to prescribe and power to fulfil promises. 18. *a wife to her sister*, this prohibits a man's marrying a wife's

sister, only while both are living. 21. *seed*, children, Deut. xviii. 10. *Molech* means king. This idol might represent the sun; it was the idol of the Ammonites. Jewish writers say, the father delivered his son to the priests, and they made two great fires, and caused the son to pass between them, which was a kind of lustration. 23. *with any beast*, see Exod. xxii. 19, note.

to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God.

5 ¶ And ^a if ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, ye shall offer it at your own will.

6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire.

7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable; it shall not be accepted.

8 Therefore *every one* that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

9 ¶ And ^c when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the LORD your God.

11 ¶ Ye ^d shall not steal, neither deal falsely, ^e neither lie one to another.

12 ¶ And ye shall not ^f swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God. I am the LORD.

13 ¶ Thou ^g shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: ^h the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not curse the deaf, ⁱ nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt ^j fear thy God: I am the LORD.

15 ¶ Ye ^k shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: *but* in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

16 ¶ Thou ^l shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou ^m stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the LORD.

17 ¶ Thou ⁿ shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: ^o thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, ^p and not suffer sin upon him.

18 ¶ Thou ^q shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, ^r but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

19 ¶ Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

20 ¶ And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that is a bondmaid, ^s betrothed

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* or, they.

† there shall be a

scourging.

^a ch. 7. 16.

^b ch. 5. 15.

^c Ru. 2. 16.

† holiness of

praises to

the LORD.

^d Pr. 3. 9.

^e Ep. 4. 28.

^f Col. 3. 9.

^g De. 12. 23.

^h Mat. 5. 33.

ⁱ Ja. 5. 12.

^j 2 Ch. 33. 6.

^k Mal. 3. 5.

^l Is. 15. 2.

^m Mar. 10. 19.

ⁿ 1 Th. 4. 6.

^o Mal. 3. 5.

^p Ja. 5. 4.

^q Je. 16. 6.

^r Ro. 14. 13.

^s De. 23. 17.

† profane.

^t Ec. 5. 7.

^u 1 Pe. 2. 17.

^v Ps. 82. 2.

^w Pr. 24. 23.

^x Ja. 2. 9.

^y ch. 26. 2.

^z Ec. 5. 1.

^{aa} 1 Sa. 28. 7.

^{ab} Ps. 15. 3.

^{ac} 1 Ki. 21. 13.

^{ad} Mat. 26. 60.

^{ae} Pr. 20. 29.

^{af} 1 Ti. 5. 1.

^{ag} 1 Jno. 2. 9.

^{ah} Mat. 18. 15.

^{ai} Ga. 6. 1.

^{aj} Ep. 5. 11.

|| or, that thou

bear not

sin for him.

^{ak} Ro. 1. 32.

^{al} 1 Co. 5. 2.

^{am} 2 Jno. 11.

* or, oppress.

^{an} 2 Sa. 13. 22.

^{ao} Pr. 20. 22.

^{ap} Ro. 12. 17.

^{aq} 1 Pe. 2. 1.

^{ar} Ja. 5. 9.

^{as} Ex. 12. 48.

^{at} Mat. 5. 43.

^{au} Ga. 5. 14.

^{av} Ja. 2. 8.

^{aw} f De. 10. 19.

^{ax} Pr. 20. 10.

† stones.

† reproached

by, or, for

man, or

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any.

to an husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her; * she † shall be scourged; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.

21 And ^b he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, *even* a ram for a trespass offering.

22 And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering before the LORD for his sin which he hath done: and the sin which he hath done shall be forgiven him.

23 ¶ And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: it shall not be eaten of.

24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be † holy ^d to praise the LORD *withal*.

25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I am the LORD your God.

26 ¶ Ye ^e shall not eat *any thing* with the blood: † neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times.

27 Ye ^f shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.

28 Ye shall not ^g make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.

29 ¶ Do ^h not † prostitute thy daughter to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.

30 ¶ Ye ⁱ shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.

31 ¶ Regard ^j not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizardry to be defied by them: I am the LORD your God.

32 ¶ Thou ^k shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

33 ¶ And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not ^l vex him.

34 But ^m the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and ⁿ thou shalt love him as thyself for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

35 ¶ Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or measure.

36 Just ^o balances, just ^p weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

CHAP. XIX.—7. *it is abominable*, though offered according to law, yet if not so eaten, it (the sacrifice) was not accepted. 17. *rebuke*, the word signifies to reprove by convincing and persuasive arguments. 19. *not sow—with mingled seed*, the Zabians and Amorites sowed dried grapes with their wheat, from a superstitious notion that otherwise they should have bad crops. *a garment mingled*, &c. the Egyptians are said to have used a sort of patchwork for appropriation to their gods, and hence this prohibition. 23. *three years*, to grow to perfection, become wholesome, and render the first-fruits fit for offering to God. 26. *with the blood*, the Zabians used to eat together of the blood of slain beasts, that they might hold communion with devils. Some read the words, as the Sept. instead of 'with the blood,' on the mountains, making a trifling change in the original. This is an act of idolatry, see Ezek. xviii. 6. *enchant-*

ment, the original word implies divination by serpents, observe times, or divine by clouds, &c. 27. *corn* or 'extremities,' of your heads, the heathen cut their hair in honour of their gods. 28. *cuttings*, the heathen commonly cut and wounded themselves in their mournings. *marks of idols* were printed in incisions on the flesh, to show they belonged to their idols. 29. *prostitute*, or profane, the heathen devoted their daughters to public prostitution in their temples. 31. *familiar spirits*, or necromancers. The word implies practising ventriloquism, by which art, probably, many heathen superstitions were maintained. *wizards*, cunning men, who pretend to foreknow. 35. *meteyard*, thing measured by rod and line. 36. *ephah*, computed to have held seven gallons, two quarts, half a pint of things dry, as corn. *hin*, a wine gallon and a little more than a quart of liquid.

37 Therefore shall ye observe ^a all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: *I am the LORD.*

CHAP. XX.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, ^b Whosoever *he be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth *any* of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: he the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

3 And ^c I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people: because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to ^d defile my sanctuary, and ^e to profane my holy name.

4 And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not:

5 Then ^f I will set my face against that man, and ^g against his family, and will cut him off, and all that ^h go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.

6 ⁱ And ^j the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

7 ^k Sanctify ^l yourselves therefore, and ^m ye holy: for *I am the LORD your God.*

8 And ⁿ ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: ^o *I am the LORD which sanctify you.*

9 ^p For ^q every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; ^r his blood *shall be* upon him.

10 ^s And ^t the man that committeth adultery with *another* man's wife, ^u even ^v he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

11 And ^w the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

12 And ^x if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: ^y they have wrought confusion; ^z their blood *shall be* upon them.

13 If ^a a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

14 And ^b if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.

15 And ^c if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall lay the beast.

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^a Ps 119. 4, 34.¹ Jno. 3. 22.^{23.}^b De. 12. 31.^{18.} 10.² Ki. 17. 17.^{23.} 10.² Ch. 33. 6.^{Je. 7.} 31.^{32.} 35.^{Eze. 20.} 26.^{31.}^c ch. 17. 10.^d ch. 15. 24.^{18.} 19.^e made^{naked.}^f Eze. 5. 11.^{23.} 38, 39.^g ch. 18. 21.^h ch. 18. 12, 13.ⁱ De. 17. 2, 3, 5.^j ch. 18. 6.^k 1 Pe. 3. 10.^l Ex. 20. 5.^m ch. 18. 14.ⁿ ch. 17. 7.^o ch. 19. 31.^p ch. 18. 16.^q a separation.^r ch. 11. 44.^{19.} 2.¹ Pe. 1. 16.^s ch. 19. 37.^t ch. 13. 25, 28.^u Ex. 31. 13.^v Eze. 37. 28.^w ch. 18. 3.^x Ex. 21. 17.^y De. 27. 16.^z Pr. 20. 20.^a Mat. 15. 4.^b ch. 18. 27.^c De. 9. 5.^d Ex. 3. 17.^{6.} 8.^e 2 Sa. 1. 16.^f De. 22. 22.^g Jno. 8. 4, 5.^h Ex. 33. 16.ⁱ De. 7. 6.^j 1 Ki. 8. 53.^k ch. 11. 47.^l De. 14. 4.^m ch. 18. 8.ⁿ 1 Co. 5. 1.^o ch. 11. 43.^p ch. 18. 15.^q or, moveth.^r ch. 18. 23.^s ch. 19. 2.^t 1 Pe. 1. 16.^u De. 23. 17.^v Ju. 19. 22.^w Tit. 2. 14.^x Ex. 22. 18.^y De. 18. 10, 11.^z 1 Sa. 28. 7, 8.^a ch. 18. 17.^b De. 27. 21.^c Eze. 44. 25.

16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

17 And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.

18 And ^a if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath ^b discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

19 And ^c thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister: ^d for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity.

20 And ^e if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.

21 And ^f if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is ^g an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

22 ^h Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, ⁱ spue you not out.

23 And ^j ye shall not walk in the manners of the nations which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and ^k therefore I abhorred them.

24 Inherit ^l I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: ^m *I am the LORD your God,* ⁿ which have separated you from other people.

25 Ye ^o shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: ^p and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that ^q creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.

26 And ye shall be holy unto me: ^r for I the LORD ^s am holy, and ^t have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.

27 ^u A ^v man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood *shall be* upon them.

CHAP. XXI.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them, ^w There shall none be defiled for the dead among his people:

CHAP. XX.—2. *strangers*, an idolater might live in Canaan, but it was at his peril to practise idolatry openly. *growth any of his seed*, more than mere procreation is meant, for the Phœnicians or Canaanites, whose customs the Israelites were in danger of imitating, sacrificed even their beloved children to Molech, the same with Molech. *put to death*, by the hand of the civil magistrate. 3. *to defile my sanctuary*, by coming into it after having done this horrible act. 6. *a whoring*, or practising illicit intercourse, is a figure borrowed from the covenant relation of Jehovah to Israel: as the husband was head or lord of his wife, so Jehovah was the supreme and only God and Sovereign of his chosen people: see

Ezek. xvi. 9. *curseth*, employs bitter reproaches and imprecations, and thus revileth, speaks or treats contemptuously or disrespectfully. *his blood*, &c., 'his blood is chargeable on himself.' 14. *burnt*, branded, say some, but more probably burned, after being stoned to death. see Jos. vii. 15, 25. 20. *childless*, may probably mean, their children shall be reckoned bastards. 24. *milk*, &c. see Exod. iii. 8. note. 27. *put to death*, &c., as divination was used to support idolatry, those who practised it were treated as idolaters.

CHAP. XXI.—1. *defiled*, defilement rendered any one unfit to enter the worshipping assembly seven days. *for the dead*, which was done by entering a

2 But for his kin, that is near unto him, *that is*, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother,

3 And for his sister a virgin, that is nigh unto him, which hath had no husband; for her he may be defiled.

4 *But* * he shall not defile himself, *being* a chief man among his people, to profane himself.

5 They *d* shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.

6 They shall be holy unto their God, and * not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and *e* the bread of their God, they do offer: therefore they shall be holy.

7 They *i* shall not take a wife *that is* a whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman *j* put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God.

8 Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: *for* I the LORD, which sanctify you, *am* holy.

9 *And* *o* the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.

10 And *q* he *that is* the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and *r* that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes;

11 Neither shall he *s* go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother;

12 Neither *t* shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for *u* the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: *I am* the LORD.

13 And *v* he shall take a wife in her virginity.

14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

15 Neither shall he profane his seed among his people: for I the LORD do sanctify him.

16 *And* the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish, let him not *w* approach to offer the *x* bread of his God.

18 For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing *y* superfluous,

19 Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded,

20 Or crookbackt, or *z* a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or *a* hath his stones broken;

21 No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh

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a ver. 6.

b ch. 2. 3, 10.

6. 17, 29.

24. 9.

Nu. 18. 9.

c ch. 22. 10. 12.

Nu. 18. 19.

* being an

husband

among his

people, he

shall not

defile him-

self for his

wife, &c.

Eze. 24. 16, 17

d De. 14. 1.

Eze. 44. 20.

e ch. 18. 21.

f Nu. 6. 3.

g ch. 3. 11.

h ch. 18. 21.

i Eze. 44. 22.

k Ex. 28. 38.

Nu. 18. 32.

De. 15. 19.

l De. 24. 1, 2.

m ch. 20. 7, 8.

n ch. 7. 20.

o Ge. 38. 24.

† running of

the reins.

ch. 15. 2.

p ch. 14. 2.

15. 13.

q Ex. 29. 29, 30.

Nu. 35. 25.

r Nu. 19. 11, 22.

s ch. 15. 16.

t ch. 16. 32.

u Ex. 28. 2.

v ch. 11. 24, 43.

44.

w Nu. 19. 14.

x ch. 15. 7, 19.

y ch. 10. 7.

z ch. 15. 5.

He. 10. 22.

a ch. 8. 9, 12.

30.

Ex. 28. 36.

b Eze. 44. 22.

c ch. 21. 22.

d Ex. 22. 31.

Eze. 44. 31.

e Ex. 28. 43.

f 1 Sa. 21. 6.

g ch. 10. 3.

Nu. 16. 5.

Ps. 64. 4.

† with the

purchase of

his money.

§ or, food.

ch. 3. 11.

h Nu. 18. 11.

13.

i ch. 22. 23.

|| a man a

stranger.

* or, too

slender.

k Ge. 38. 11.

l De. 23. 1.

m ch. 10. 14.

Nu. 18. 11.

19.

to *a* offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God.

22 He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the *b* most holy, and of the *c* holy.

23 Only he shall not go in unto the veil, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the LORD do sanctify them.

24 And Moses told it unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they *f* separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they *h* profane not my holy name in those things which they *k* hallow unto me: *I am* the LORD.

3 Say unto them, Whosoever he be of all your seed among your generations, that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the LORD, *h* having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence: *I am* the LORD.

4 What man soever of the seed of Aaron is a leper, or hath a *†* running issue; he shall not eat of the holy things, *p* until he be clean. And *q* whose toucheth any thing that is unclean by the dead, or *r* a man whose seed goeth from him;

5 Or *s* whosoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or *t* a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath;

6 The soul which hath touched any such shall be unclean unto even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he *u* wash his flesh with water.

7 And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things; because *v* it is his food.

8 That *w* which dieth of itself, or is torn with beasts, he shall not eat to defile himself therewith: *I am* the LORD.

9 They shall therefore keep mine ordinance, *lest* they bear sin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it: *I the* LORD do sanctify them.

10 There *x* shall no stranger eat of the holy thing: a sojourner of the priest, or an hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing.

11 But if the priest buy any soul *y* with his money, he shall eat of it, and he that is born in his house: *h* they shall eat of his meat.

12 If the priest's daughter also be married unto *z* a stranger, she may not eat of an offering of the holy things.

13 But if the priest's daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is *a* returned unto her father's house, *m* as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's meat: but there shall no stranger eat thereof.

place with a dead body in it, touching, bearing, or following it to the grave, or mourning for it: see Numb. xix. 11, 14, 16. 4. bring a chief, &c. This is obscure; Boothroyd reads, 'But if she have a husband among his people, he shall not defile himself for her by any uncleanness.' *profane himself*, make himself unfit for sacred service, or a common person. 5. not make baldness, &c., signs of grief practised by the people. 7. he is holy, and not to be defiled by such. 9. profane or dishonour: this was often

done by the daughters of heathen priests, in their filthy rites. 10. uncover, lay aside his mitre, or shave his head. 12. go out, this law respects him only in the case of his dead. 20. or hath, &c. 'or hath a rupture.'

CHAP. XXII.—2. separate, 'when they are to abstain,' or withdraw, during any period when they were unclean. *profane not—in those things*, i. e. should not eat what was set apart for the priests. 10. stranger, embraces here all who were not of the

14 ^a And ^a if a man eat of the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put the fifth ^a part thereof unto it, and shall give it unto the priest with the holy thing.

15 And ^b they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer unto the LORD;

16 Or ^c suffer them ^c to bear the iniquity of trespass, when they eat their holy things: for the LORD do sanctify them.

17 ^d And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, ^e Whatsoever he be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his freewill offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt offering;

19 Ye shall offer at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats.

20 But ^f whatsoever hath a blemish, it shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you.

21 And ^g whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD ^h to accomplish his vow, or a freewill offering in beeves or ⁱ sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.

22 Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make ^j an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD.

23 Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing ^k superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

24 Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make any offering thereof in your land.

25 Neither ^l from a stranger's hand shall ye offer ^m the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption is in them, and blemishes be in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

26 ⁿ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27 When ^o a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28 And whether it be cow or ^p ewe, ye shall not kill it ^q and her young both in one day.

29 And when ye will ^r offer a sacrifice thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will.

30 On the same day it shall be eaten: ye shall leave ^s none of it until the morrow: I am the LORD.

31 Therefore ^t shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I am the LORD.

32 Neither ^u shall ye profane my holy time; but ^v I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am the LORD which allow you,

33 That ^w brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD.

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^a ch. 5. 15, 16.^b Nu. 18. 32.^c ver. 4. 37.^d Ex. 32. 5.^e 2 Ki. 10. 20.^f Ps. 81. 3.^g or, *lade themselves*^h with the iniquity ofⁱ trespass in their eating^j Ps. 38. 4.^k Is. 53. 11, 12.^l Ex. 20. 9.^m De. 5. 13.ⁿ Lu. 13. 14.^o Ex. 23. 14.^p ch. 1. 2, 3, 10.^q Nu. 15. 14.^r Ex. 12. 6, 14.^s 18.^t 133. 10.^u 23. 15.^v 34. 18.^w Nu. 9. 2, 3.^x De. 16. 1. 8.^y Jos. 5. 10.^z Nu. 28. 18, 25.^a Mal. 1. 8, 14.^b Ep. 5. 27.^c He. 9. 14.^d 1 Pe. 1. 19.^e ch. 3. 1, 6.^f ch. 7. 16.^g Nu. 15. 3, 8.^h De. 23. 21, 23.ⁱ Ps. 61. 8.^j 65. 1.^k Ec. 5. 4, 5.^l or, *goats*.^m Ex. 23. 16, 19.ⁿ Nu. 15. 2, 18.^o De. 16. 9.^p Jos. 3. 15.^q ch. 1. 9, 13.^r 3. 3, 5.^s *omer, or, handful.*^t r Ro. 11. 16.^u 1 Co. 15. 20.^v Ja. 1. 18.^w Re. 14. 4.^x or, *kid*.^y Ex. 29. 24.^z ch. 21. 18.^a ch. 2. 14. 16.^b Nu. 15. 15, 16.^c ch. 21. 6, 17.^d y Ex. 22. 30.^e ch. 25. 8.^f Ex. 24. 32.^g De. 16. 9.^h or, *she goat*.ⁱ De. 22. 6.^j Ps. 107. 22.^k 116. 17.^l Am. 4. 5.^m Ac. 2. 1.ⁿ Nu. 28. 26.^o ch. 7. 15.^p Nu. 15. 40.^q De. 4. 40.^r De. 26. 1.^s ch. 18. 21.^t Mat. 6. 9.^u Lu. 11. 2.^v k ch. 20. 8.^w ch. 11. 45.^x 19. 36.^y Ex. 6. 7.^z Nu. 15. 41.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, ^a Concerning ^a the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall ^a proclaim to be holy convocations, ^a even these are my feasts.

3 Six ^b days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

4 ^c These ^c are the feasts of the LORD, ^c even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

5 In ^d the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's passover.

6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

7 In ^e the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

9 ^f And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, ^g When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a ^h sheaf of ^h the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

11 And he shall ⁱ wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an ^j he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

13 And ^k the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin.

14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

15 ^l And ^l ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number ^m fifty days; and ye shall offer ⁿ a new meat offering unto the LORD.

17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; ^o they are ^o the firstfruits unto the LORD.

18 And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering,

only of Aaron or Levi. 18. *vows* were always *will* offerings. *free-will offerings*, these were not necessarily *vows*. 20. *blemish*, God's honour required the best of every thing.

CHAP. XXIII.—2. *feasts*, the obvious sense here is national festivities. 10. *sheaf*, *omer*, or handful. 14. *parched corn*, still eaten by the Arabs. *green ears*, eaten also by them. 16. *fifty days*, bringing

and their drink offerings, *even* an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD.

19 Then ye shall sacrifice *b* one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of *c* peace offerings.

20 And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: *e* they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.

21 And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, *that* it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: *it shall be* a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22 *f* And *g* when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, *neither* shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: *I am* the LORD your God.

23 *h* And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the *i* seventh month, in the first *j* day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, *k* a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

25 Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

26 *l* And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27 Also *m* on the tenth day of this seventh month *n* there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

29 For whatsoever soul *o* it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, *p* he shall be cut off from among his people.

30 And whatsoever soul *q* it be that doeth any work in that same day, *r* the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

31 Ye shall do no manner of work: *s* it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32 It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye *t* celebrate your sabbath.

33 *u* And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, *v* The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.

35 On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: *w* on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: *x* it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

B. C. 1490.

a ver. 2, 4.

b ch. 4, 23, 28.

Nu. 28. 30.

Ro. 8. 3.

c 2 Co. 5. 21.

d ch. 3. 1.

e Nu. 29. 39.

f Nu. 18. 12.

De. 18. 4.

g 1 Co. 9. 11.

13, 14.

h Ex. 23. 16.

De. 16. 13.

i Ne. 8. 15.

j fruit.

k ch. 19. 9.

l De. 24. 19.

Ru. 2, 2 &c.

Job 31. 16.

21.

Ps. 41. 1, 3.

112. 9.

Pr. 11. 24, 25.

Is. 58. 7, 8, 10.

11.

Lu. 11. 41.

12. 33.

m 2 Co. 9. 6, 15.

Gal. 2. 10.

n Nu. 29. 12.

o Ne. 8. 14, 16.

p Nu. 29. 1.

q De. 31. 13.

Ps. 78. 5, 6.

r ch. 25. 9.

s 1 Ch. 15. 28.

t 2 Ch. 5. 13.

Ps. 81. 1, 4.

98. 6.

Is. 27. 13.

u 1 Co. 15. 52.

v ver. 2.

w ch. 16. 30.

x Nu. 29. 7.

y Ex. 27, 20, 21.

z to cause to ascend.

a Ge. 17. 14.

b Ex. 31. 8.

39. 37.

c ch. 20. 3, 5, 6.

d Ex. 25. 30.

e 2 Ch. 4. 19.

13. 11.

He. 9. 2.

f rest.

g Nu. 4. 7.

h 1 Ch. 9. 32.

i 2 Ch. 2. 4.

j Ex. 23. 16.

Nu. 29. 12.

De. 16. 13.

Ezr. 3. 4.

Ne. 8. 14.

Zec. 14. 16.

Jno. 7. 2.

k 1 Sa. 21. 6.

Mar. 2. 26.

l ch. 8. 3.

21. 22.

Ex. 29. 33.

m Nu. 29. 33.

Ne. 8. 18.

Jno. 7. 37.

n day of restraint.

De. 16. 8.

2 Ch. 7. 9.

Ne. 8. 18.

Joel 1. 14.

2. 15.

37 These *a* are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:

38 Beside *b* the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have *c* gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

40 And *d* ye shall take you on the first day the *e* boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

41 And *f* ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 Ye *g* shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:

43 That *h* your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: *I am* the LORD your God.

44 And Moses *i* declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command *a* the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, *b* to cause the lamps to burn continually.

3 Without the veil of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: *it shall be* a statute for ever *c* in your generations.

4 He shall order the lamps upon *d* the pure candlestick before the LORD continually.

5 *e* And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve *f* cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake.

6 And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, *g* upon the pure table before the LORD.

7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon *h* each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

8 Every *i* sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.

9 And *j* it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; *k* and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute.

10 *l* And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp;

Pentecost. 24. blowing of trumpets, this festival lasted only during the first day of the civil year, supposed to have been a memorial of the finishing of creation on that day when 'the sons of God shouted

for joy.' 34. tabernacles, see Exod. xxiii. 16, note.

CHAP. XXIV.—1. beaten. Ex. xxvii. 20, note. 4.

candlestick, Ex. xxv. 21. 5. tenth deals, see ch.

xiv. 10. in one cake, this was large enough to supply

1 And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the LORD, and cursed. And they ^b brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name was Glomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:)

2 And they ^c put him in ward, ^d that the mind of the LORD might be shewed man.

3 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

4 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard ^e lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

5 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God ^f shall bear his sin.

6 And he that ^g blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death.

7 ^h And ⁱ he that ^j killeth any man shall surely be put to death.

8 And ^k he that killeth a beast shall make it good; ^l beast for beast.

9 And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as ^m he hath done, so shall it be done to him;

10 Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again.

11 And ⁿ he that killeth a beast, he shall store it: ^o and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death.

12 Ye shall have ^p one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the LORD your God.

13 ^q And Moses spake to the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. XXV.

1 AND the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep ^a a sabbath unto the LORD.

3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

5 That ^b which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes ^c of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land.

6 And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee.

7 And for thy cattle, and for the beast

B. C. 1490.

^a Job 25.9, 10.

Is. 8. 21.

^b Ex. 15. 22, 26.

^c Nu. 13. 34.

^d to expound unto them

according to the

mouth of the LORD.

^e Nu. 27. 5.

36. 5, 6.

^f loud of sound.

^g ch. 23. 24, 27.

^h De. 13. 9.

ⁱ 17. 7.

^j Is. 61. 2.

63. 4.

^k Je. 34. 8, &c.

Lu. 4. 19.

^l Nu. 36. 4.

^m Nu. 9. 13.

ⁿ 1 Ki. 21. 10.

13.

^o Ps. 74. 10, 13.

Mar. 3. 28.

^p Ja. 2. 7.

^q Nu. 35. 31.

^r De. 19. 11, 12.

^s smiteth the life of a man.

^t Nu. 36. 4.

^u ver. 21.

^v life for life.

^w 1 Sa. 12. 3, 4.

^x Mi. 2. 2.

^y 1 Co. 6. 8.

^z De. 19. 21.

^a Mat. 5. 38.

7. 2.

^b Ex. 21. 33.

^c ver. 17.

^d Ex. 12. 49.

^e Ps. 4. 8.

^f Pr. 1. 33.

^g Je. 23. 6.

^h Eze. 34. 25.

27. 28.

ⁱ Mat. 6. 25, 31.

^j rest.

^k Ex. 23. 10.

^l 2 Ch. 36. 21.

^m Ex. 16. 29.

ⁿ 2 Ki. 19. 29.

^o Jos. 5. 11, 12.

^p for cutting off, or, to be quite cut off.

^q 2 Ki. 19. 29.

^r 2 Ch. 7. 20.

^s Ps. 85. 1.

^t Joel 2. 13.

3. 2.

^u 1 Ch. 29. 15.

^v Ps. 39. 12.

119. 19.

^w 1 Pe. 2. 11.

^x of thy separation.

^y Ru. 3. 2, 9, 12.

^z Je. 32. 7, 8.

^a his hand hath attained and found sufficiency.

ch. 5. 7.

that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

8 ^a And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.

9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet ^b of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, ^c in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and ^d proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; ^e and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

11 A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed.

12 For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.

13 In ^f the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession.

14 And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest ought of thy neighbour's hand, ^g ye shall not oppress one another:

15 According to the number of years after the jubile thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee:

16 According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for according to the number of the years of the fruits doth he sell unto thee.

17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God.

18 ^h Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.

19 And the land shall yield her fruit, and ⁱ ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.

20 And if ye shall say, ^j What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:

21 Then I will ^k command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

22 And ^l ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of ^m old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store.

23 ⁿ The land shall not be sold ^o for ever: for ^p the land is mine; for ye are ^q strangers and sojourners with me.

24 And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land.

25 ^r If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if ^s any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.

26 And if the man have none to redeem it, and ^t himself be able to redeem it;

two men for a day. 14. lay their hands, equivalent to saying, thy blood be upon thine own head; and that the offender was treated as an expiatory victim, loaded with the entire burden of his crime.

CHAP. XXV.—2. a sabbath, means here a rest from tillage. 9. jubilee, a word thought to be derived

from a word signifying to bring back. restore, return, because at this time men were returned to their liberty, estates, and families. the trumpet sound, this announced the commencement of the fiftieth year, computed, perhaps, from the seventh year's rest, which it may have included. 10. inhabitants, i. e.

27 Then ^a let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession.

28 But if he be not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubile: ^c and in the jubile it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.

29 And if a man sell a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; *within* a full year may he redeem it.

30 And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be established for ever to him that bought it throughout his generations: it shall not go out in the jubile.

31 But the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country: ^c they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubile.

32 Notwithstanding ^f the cities of the Levites, and the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Levites redeem at any time.

33 And if ^g a man purchase of the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall go out in the year of jubile: for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel.

34 But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it is their perpetual possession.

35 ^h And if thy brother be waxen poor, and ⁱ fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt ^j relieve ^k him: *yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.*

36 Take ^l thou no usury of him, or increase: but ^m fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase.

38 I ⁿ am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

39 ^o And ^p if thy brother that *dwell*eth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not ^q compel him to serve as a bondservant:

40 But as a hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubile:

41 And then shall he depart from thee, both he and his children ^r with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.

42 For they are ^s my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold ^t as bondmen.

43 Thou ^u shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God.

44 Both thy bondmen, and thy bond-

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^a ver. 50. 52.

^b Is. 56. 3. 6.

^c 1 Pe. 1. 4. 5.

^d Is. 14. 2.

^e *ye shall*

serve your-

selves with

them.

ver. 39.

^f *his hand*

obtain, &c.

ver. 26.

^g *redemption*

belongeth

unto it.

^h Ne. 5. 5.

ⁱ Nu. 35. 2.

^j Jos. 21. 2. &c.

^k *or, one of*

the Levites

redeem

them.

^l Job 7. 1.

Is. 16. 14.

21. 16.

^m *his hand*

faileth.

ⁿ *strengthen*

^o Pr. 14. 31.

Lu. 6. 35.

Ac. 11. 29.

Rc. 12. 18.

1 Jno. 3. 17.

^p Ps. 15. 5.

Pr. 28. 8.

Eze. 22. 12.

^q Ne. 5. 9.

^r *or, by these*

means.

^s Ex. 21. 2. 3.

^t 1 ch. 22. 32. 33.

^u Ex. 21. 2.

De. 15. 12.

1 Ki. 9. 22.

2 Ki. 4. 1.

Je. 34. 14.

^v *serve thy-*

self with

him with

the service,

&c.

^w Ex. 20. 4. 5.

De. 5. 8.

16. 22.

27. 15.

Ps. 97. 7.

^x *or, pillar.*

^y *a stone of*

picture, or,

figured

stone.

^z ch. 19. 30.

^{aa} Ex. 21. 3.

^{ab} Is. 30. 23.

Eze. 34. 26.

Joel 2. 23. 24.

^{ac} Ro. 6. 22.

^{ad} 1 Co. 7. 23.

^{ae} Ps. 67. 6.

85. 12.

^{af} *with the*

sale of a

bondman.

^{ag} Ep. 6. 9.

Col. 4. 1.

^{ah} Am. 9. 13.

^{ai} De. 11. 15.

maids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you: of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids.

45 Moreover of ^b the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession.

46 And ^d ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, inherit them for a possession; ^e they shall be your bondmen for ever; but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigour.

47 ^f And if a sojourner or stranger ^g wax rich by thee, and thy brother that *dwell*eth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family:

48 After that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may ^h redeem him:

49 Either his uncle, or his uncle's son may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself.

50 And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubile: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years, ⁱ according to the time of an hired servant shall it be with him.

51 If there be yet many years behind according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for.

52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubile, then he shall count with him, and according unto his year shall he give him again the price of his redemption.

53 And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him; and the other shall no rule with rigour over him in thy sight.

54 And if he be not redeemed ^j in these years, then ^k he shall go out in the year of jubile, both he, and his children with him.

55 For unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

CHAP. XXVI.

YE shall make you ^a no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a ^b standing image, neither shall ye set up ^c any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the LORD your God.

2 ^d Ye ^e shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.

3 ^f If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

4 Then ^g I will give you rain in due season, ^h and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

5 And ⁱ your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye ^j shall ea-

Israelites, and chiefly poor. 36. *no usury*, this law was to relieve the poor, but could not be thought binding for the purchase of lands, trade, &c., where it is but equitable that the lender share in the profit. 39. a *bondservant*, such were the purchased or captive heathen.

CHAP. XXVI.—1. *idols nor graven image*, 'carved idols,' a *standing image*, 'a statue,' *image of stone*, 'sculptured stones,' probably alluding to the hiero-

glyphic stones of the Egyptians, which being written by the priests were deified by the multitude, who worshipped in them Thorh, the Egyptian god learning. Hence the prohibition. 3. *statute* marked out ordinances or appointments. *commandments*, authoritative orders to obey them. 4. *rain in due season*, spring and autumn, without which crops failed. 5. *your threshing shall reach unto the vintage*, from the harvest in March to the vin-

your bread to the full, and ^a dwell in your land safely.

6 And ^e I will give peace in the land, and ^d ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will ^{*} rid / evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

8 And ^a five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

11 And ^{*} I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.

12 And I ^p will walk among you, and ^v will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

13 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; ^u and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

14 [¶] But ^z if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, *but* that ye break my covenant:

16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint [†] over you ^e terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ^d ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

17 And I will set my face against you, and ^e ye shall be slain before your enemies: [†] they that hate you shall reign over you; and ^e ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you [†] seven times more for your sins.

19 And I will [†] break the pride of your power; and I [†] will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

20 And your ^m strength shall be spent in vain: for ^e your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

21 [¶] And if ye walk [§] contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.

22 I [†] will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number: and ^e your *high ways* shall be desolate.

23 And if ye ^u will not be reformed by these things, but will walk contrary unto me;

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^a Job 11. 18.

^b Ps. 18. 26.

^c 1 Ch. 22. 9.

^d Ps. 29. 11.

^e Is. 45. 7.

^f Ps. 3. 5.

^g Ho. 2. 18.

^h Eze. 6. 3.

ⁱ *cause to cease.*

^j 2 Ki. 17. 25.

^k Je. 29. 17, 18.

^l Jos. 23. 10.

^m Ps. 105. 16.

ⁿ Is. 3. 1.

^o Mi. 6. 14.

^p Ge. 17. 6, 7.

^q Ps. 107. 38.

^r Is. 66. 15.

^s Je. 21. 5.

^t Ps. 76. 2.

^u Re. 21. 3.

^v De. 28. 53.

^w 2 Ki. 6. 29.

^x La. 4. 10.

^y 2 Co. 6. 16.

^z Je. 7. 23.

^{aa} Eze. 11. 20.

^{ab} 2 Ch. 34. 3.

^{ac} 4, 7.

^{ad} Ps. 89. 38.

^{ae} Je. 14. 19.

^{af} Je. 2. 20.

^{ag} Ne. 2. 3.

^{ah} Ps. 74. 7.

^{ai} La. 2. 17.

^{aj} Mal. 2. 2.

^{ak} Je. 9. 11.

^{al} Ps. 44. 11.

^{am} Je. 9. 16.

^{an} Zec. 7. 14.

^{ao} *upon you.*

^{ap} De. 28. 65, 67.

^{aq} Job 31. 8.

^{ar} Mi. 6. 15.

^{as} Ju. 2. 14.

^{at} Je. 19. 7.

^{au} Ps. 106. 41.

^{av} Ps. 53. 5.

^{aw} Ps. 119. 164.

^{ax} Pr. 24. 16.

^{ay} Job 15. 21.

^{az} Pr. 28. 1.

^{ba} Is. 25. 11.

^{bb} *driven.*

^{bc} De. 28. 23.

^{bd} Ps. 127. 1.

^{be} Is. 49. 4.

^{bf} 1 Sa. 14. 15, 16.

^{bg} Hag. 1. 10.

^{bh} *or, at all adventures with me.*

^{bi} Ho. 5. 15.

^{bj} Eze. 5. 17.

^{bk} Ju. 5. 6.

^{bl} 2 Ch. 15. 5.

^{bm} Is. 33. 8.

^{bn} 1 Ki. 8. 33, 47.

^{bo} Ln. 15. 18.

^{bp} 1 Jno. 1. 9.

^{bq} Am. 4. 6, 12.

24 Then ^b will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

25 And ^e I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant; and when ye are gathered together within your cities, ^e I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

26 And [†] when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ^k ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also ^m in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29 And ^e ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

30 And ^e I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcases upon the carcases of your idols, and my soul shall [†] abhor you.

31 And ^{*} I will make your cities waste, and [†] bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.

32 And ^e I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

33 And ^b I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

34 Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye *be* in your enemies' land; *even* then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.

35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

36 And upon them that are left *alive* of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and [†] the sound of a [†] shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth.

37 And [†] they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.

39 And they that are left of you ^p shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

40 If [†] they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;

age in July. 8. *five—shall chase, &c.*, a certain number for an uncertain. 10. *because of the new*, i.e. to make room for the new. 11. *set my tabernacle*, continue that now set up, or may allude to the Messiah, Jno. i. 14. 13. *bands of your yoke*, which like that of the ox, causes the head to hang down. 15. *judgments*, judicial law. 16. *terror*, i.e. sudden terror, Jer. xv. 8. 18. *seven*, i.e. many. See Dan. iii. 19; iv. 32. 19. *as iron*, yielding no rain. *as brass*, parched up. 22. *wild beasts*, the wolf driven by the cold from the north, and the lion from the wilderness to the river by thirst. *desolate*, without travellers. 24. *walk contrary*, put you out of my protection. 25. *quarrel*, 'violation.'

26. *broken the staff*, deprived them of bread. *ten*, i.e. many women, one house oven was only sufficient to bake for one family; and when ten were to bake in it, it is apparent that there was a great scarcity. 29. *eat the flesh of your sons, &c.*, fulfilled, see 2 Ki. vi. 29; Lam. iv. 10, and at the last siege of Jerusalem. 30. *high places*, seats of idolatry. *images*, 'sun-images.' *idols*, here express 'dungy gods', a term of contempt. 31. *sanctuaries*, Solomon's temple destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar; Zerubbabel's by Titus. 34. *her sabbaths*, these the land enjoyed during the seventy years' captivity. 38. *eat you up*, or greedily consume you, Nu. xxiv. 8. The ten tribes of Israel have long disappeared.

41 And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their ^a uncircumcised hearts be ^b humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:

42 Then will I ^c remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will ^d remember the land.

43 The ^e land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they ^f despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.

44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, ^g I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God.

45 But I will ^h for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, ⁱ whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt ^m in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.

46 These ⁿ are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the LORD made between him and the children of Israel ^p in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. XXVII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, ^q When a man shall make a singular vow, the persons shall be for the LORD by thy estimation.

3 And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, ^r after the shekel of the sanctuary.

4 And if it be a female, then thy estimation shall be thirty shekels.

5 And if it be from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

6 And if it be from a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation shall be three shekels of silver.

7 And if it be ^s from sixty years old and above; if it be a male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

8 But ^t if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to his ability that vowed shall the priest value him.

9 And if it be a beast, whereof men bring an offering unto the LORD, all that ^u any man giveth of such unto the LORD shall be holy.

10 He shall not alter it, nor change it,

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^a Je. 6. 10.
9. 25. 26.

Eze. 44. 7.
Ac. 7. 51.

Ro. 2. 29.
Col. 2. 11.

^b 1 Ki. 21. 29.
2 Ch. 12. 6. 7.

12.
32. 26.

33. 12. 13.
^c Ex. 2. 24.

6. 5.
Ps. 106. 45.

Eze. 16. 60.
Lu. 1. 72.

^d according to thy estimation, O priest, &c.

^e Ps. 136. 23.
^f ch. 22. 14.

^g ch. 25. 2. 7.
2 Ch. 36. 21.

Is. 24. 5. 6.
Ro. 8. 22.

^h ver. 15.
ⁱ ch. 5. 16.

^j De. 4. 31.
2 Ki. 13. 23.

Ro. 11. 2.
^k Ro. 11. 28.

^l ch. 22. 33.
25. 38.

⁺ or, the land of an homer, &c.

^m Ps. 98. 2.
Eze. 20. 9.

14. 22.
ⁿ ch. 27. 34.

De. 6. 1.
12. 1.

33. 4.
^o Jno. 1. 17.

^p ch. 25. 15. 16.
ch. 25. 1.

^q ch. 6. 4. 5.
Ge. 28. 20. 22.

Nu. 6. 2.
Ju. 11. 30.

31. 39.
1 Sa. 11. 1.

28.
^r ch. 25. 10. 28.

31.
^s Ex. 30. 13.

^t ver. 28.
^u Nu. 18. 14.

Eze. 44. 29.
^y ch. 25. 10. 25.

^z ver. 18.
^a ch. 25. 28.

^b Ps. 90. 10.
Ec. 12. 2. 7.

^c Lu. 21. 1. 4.
2 Co. 8. 12.

13.
^d Ex. 30. 13.

Nu. 3. 47.
18. 16.

Eze. 45. 12.
^e firstborn, &c.

^f Ex. 13. 2. 12.
22. 30.

Nu. 18. 17.

a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then it and the exchange thereof shall be holy.

11 And if it be any unclean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice unto the LORD, then he shall present the beast before the priest:

12 And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: ^g as thou valuest it, *who art the priest*, so shall it be.

13 But if he will at all redeem it, ^h then he shall add a fifth *part* thereof unto thy estimation.

14 ⁱ And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy unto the LORD, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand.

15 And ^j if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his.

16 And if a man shall sanctify unto the LORD *some part* of a field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to the seed thereof: ^k an homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.

17 If he sanctify his field from the year of jubile, according to thy estimation it shall stand.

18 But if he sanctify his field after the jubile, then the priest shall ^l reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain, even unto the year of the jubile, and it shall be abated from thy estimation.

19 And if he that sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, ^m then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured to him.

20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more.

21 But the field, ⁿ when it goeth out in the jubile, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field ^o devoted; ^p the possession thereof shall be the priest's.

22 And if a man sanctify unto the LORD a field which he hath bought, which is not of the fields of ^q his possession;

23 Then ^r the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, *even* unto the year of the jubile: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, as a holy thing unto the LORD.

24 In ^s the year of the jubile the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, *even* to him to whom the possession of the land *did* belong.

25 And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: ^t twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

26 ^u Only the ^v firstling ^w of the beasts, which should be the LORD's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it be ox, or sheep: it is the LORD's.

27 And if it be of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth *part* of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

41. *uncircumcised hearts be humbled*, it signifies sinful, wicked, hard, and impenitent hearts brought to a sense of sin, to repentance, and humiliation. 45. *for their sakes*, 'in their behalf.' 46. *laws*, directions. in mount Sinai, or near it.

CHAP. XXVII.—2. *a singular*, or separate *vow*, &c., 'a singular vow, of persons to Jehovah, let there be

a valuation,' so *Boothroyd*. If any one had vowed to deliver his own person or that of any one under his authority, he might give value instead. Persons so vowed were probably Nethinims, employed in menial services in the temple: see Josh. ix. 27: 1 Chron. ix. 2. 3. *shekels*, see table of weights and measures affixed to the volume. 22. *possession*, patrimony. 26. *shall sanctify it*, it being sanctified

8 Notwithstanding ^a no devoted thing, ^b a man shall devote unto the LORD of that he hath, *both* of man and beast, ^c of the field of his possession, shall be ^d or redeemed: every devoted thing is ^e holy unto the LORD.
9 None ^f devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; *but* shall ^g be put to death.
10 And ^h all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land, *or* of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: *it is* holy unto the LORD.
11 And if a man will at all redeem

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^a Jos. 6. 17. 19
^b Je. 33. 13.
^c Eze. 20. 37.
^d Mi. 7. 14.
^e Nu. 21. 2, 3.
^f Ge. 28. 22.
^g Nu. 18. 21, 24
^h 2 Ch. 31. 5, 6, 12.
ⁱ Ne. 13. 12.
^j Mal. 3. 8, 10.
^k ch. 26. 46.
^l De. 4. 45.
^m Jno. 1. 17.

ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth *part* thereof.

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, *even* of whatsoever ^b passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

34 These ^c are the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai.

12. 2. 28. *devoted thing*, a thing dedicated by a vow, differed from a thing devoted; the latter being secured by curse, which a man pronounced on himself if he ever employed it for

common use. 29. *None devoted*, explained in the case of the men of Jericho, &c., Josh. vi. 17; Deut. xxv. 19; here is then no reference to men devoted to God, who were to live for his service.

The Fourth Book of MOSES, called NUMBERS.

So called from its containing an account of the numbering and marshalling of the Israelites.

CHAP. I.

1 AND the LORD spake unto Moses ^a in the wilderness of Sinai, ^b in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first *day* of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,
2 Take ^c ye the sum of all the congregation of the ^d children of Israel, ^e after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of *their* names, every male by their polls;

3 From ^f twenty years old and upward, that are ^g able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number ^h them by their armies.

4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one ⁱ head of the house of his fathers.

5 And these *are* the names of the men that shall stand with you: *of the tribe* of Ruben; Elizur the son of Shedeur.

6 Of Simeon; Shelumiel the son of Ishaddai.

7 Of Judah; Nahshon the son of Ammadab.

8 Of Issachar; Nethaneel the son of Nauphi.

9 Of Zebulun; Eliab the son of Helon.

10 Of the children of Joseph: of Ephraim; Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh; Gamaliel the son of Manasur.

11 Of Benjamin; Abidan the son of Gemoni.

12 Of Dan; Ahiezer the son of Amishaddai.

13 Of Asher; Pagiel the son of Ocran.

14 Of Gad; Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

15 Of Naphtali; Ahira the son of Enan.

16 These ^p were the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, ^q heads of thousands in Israel.

17 And Moses and Aaron took these ^r names, which are expressed by *their* names:

18 And they assembled all the congre-

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^a ch. 10. 11, 12.
^b Ex. 19. 1.
^c Le. 27. 34.
^d Ezr. 2. 59.
^e He. 7. 3, 6.
^f Ex. 25. 22.
^g Le. 1. 1.
^h ch. 26. 2, 63, 64.
ⁱ Ex. 30. 12.
^j 38. 26.
^k 2 Sa. 24. 2.
^l 1 Ch. 21. 2.
^m Ge. 49. 1, 2.
ⁿ Ex. 1. 1, 5.
^o Ex. 6. 14. 19.
^p ch. 26. 1, 2.
^q 2 Sa. 24. 1, 9.
^r Ge. 46. 9.
^s 49. 3.
^t 1 Ch. 5. 1.
^u ch. 14. 29.
^v 32. 11.
^w Ex. 30. 14.
^x De. 3. 18.
^y 2 Ch. 17. 13.
^z 19.
^{aa} 26. 11. 14.
^{ab} Ex. 18. 25.
^{ac} Jos. 22. 14.
^{ad} Ge. 34. 25.
^{ae} 30.
^{af} 49. 5, 6.
^{ag} Ge. 49. 19.
^{ah} 1 Ch. 5. 18.
^{ai} ch. 2. 14.
^{aj} Reuel.
^{ak} ch. 7. 2.
^{al} Ju. 6. 15.
^{am} 1 Ch. 27. 16.
^{an} Ex. 18. 21, 25.
^{ao} De. 1. 15.
^{ap} 1 Sa. 22. 7.
^{aq} 23. 23.
^{ar} Mi. 5. 2.

gation together on the first *day* of the second month, and ^b they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls.

19 As the LORD commanded Moses, so ^c he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 And the children of ^d Reuben, Israel's eldest son, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

21 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Reuben, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.

22 ^e Of the children of ^f Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

23 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

24 ^g Of the children of ^h Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

25 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Gad, were forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.

26 ⁱ Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

27 Those that were numbered of them,

CHAP. I.—2. *the sum*, some think this was not a full census, but only the completion of that begun the first year, since the numbers are the same: see ch. xxx. 11, 12; xxxviii. 25, 26. 3. *all that are*, &c., of course excluding women, children, old

men, and the tribe of Levi. 18 *pedigrees, genealogies, polls, heads*. 21. *five hundred*. 23. *three hundred*. 25. *six hundred and fifty*. there are no odd numbers, and all but two end with hundreds. It would hence seem that the warriors were divided

even of the tribe of ^a Judah, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

28 [†] Of the children of ^b Issachar, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

29 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Issachar, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

30 [†] Of the children of ^c Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

31 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

32 [†] Of the children of ^d Joseph, namely, of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

33 Those that were numbered of them, even of the ^e tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand and five hundred.

34 [†] Of the children of ^f Manasseh, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

35 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

36 [†] Of the children of ^g Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

37 Those that were ^h numbered of them, even of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

38 [†] Of the children of ⁱ Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

39 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Dan, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

40 [†] Of the children of ^j Asher, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

41 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Asher, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.

42 [†] Of the children of ^k Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

43 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

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^a Ge. 49. 8. 12
1 Ch. 5. 2.
Ps. 60. 7.

^b Ge. 49. 14, 15
^c Ge. 49. 13.
^d ch. 2. 32.

26. 51.
Ge. 12. 16.
Ex. 12. 37.

38. 26.
De. 10. 22.
1 Ki. 4. 20.

2 Ch. 13. 3.
He. 11. 11, 12
Re. 7. 4. 9.

^e ch. 2. 33.
III.
IV.
26. 57.

1 Ch. VI.
21. 6.
^f ch. 2. 33.

26. 62.
^g Ge. xxxvii.
xxxix.
xlvi.

49. 22. 26.
^h ch. 3. 7, 8.
4. 15. 25.

27. 33.
Ex. 33. 21.
ⁱ ch. 3. 23, 29.

35. 38.
^k Ge. 48. 5.
De. 33. 17.

1 Ch. 10. 17, 21.
^l ch. 2. 21.
26. 34.

Ge. 48. 19, 20
ⁿ ch. 3. 10, 38.
18. 22.

^o ch. 2. 2, 34.
^p ver. 50.
^r Ge. 44. 20.

49. 27.
^s ch. 8. 19.
16. 46.

18. 5.
Le. 10. 6.
1 Sa. 6. 19.

^t ch. 3. 7, 8.
8. 24. 26.
18. 3. 5.

31. 30, 47.
1 Ch. 23. 32.
2 Ch. 13. 10.

^u ch. 26. 41.
Ju. 20. 44. 46.
2 Ch. 17. 17.

18.
^v Ge. 49. 16, 17
^x ch. 1. 52.

^y over
against.
^y Jos. 3. 4.

^z Ge. 49. 20.
^a ch. 10. 14.
Ru. 4. 20.

1 Ch. 2. 10.
Mat. 1. 4.
Lu. 3. 32, 33.

^b ch. 1. 27.
26. 22.
^c Ge. 49. 21.

^d ch. 1. 8.
7. 18, 23.
10. 15.

^e ch. 1. 29.
26. 25.
^f ch. 1. 9.

7. 24, 29.
10. 16.

44 These are those that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, being twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers.

45 So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel;

46 Even all they that were numbered were ^a six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

47 [†] But ^a the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them.

48 For the LORD had spoken unto Moses, saying,

49 Only ^f thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel:

50 But [†] thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that *belong* to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.

51 And [†] when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: [†] and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

52 And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, [†] every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.

53 But [†] the Levites shall pitch round about the tabernacle of testimony, that there be no [†] wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: [†] and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony.

54 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

CHAP. II.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 Every [†] man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: [†] far [†] off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

3 And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and ^a Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be captain of the children of Judah.

4 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, ^b were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

5 And those that do pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Issachar: and ^c Nethaneel the son of Zuar shall be captain of the children of Issachar.

6 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, ^d were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

7 Then the tribe of Zebulun: and ^e Eliab the son of Helon shall be captain of the children of Zebulun.

Into tens, hundreds, and thousands, and their regular numbers supplied on every vacancy by death. 51. stranger, one not of the tribe of Levi.

CHAP. II. — 2. standard, it is uncertain what this was; the word is properly a luminous beacon. 3 throughout their armies, or with their entire host.

8 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, ^b were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

9 All that were numbered in the camp of Judah were an hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies. These shall first set forth.

10 ¶ On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben shall be ^d Elizur the son of Shedeur.

11 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, ^k were forty and six thousand and five hundred.

12 And those which pitch by him shall be the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon shall be ^k Shemuel the son of Zurishaddai.

13 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, ^m were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

14 Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad shall be Eliasaph the son of ^e Reuel.

15 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, ^r were forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

16 All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben were an hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. ^t And they shall set forth in the second rank.

17 ¶ Then ^u the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards.

18 ¶ On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of ^v Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim shall be ^v Elishama the son of Ammihud.

19 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, ^w were forty thousand and five hundred.

20 And by him shall be the tribe of Manasseh: and the captain of the children of Manasseh shall be ^x Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

21 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, ^y were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

22 Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of Gideon.

23 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, ^z were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

24 All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, throughout their armies. ^{aa} And they shall set forward in the third rank.

25 ¶ The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan shall be ^{ab} Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, ^{ac} were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

27 And those that encamp by him shall be the tribe of Asher: and the captain of

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^a ch. 7. 72, 77.

^b ch. 26. 26, 27.

^c ch. 26. 47.

^d ch. 10. 14.

^e ch. 7. 73, 83.

^f ch. 26. 50.

^g ch. 7. 30, 35.

^h ch. 10. 18.

ⁱ ch. 26. 7.

^j ch. 10. 25.

^k ch. 7. 36, 41.

^l ch. 1. 46.

^m ch. 26. 14.

ⁿ ch. 1. 47.

^o ch. 1. 14.

^p ch. 26. 18.

^q ch. 24. 2, 5, 6.

^r ch. 10. 18.

^s Ge. 2. 4.

^t ch. 10. 1.

^u Mat. 1. 1.

^v ch. 10. 17, 21.

^w Col. 2. 5.

^x Le. 25. 1.

^y Ex. 6. 23.

^z ch. 10. 22.

^{aa} De. 33. 17.

^{ab} Ps. 80. 2.

^{ac} Ex. 28. 41.

^{ad} Le. VIII.

^{ae} whose hand he filled.

^{af} Ex. 29. 1, 37.

^{ag} Le. IX.

^{ah} He. 7. 28.

^{ai} ch. 7. 48, 53.

^{aj} 1 Ch. 7. 26.

^{ak} ch. 26. 61.

^{al} Le. 10. 1.

^{am} 1 Ch. 24. 2.

^{an} ch. 26. 37.

^{ao} f ch. 7. 54, 59.

^{ap} ch. 8. 6.

^{aq} ch. 8. 2.

^{ar} Ex. 32. 26, 29.

^{as} De. 33. 8, 9.

^{at} ch. 26. 34.

^{au} ch. 7. 60, 65.

^{av} ch. 10. 24.

^{aw} ch. 1. 50.

^{ax} ch. 8. 11, 15.

^{ay} ch. 26. 41.

^{az} ch. 8. 19.

^{ba} ch. 18. 6.

^{bb} ch. 10. 22.

^{bc} ch. 18. 7.

^{bd} ch. 16. 40.

^{be} ch. 7. 66, 71.

^{bf} ch. 10. 25.

^{bg} ch. 26. 42, 43.

^{bh} ch. 8. 16.

^{bi} ch. 8. 16.

^{bj} ch. 8. 16.

^{bk} ch. 8. 16.

^{bl} ch. 8. 16.

^{bm} ch. 8. 16.

^{bn} ch. 8. 16.

^{bo} ch. 8. 16.

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^{bq} ch. 8. 16.

^{br} ch. 8. 16.

^{bs} ch. 8. 16.

^{bt} ch. 8. 16.

^{bu} ch. 8. 16.

the children of Asher shall be ^a Pagiel the son of Ocran.

28 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, ^c were forty and one thousand and five hundred.

29 ¶ Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali shall be ^c Ahira the son of Enan.

30 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, ^f were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

31 All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan were an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They ⁱ shall go hindmost with their standards.

32 ¶ These are those which were numbered of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers: ⁱ all those that were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

33 But ⁿ the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

34 And the children of Israel did ^p according to all that the LORD commanded Moses: ^q so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers.

CHAP. III.

THESE also are the ^u generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the LORD ^u spake with Moses in mount Sinai.

2 And these are the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the ^v firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, ^a the priests which were anointed, ^q whom he ^b consecrated to minister in the priest's office.

4 And ^d Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Bring ^e the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him.

7 And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do ^k the service of the tabernacle.

8 And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.

9 And ^m thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel.

10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, ^o and they shall wait on their priest's office: ^p and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 And I, behold, ^t I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth

CHAP. III.—1. generations, 'progeny.' of Moses, a family must be found included in the Amramites, v. 27. 4. in the sight, in his presence, or under his direction. 6. minister unto him, by killing the

sacrifices, sprinkling the blood, burning the fat, preparing the incense, keeping the instruments, &c. 7. before the tabernacle, for the priests officiated in it. 12. instead of all the firstborn, these were God's by

the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine;

13 Because ^a all the firstborn *are* mine; ^b for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I *am* the LORD.

14 ^c And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

15 Number the children of Levi after the house of their fathers, by their families: ^e every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them.

16 And Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded.

17 And ^f these were the sons of Levi by their names; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

18 And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershon by their families; ^g Libni, and Shimei.

19 And the sons of Kohath by their families; ^h Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

20 And ^k the sons of Merari by their families; Mahli, and Mushi. These *are* the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

21 Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimeites: these *are* the families of the Gershonites.

22 Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *even* those that were numbered of them *were* seven thousand and five hundred.

23 The ^p families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward.

24 And the chief of the house of the father of the Gershonites *shall be* Eliasaph the son of Lael.

25 And ^t the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation *shall be* ^u the tabernacle, and ^v the tent, ^w the covering thereof, and ^x the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

26 And ^y the hangings of the court, and ^z the curtain for the door of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and ^a the cords of it for all the service thereof.

27 ^c And ^d of Kohath *was* the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izecharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these *are* the families of the Kohathites.

28 In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary.

29 The ^f families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward.

30 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kohathites *shall be* Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

31 And ^k their charge *shall be* ^l the ark, and ^m the table, and ⁿ the candlestick, and ^o the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and ^p the hanging, and all the service thereof.

32 And Eleazar the son of Aaron the

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^a ch. 8. 16.
Ex. 13. 2.
Le. 27. 26.
Lu. 2. 23.

^b ch. 8. 17.
Ex. 13. 12, 15.
^c ver. 39.
ch. 26. 62.

^d ch. 1. 53.

^e the office of the charge.

^f ch. 4. 31, 32.

^g mouth.

^h ch. 26. 57.
Ge. 45. 11.
Ex. 6. 16.
1 Ch. 6. 1. 16.

ⁱ Ex. 6. 17.

^j ch. 1. 53.

^k Ex. 6. 18.

^l Ex. 6. 19.

^m ch. 18. 5.
1 Ch. 6. 43, 49.
ⁿ ver. 7, 8.

^o ver. 10.
1 Sa. 6. 19.
2 Sa. 6. 7.
2 Ch. 26. 16.

^p Ep. 2. 19.
He. 9. 8.
10. 19. 22.

^q ch. 26. 62.

^r ch. 1. 53.

^s ver. 15.
Ps. 87. 6.
Is. 4. 3.

^t Lu. 10. 20.
2 Ti. 2. 19.
He. 12. 23.

^u ver. 12, 45.

^v ch. 4. 24. 26.

^w Ex. 25. 9.

^x Ex. 26. 1.

^y Ex. 26. 14.

^z Ex. 26. 36.

^a Ex. 27. 9.

^b Ex. 27. 16.

^c Ex. 35. 18.

^d 1 Ch. 26. 23.

^e ver. 12. 41.

^f Is. 44. 6.

^g ch. 1. 53.

^h ch. 18. 15.

ⁱ Ex. 13. 13.

^j 1 Pe. 1. 18, 19.

^k ver. 39, 43.

^l ch. 18. 16.

^m Le. 27. 6.

ⁿ ch. 4. 15.

^o Ex. 25. 10.

^p Ex. 25. 23.

^q Ex. 25. 31.

^r Ex. 30. 13.

^s Le. 27. 25.

^t Ex. 27. 1.

^u Ex. 26. 32.

priest shall be chief over the chief of the Levites, and have the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

33 ^u Of Merari *was* the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites: these *are* the families of Merari.

34 And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* six thousand and two hundred.

35 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Merari *was* Zuriel the son of Abihail: ^a these shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward.

36 And ^b under ^c the custody and charge of the sons of Merari *shall be* the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the vessels thereof, and all that serveth thereto.

37 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 ^d But ^e those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, *even* before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, *shall be* Moses, and Aaron and his sons, ^f keeping the charge of the sanctuary ^g for the charge of the children of Israel: and ^h the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

39 All ⁱ that were numbered of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, *were* twenty and two thousand.

40 ^j And the LORD said unto Moses, ^k Number all the firstborn of the males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.

41 And ^l thou shalt take the Levites for me (I *am* the LORD) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel.

42 And Moses numbered, as the LORD commanded him, all the firstborn among the children of Israel.

43 And all the firstborn males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

44 ^m And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Take ⁿ the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine: ^o I *am* the LORD.

46 And for those that are to be ^p redeemed of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the firstborn of the children of Israel, ^q which are more than the Levites;

47 Thou shalt even take ^r five shekel apiece by the poll, after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take them: ^s the shekel is twenty gerahs:)

48 And thou shalt give the money wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons

right of redemption, Exod. xiii. 12; the tribe of Levi are now accepted in their stead. 15. from a month old, the other tribes were from twenty years, &c.

because they were for military purposes, but not s the Levites. 47. by the poll, i.e. for each: s chap. i. 2.

And Moses took the redemption money of them that were over and above that were redeemed by the Levites: Of the firstborn of the children of Israel took he the money; ^a a thousand and five hundred and threescore and five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: And Moses ^b gave the money of them who were redeemed unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. IV.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, Take the sum of the sons of Kohath among the sons of Levi, after their families, by the house of their fathers, From ^a thirty years old and upward until fifty years old, all that enter the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

This ^m shall be the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation, *about* ⁿ the most holy things:

And when the camp setteth forward, thou shalt come, and his sons, and they shall take down ^p the covering vail, and the ark of testimony with it:

And shall put thereon the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over it ^q a wholly of blue, and shall put in ^r the staves thereof.

And upon the ^s table of shewbread shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the cups, and covers to cover withal: and continual bread shall be thereon:

And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with covering of badgers' skins, and shall put there the staves thereof.

And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the ^t candlestick of the light, and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuffers, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it:

And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put it upon a bar.

And upon ^u the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put there the staves thereof:

And they shall take all the instruments of ministry, wherewith they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put them on a bar:

And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth thereon:

And they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it, *even* the censers, the fleshhooks, the shovels, and the ^v basins, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread thereon a covering of badgers' skins, and to the staves of it.

And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the LORD is set to say; after that, ^w the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: ^x but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest

B. C. 1490.

^a ch. 3. 31.

^b Mat. 20. 28.

^c 1 Ti. 2. 5, 6.

^d He. 9. 12.

^e 1 Pe. 3. 18.

^f ver. 46, 47.

^g Ex. 25. 6.

^h Le. 24. 2.

ⁱ Ex. 30. 34.

^j Ex. 29. 40.

^k ver. 48.

^l Sa. 12. 3, 4.

^m Ac. 20. 33.

ⁿ 1 Co. 9. 12.

^o 2 Co. 11. 7, 9.

^p 1 Pe. 5. 2.

^q Ex. 30. 23.

^r ver. 4.

^s ch. 8. 24.

^t 1 Ch. 23. 3, 4.

^u Ex. 19. 21.

^v De. 4. 24.

^w 1 Sa. 6. 19.

^x 2 Sa. 6. 6, 7.

^y He. 10. 19, 20.

^z 12. 28, 29.

^{aa} ver. 15.

^{ab} ver. 19.

^{ac} ver. 3.

^{ad} Ex. 26. 31.

^{ae} Ex. 25. 10, 16.

^{af} *to war the warfare.*

^{ag} Is. 63. 1, 4.

^{ah} Ro. 7. 13. 25.

^{ai} 1 Co. 9. 7.

^{aj} 2 Co. 10. 3, 5.

^{ak} Ga. 5. 17, 24.

^{al} Ep. 6. 10. 17.

^{am} 1 Ti. 1. 18.

^{an} 6. 12.

^{ao} 2 Ti. 2. 3, 5.

^{ap} 4. 7.

^{aq} Ex. 25. 13.

^{ar} *or, carriage.*

^{as} Ex. 25. 23, 29.

^{at} 30.

^{au} Le. 24. 6, 8.

^{av} t ch. 3. 25, 26.

^{aw} *or, pour out withal.*

^{ax} Ex. 25. 31.

^{ay} Ex. 25. 37, 38.

^{az} *mouth.*

^{ba} Lu. 1. 70.

^{bb} 1 Co. 11. 2.

^{bc} Ex. 30. 1, 3.

^{bd} y ver. 33.

^{be} 1 Co. 12. 5, 6.

^{bf} ver. 3.

^{bg} *warfare.*

^{bh} See on ver. 23.

^{bi} a ch. 3. 36, 37.

^{bj} Ex. 26. 15.

^{bk} *or, bowls.*

^{bl} c ch. 7. 9.

^{bm} 10. 21.

^{bn} De. 31. 9.

^{bo} 2 Sa. 6. 13.

^{bp} 1 Ch. 15. 2, 15.

^{bq} d Ex. 25. 9.

^{br} 38. 21.

^{bs} 1 Ch. 9. 29.

^{bt} 2 Sa. 6. 6, 7.

^{bu} 1 Ch. 13. 9, 10.

they die. ^a These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

16 ^a And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *pertaineth* ^d the oil for the light, and the ^e sweet incense, and ^f the daily meat offering, and the ^g anointing oil, and the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein is, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof.

17 ^a And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

18 Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites:

19 But thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto ⁱ the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden:

20 But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, ^j lest they die.

21 ^a And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

22 Take also the sum of the sons of Gershon, throughout the houses of their fathers, by their families;

23 From ^a thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in ^b to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

24 This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, to serve, and for ^c burdens:

25 And they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his covering, and the covering of the badgers' skins that is above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

26 And the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that is made for them: so shall they serve.

27 At the ^d appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens, and in all their service: and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens.

28 This is the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge shall be ^e under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

29 ^a As for the sons of Merari, thou shalt number them after their families, by the house of their fathers;

30 From ^a thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the ^b service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.

31 And ^a this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation; ^b the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and sockets thereof,

32 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall ^c reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden.

33 This is the service of the families of

the sons of Merari, according to all their service, in the tabernacle of the congregation, ^c under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

34 ^f And ^e Moses and Aaron and the chief of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites after their families, and after the house of their fathers,

35 From ^g thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation :

36 And those that were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.

37 These ^h were they that were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, which Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

38 And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, and by the house of their fathers,

39 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,

40 Even those that were numbered of them, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty.

41 These ⁱ are they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD.

42 ^j And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers,

43 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,

44 Even those that were numbered of them after their families, were three thousand and two hundred.

45 These ^k be those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered ^l according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

46 All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the chief of Israel numbered, after their families, and after the house of their fathers,

47 From ^m thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, ⁿ every one that came to do the service of the ministry, and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation,

48 Even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore.

49 According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, ^o every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, ^p as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. V.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, that

B. C. 1490.

^a ch. 12. 14.
Le. 13. 3, 4, 6.

^b Le. 15. 2.
^c Is. 3. 6.

^d ch. 9. 6, 10.
19. 11, 13.
31. 19.

^e Le. 21. 1.
^f ver. 2.

^g Le. 26. 11, 12.
2 Co. 6. 16.

^h ch. 8. 24, 26.
1 Ch. 23. 3, 27.

ⁱ Lu. 3. 23.
1 Ti. 3. 6.

^j Le. 6. 2, 3.
^k Le. 5. 5.

^l Jos. 7. 19.
^m Le. 6. 5.

ⁿ Le. 6. 6, 7.
7. 7.

^o or, heave
offering.

^p ch. 18. 8, 9, 19
Ex. 29. 28.

^q Le. 6. 17, 18.
26.

^r 7. 6, 10.
14.

^s De. 18. 3, 4.
Eze. 44. 29.

^t Mal. 3. 8, 10.
1 Co. 9. 7, 13.

^u ver. 22.
^v Le. 10. 13.

^w Le. 13. 20.
20. 10.

^x Pr. 2. 16, 17.
7. 5, 27.

^y 30. 20.
^z ver. 30.

^{aa} Pr. 6. 34.
Ca. 8. 6.

^{ab} Zep. 3. 8.
1 Co. 10. 22.

^{ac} ver. 29.
^{ad} 1 Ki. 17. 18.

^{ae} Eze. 29. 16.
He. 10. 3.

^{af} ver. 3, 23, 30.
^{ag} Je. 17. 10.

^{ah} He. 13. 4.
^{ai} Ro. 12. 6, 8.

^{aj} 1 Co. 12. 4.
31.

^{ak} Je. 17. 13.
La. 3. 29.

^{al} Jno. 8. 3, 11.
^{am} Le. 13. 45.

^{an} He. 4. 12, 13.
^{ao} ver. 15, 24, 31.

^{ap} De. 29. 18.
Pr. 5. 4.

^{aq} Ec. 7. 26.
Je. 2. 19.

^{ar} ver. 1, 21.
^{as} under thy

^{at} husband,
or, being in

^{au} the power
of thy

^{av} husband.
Ro. 7. 2.

they put out of the camp every ^a leper and every one that hath an ^b issue, and whosoever is defiled by the ^c dead :

3 Both male and female shall ye put out without the camp shall ye put them ; that they defile not their camps, ^d in the midst whereof I dwell.

4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp : as the LORD spake unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.

5 ^e And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Speak unto the children of Israel, ^f When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person be guilty :

7 Then ^g they shall confess their sin which they have done : and he shall recompense his trespass ^h with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth ⁱ part thereof, and give it unto him against whom he hath trespassed.

8 But if the man have no kinsman to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be recompensed unto the LORD, even to the priest ; beside ^j the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him.

9 And every ^k offering ^l of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his.

10 And every man's hallowed thing shall be his : whatsoever any man give to the priest, it shall be ^m his.

11 ⁿ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside and commit a trespass against him,

13 And a man ^o lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, ^p yet there be no witness against her, neither shall she be taken ^q with the manner ;

14 And the ^r spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled : or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled :

15 Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth ^s part of an ephah barley meal ; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon ; for it is ^t an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, ^u bringing iniquity to remembrance.

16 And the priest shall bring her near unto ^v the LORD, and ^w set her before the LORD :

17 And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel ; and ^x of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put ^y it into the water :

18 And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and ^z uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which is the jealousy offering ; and the priest shall have in his hand ^{aa} the bitter water that causeth the curse :

19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If thou hast not sworn to me, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness ^{ab} with another man, instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse :

CHAP. V.—2. *defiled, &c.*, i. e. by touching, Lev. xxi. 1; Num. vi. 6; these legal pollutions figured the defiling nature of sin. 6. *any sin, &c.*, 'a sin of man,' i. e. against man. 8. *even to the priest*,

if no person claimed compensation, it went to the priest. 13. *with the manner*, in the fact, so Boothroyd. 16. *before the Lord*, that is, in the sanctuary.

But ^a if thou hast gone aside to another instead of thy husband, and if thou wilt, and some man have lain with beside thine husband:
Then the priest shall ^b charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest say unto the woman, ^d The LORD be thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy lot to rot, and thy belly to swell;
And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy lot to swell, and thy thigh to rot: ^f And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.
And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot them out with bitter water:
And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter her, and become bitter.
Then the priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand, shall ⁱ wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar:
And ^k the priest shall take an handful of the offering, even the memorial thereof, and burn it upon the altar, and afterward cause the woman to drink the water.
And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that she hath drunk shall enter into her, and make her bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people.
And if the woman be not defiled, but clean; then she shall be free, and shall have seed.
This is the law of jealousies, when a woman hath gone aside to another instead of her husband, and is defiled;
Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, the priest shall execute upon her all the law.
Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman ^m shall bear her iniquity.
CHAP. VI.
And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow of a Nazarite, to separate themselves unto the LORD:
He shall separate himself from wine, from strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor moist grapes, or dried.
All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine, from the kernels even to the husk.
All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head, until the days be fulfilled, in the

B. C. 1490.

^a Ge. 39. 7, 12.

^b Pr. 7. 10, &c.

^c Jos. 6. 26.

^d 1 Sa. 14. 24.

^e Ne. 10. 29.

^f ch. 19. 11, 16.

^g Le. 21. 11.

^h Je. 29. 22.

ⁱ * fall.

^j * separation.

^k Ps. 109. 18.

^l De. 27. 15.

^m Ac. 18. 18.

ⁿ 21. 24.

^o h. Le. 5. 7.

^p 14. 22.

^q 15. 14, 23.

^r i. Le. 8. 27.

^s k. Le. 2. 2, 9.

^t i. Le. 5. 6.

^u m. Eze. 18. 24.

^v Mar. 3. 15.

^w 24. 13.

^x Ja. 2. 10.

^y 2 Jno. 8.

^z * fall.

^{aa} Ac. 21. 26.

^{ab} De. 28. 37.

^{ac} Ps. 83. 9, 11.

^{ad} Je. 24. 9.

^{ae} 29. 18, 22.

^{af} 42. 18.

^{ag} Zec. 8. 13.

^{ah} P. Le. 4. 27, 32.

^{ai} ver. 19.

^{aj} s. Le. 3. 6.

^{ak} t. Le. 2. 4.

^{al} Ex. 29. 2.

^{am} v. ch. 15. 5, 7, 10.

^{an} 1 Co. 10. 31.

^{ao} 11. 26.

^{ap} Le. 20. 17.

^{aq} 19. 20.

^{ar} Ac. 18. 15.

^{as} 21. 24.

^{at} s. or, make themselves Nazarites.

^{au} z. Le. 27. 2.

^{av} Ju. 13. 5.

^{aw} Ac. 21. 23.

^{ax} Ro. 1. 1.

^{ay} a. Am. 2. 12.

^{az} Lu. 1. 15.

^{ba} b. Le. 8. 31.

^{bb} 1 Sa. 2. 15.

^{bc} c. Ex. 29. 23, 24.

^{bd} Le. 7. 30.

^{be} 8. 27.

^{bf} || or, Nazariteship.

^{bg} * vine of the wine.

^{bh} d. Ex. 29. 27, 28.

^{bi} Le. 9. 21.

^{bj} 10. 15.

^{bk} 23. 11.

^{bl} e. Ju. 13. 5.

^{bm} 16. 17.

^{bn} 1 Sa. 1. 11.

which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

6 All the days that he separateth himself unto the LORD ^c he shall come at no dead body.

7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the [†] consecration of his God is upon his head.

8 All the days of his separation he is holy unto the LORD.

9 And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall ^e shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.

10 And ^h on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

11 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and make an atonement for him, for that he sinned by the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day.

12 And he shall consecrate unto the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year ⁱ for a trespass offering: but ^m the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

13 ⁿ And this is the law of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

14 And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one he lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish ^p for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish ^q for peace offerings,

15 And a basket of unleavened bread, ^t cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread ^u anointed with oil, and their meat offering, and their ^v drink offerings.

16 And the priest shall bring them before the LORD, and shall offer his sin offering, and his burnt offering:

17 And he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat offering, and his drink offering.

18 And ^y the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it in the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offerings.

19 And the priest shall take the ^b sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and ^c shall put them upon the hands of the Nazarite, after the hair of his separation is shaven:

20 And the priest shall ^d wave them for a wave offering before the LORD: this is holy for the priest, with the wave breast

is the law of jealousies, tending to prevent a brood from the heathen, but there is no of this awful ordeal ever having been used.
p. VI.—2. *vow a vow*, make an extraordinary Nazarite, 'one separated.' Such must be at we disposal, and could only become Nazarites mission if they had husband or parent. Some were perpetual, and some for a time. To do themselves, such persons devoted themselves

and set apart their time to serve the Lord. 3. *strong drink*, includes every fermented intoxicating liquor. The moral of this is that the people of God are to live temperately and soberly. 5. *the hair—grow*, a sign of mortification. 18. *put it in the fire*, a man could not offer himself on the altar, the Nazarite therefore offered his hair in the fire of the peace offerings, intimating his full performance of his vow and its acceptability to God in Christ, the great

and heave shoulder: and ^a after that the Nazarite may drink wine.

21 This is the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, and of his offering unto the LORD for his separation, beside that that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

22 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ⁵ ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

24 The LORD ⁴ bless thee, and ¹ keep thee:

25 The LORD ⁴ make his face shine upon thee, and ¹ be gracious unto thee:

26 The ^m LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and ⁿ give thee peace.

27 And ^o they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and ^p I will bless them.

CHAP. VII.

AND it came to pass on the day that Moses had ^q fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and ^r sanctified them;

2 That ^s the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who *were* the princes of the tribes, ^t and were over them that were numbered, ^u offered:

3 And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

5 Take ^v it of them, that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service.

6 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites.

7 Two wagons and four oxen ^w he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service:

8 And ^x four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, under the hand of Phamar the son of Aaron the priest.

9 But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because ^y the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them ^z was that they should bear upon their shoulders.

10 ¶ And the princes offered for ^a dedicating of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, They ^b shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

12 ¶ And he that offered his offering the first day was ^c Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah:

13 And his offering *was* one silver charger, ^d the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them *were* full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

B. C. 1490.

^a Ec. 9. 7.

^b Zec. 10. 7.

^c Mat. 26. 29.

^d Jno. 17. 4, 5.

^e 19. 30.

^f 2 Ki. 25. 14, 15.

^g Ex. 30. 34.

^h Le. 4. 23.

ⁱ Le. 3. 1.

^j Mt. 5. 5.

^k 2 Co. 5. 19, 21.

^l Ep. 2. 14.

^m f ch. 1. 8.

ⁿ 1 Ch. 23. 13.

^o Ru. 2. 4.

^p Ps. 134. 3.

^q Ep. 6. 24.

^r Phi. 4. 23.

^s Ps. 121. 7.

^t Jno. 17. 11.

^u Phi. 4. 7.

^v 1 Th. 5. 23.

^w 1 Pe. 1. 5.

^x Jude 24.

^y Ps. 31. 16.

^z 67. 1.

^a 80. 3, 7, 19.

^b 119. 135.

^c Da. 9. 17.

^d Ge. 43. 29.

^e Jno. 1. 17.

^f Ro. 5. 21.

^g m Ps. 4. 6.

^h 21. 6.

ⁱ 42. 5.

^j 89. 15.

^k Ac. 2. 28.

^l n Ps. 29. 11.

^m 85. 10.

ⁿ Is. 26. 3, 12.

^o 57. 19.

^p Lu. 2. 14.

^q Jno. 14. 27.

^r 15. 33.

^s 20. 21, 26.

^t Ac. 10. 36.

^u Ro. 5. 1.

^v 15. 13, 33.

^w 2 Th. 3. 16.

^x o De. 23. 10.

^y 2 Ch. 7. 14.

^z Is. 43. 7.

^a Da. 9. 18, 19.

^b Ps. 115. 12.

^c Ep. 2. 4, &c.

^d r Ge. 8. 20.

^e s Le. 7. 11, 13.

^f t Ex. 40. 18.

^g u ch. 1. 9.

^h v 1 Ki. 8. 64.

ⁱ Mat. 23. 19.

^j x ch. 1. 4, &c.

^k * who stood.

^l y 2 Ch. 35. 8.

^m z Tit. 3. 8, 14.

ⁿ a ch. 1. 5.

^o b ch. 4. 25.

^p c ch. 4. 31.

^q d ch. 4. 15.

^r e 2 Sa. 6. 13.

^s f De. 20. 5.

^t 1 Ki. 8. 63.

^u Ezr. 6. 16.

^v Ps. 30. title.

^w s 1 Co. 14. 33.

^x 40.

^y h ch. 2. 12.

^z i Ru. 4. 20.

^a Mat. 1. 4.

^b Lu. 3. 32.

^c Naasson.

^d k Ex. 25. 29.

14 One ⁶ spoon of ten *shekels* of gold full of ⁷ incense:

15 One young bullock, one ram, on lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering

16 One kid of the goats for a ^a sin offering

17 And for ^b a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

18 ¶ On the second day ^c Nethaneel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer:

19 He offered for his offering one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

20 One spoon of gold of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

21 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for ^d a burnt offering:

22 One kid of the goats for a sin offering

23 And for a sacrifice of ^e peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

24 ¶ On the third day ^f Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun, did offer:

25 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

26 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

27 One young bullock, one ram, on lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering

28 One kid of the goats for a sin offering

29 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

30 ¶ On the fourth day ^g Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben, did offer:

31 His offering *was* one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

32 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

33 One young bullock, one ram, on lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering

34 One kid of the goats for a sin offering

35 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

36 ¶ On the fifth day ^h Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the children of Simeon, did offer:

37 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

38 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

sacrifice. 24, 25, 26. the Lord, the Trinity is here thought to be intimated.

CHAP. VII.—3. wagons, supposed to have been

a sort of heavy coach. 8. four, this number was double that allowed to the sons of Gershon, the sons of Merari having to carry the heaviest articles of the sacred tent. 12. offering, 'corban' or sacred gift.

One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.
 On the sixth day ⁶ Eliasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Dan, offered:
 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:
 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.
 On the seventh day ⁷ Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim, offered:
 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:
 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.
 On the eighth day ⁸ Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manasseh:
 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:
 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.
 On the ninth day ⁹ Abidan the son of Beniamin, prince of the children of Benjamin, offered:
 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:
 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five

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 a ch. 1. 12.
 2. 25.
 b ch. 1. 14.
 2. 14.
 son of Reuel.
 c Ps. 141. 2.
 Is. 66. 20.
 Da. 9. 27.
 Ro. 15. 16.
 Phi. 4. 13.
 He. 13. 15.
 d Le. 2. 5.
 14. 10.
 He. 1. 9.
 1 Jno. 2. 27.
 e Ps. 50. 8. 14.
 51. 16.
 Is. 1. 11.
 Ja. 7. 22.
 Am. 5. 22.
 f ch. 1. 13.
 2. 27.
 g ch. 1. 10.
 2. 13.
 h Ps. 66. 15.
 Mal. 1. 11.
 Lu. 1. 10.
 He. 8. 3.
 i ch. 1. 15.
 2. 29.
 j Ezr. 1. 9. 10.
 8. 25. 27.
 Je. 52. 19.
 Da. 5. 2.
 Zec. 14. 30.
 Mat. 14. 3. 11.
 k ch. 1. 10.
 2. 29.
 l Ex. 12. 5.
 Jno. 1. 29.
 Ac. 8. 32.
 1 Pe. 1. 19.
 Ro. 5. 6.
 m 1 Ch. 29. 6. 8.
 Ezr. 2. 68. 69.
 Ne. 7. 70. 72.
 Is. 66. 10.
 He. 13. 10.
 n Ju. 5. 9.
 o ch. 1. 11.
 2. 22.
 p Ex. 30. 13.
 Le. 27. 3. 25.
 q Ps. 40. 5.
 Is. 53. 4.
 2 Co. 5. 21.
 r Ro. 12. 1.
 Ep. 5. 2.
 s 1 Ki. 8. 83.
 Pr. 7. 14.
 Col. 1. 29.
 t Le. 2. 1.

lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideon.
 On the tenth day ¹⁰ Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of Dan, offered:
 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:
 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.
 On the eleventh day ¹¹ Pagiel the son of Ocran, prince of the children of Asher, offered:
 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:
 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.
 On the twelfth day ¹² Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali, offered:
 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
 One golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense:
 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.
 This was ¹³ the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the ¹⁴ princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold:
 Each charger of silver weighing an hundred and thirty shekels, each bowl seventy: all the silver vessels weighed two thousand and four hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:
 The golden spoons were twelve, full of incense, weighing ten shekels apiece, after ¹⁵ the shekel of the sanctuary: all the gold of the spoons was an hundred and twenty shekels.
 All the oxen for the ¹⁶ burnt offering were twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meat offering: and the kids of the goats for sin offering twelve.

88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace offerings *were* twenty and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This *was* the dedication of the altar, after that it was ^b anointed.

89 And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation ^c to speak with ^a him, then he heard ^d the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy seat that *was* upon the ark of testimony, from between the ^e two cherubims: and he spake unto him.

CHAP. VIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou ^h lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the candlestick.

3 And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps thereof over against the candlestick, as the LORD commanded Moses.

4 And ⁱ this work of the candlestick *was* of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, *was* ^j beaten work: ^k according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

5 ^l And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them.

7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle ^m water of purifying upon them, and let ⁿ them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean.

8 Then let them take a young bullock with ^o his meat offering, *even* fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin offering.

9 And ^p thou shalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation: ^q and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together:

10 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the LORD: and the children of Israel ^r shall put their hands upon the Levites:

11 And Aaron shall ^s offer the Levites before the LORD for an ^t offering of the children of Israel, that ^u they may execute the service of the LORD.

12 And ^v the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, unto the LORD, to make an atonement for the Levites.

13 And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for an offering unto the LORD.

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be ^w mine.

15 And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and ^x offer them for an offering.

16 For they *are* wholly given unto me from among the children of Israel; ^y instead of such as open every womb, *even*

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^a ch. 3. 13.^b Ex. 13. 2, 12, 13, 15.^c Lu. 2. 23.^d ver. 1.^e ch. 12. 8.^f Ex. 33. 9, 11.^g That is, God.^h Ex. 25. 22.ⁱ ch. 3. 9.^j given.^k 1 Sa. 4. 4.^l 1 Ki. 6. 23.^m Ps. 80. 1.ⁿ ch. 1. 53.^o 16. 46.^p 18. 5.^q 2 Ch. 26. 16.^r Ex. 25. 37.^s 40. 25.^t Ex. 29. 31.^u ver. 7.^v Ex. 25. 18.^w Ko. 12. 1.^x 15. 16.^y Ex. 25. 40.^z 2 Ch. 30. 15.^{aa} 17. 27.^{ab} 31. 2.^{ac} ver. 5, &c.^{ad} ch. 19. 9, 17.^{ae} 18.^{af} let them^{ag} cause a^{ah} razor to^{ai} pass over,^{aj} &c.^{ak} Le. 14. 8, 9.^{al} ch. 4. 3.^{am} 1 Ch. 23. 3.^{an} 24. 27.^{ao} Le. 2. 1.^{ap} to war the^{aq} warfare of,^{ar} &c.^{as} 1 Ti. 1. 18.^{at} Ex. 29. 4.^{au} 40. 12.^{av} return^{aw} from the^{ax} warfare of^{ay} the service.^{az} Le. 8. 3.^{ba} ch. 1. 53.^{bb} Le. 1. 4.^{bc} wave.^{bd} wave offer-^{be} ing.^{bf} they may^{bg} be to exe-^{bh} cute, &c.^{bi} Ex. 29. 10.^{bj} ch. 28. 16.^{bk} Ex. 12. 1, &c.^{bl} Le. 23. 5.^{bm} De. 16. 1, 2.^{bn} between^{bo} the two^{bp} evenings.^{bq} Ex. 12. 6.^{br} ch. 3. 45.^{bs} 16. 9.^{bt} Jos. 5. 10.^{bu} Ex. 29. 24.^{bv} ch. 3. 12, 45.^{bw} ch. 5. 2.^{bx} 19. 11, 16.^{by} Jno. 18. 25.

instead of the firstborn of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto me.

17 For ^a all the firstborn of the children of Israel *are* mine, both man and beast: on the day that I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself.

18 And I have taken the Levites for all the firstborn of the children of Israel.

19 And ^b I have given the Levites as ^c a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel: ^d that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary.

20 And Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, did to the Levites according unto all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them.

21 And ^e the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes; ^f and Aaron offered them as an offering before the LORD; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them.

22 And ^g after that went the Levites in to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation before Aaron, and before his sons: ^h as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

23 ⁱ And the LORD spake unto Moses saying,

24 This *is* it that *belongeth* unto the Levites: ^j from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in ^k to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation:

25 And from the age of fifty years the shall ^l cease waiting upon the service thereof, and shall serve no more:

26 But shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, ^m to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge.

CHAP. IX.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Let the children of Israel also keep ⁿ the passover at his appointed season.

3 In the fourteenth day of this month ^o at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season: according to all the rites of it, as according to all the ceremonies thereof shall ye keep it.

4 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover

5 And ^p they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, did the children of Israel.

6 ^q And there were certain men, who were ^r defiled by the dead body of a man

88. all the oxen, &c., the whole number of beasts for peace offerings only were 204. Our offerings to God should, like these, be liberal and voluntary.

CHAP. VIII.—7. water of purification, or purification water: how made, see ch. xix. 3—6. 9. whole assembly, often means chiefs only. 10. put their

hands, some for the rest: this was a presentation to God. 13. an offering, the ord means wave offering; like this the Levites were presented to God, as the God of heaven, and the God of the whole earth.

CHAP. IX.—6. defiled by the dead body, have

at they could not keep the passover on that day: ^a and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day:

7 And those men said unto him, We are defiled by the dead body of a man: therefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the LORD in his appointed season among the children of Israel?

8 And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and ^a I will hear what the LORD command concerning you.

9 ^a And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet shall keep the passover unto the LORD.

11 The ^b fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it, and ^c eat with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

12 They ^d shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it.

13 But the man that is clean, and is not in a journey, and forebareth to keep the passover, even the same soul ^e shall be cut from among his people: because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

14 And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD; according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ^f ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

15 ^g And ^h on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and ⁱ at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.

16 So it was alway: the cloud covered it day, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And when the cloud ^j was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.

18 At the commandment of the LORD the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents.

19 And when the cloud ^k tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD, and journeyed not.

20 And so it was, when the cloud was a days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the LORD they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the LORD they journeyed.

21 And so it was, when the cloud ^l abode even unto the morning, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then the children of Israel journeyed: whether it was by day or

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^a ch. 27. 2.

Ex. 18. 15.

19. 26.

^b Ex. 40. 36, 37.

^c 1 Co. 5. 7, 8.

^d Ps. 25. 14.

85. 8.

Pr. 3. 5, 6.

Jno. 7. 17.

Ep. 1. 9, 18.

He. 3. 5, 6.

^e ver. 19.

^f Is. 1. 13.

^g 2 Ch. 30. 2, 15.

^h Ex. 12. 8.

ⁱ Je. 4. 5.

Joel 2. 15.

^k Ex. 12. 10.

^l Jno. 19. 36.

^m Ex. 12. 43.

ⁿ ch. 1. 16.

7. 2.

Ex. 18. 21.

^o Ga. 17. 14.

Ex. 12. 15.

^p ch. 2. 3.

^q ch. 5. 31.

^r ch. 2. 10.

^s Ex. 12. 49.

^t ver. 3.

^u Joel 2. 1.

^v ch. 31. 6.

Jos. 6. 4.

1 Ch. 15. 21.

2 Ch. 13. 12.

^y Ex. 40. 34.

Ne. 9. 12, 19.

Ps. 78. 14.

^z Ex. 13. 21.

^a ch. 31. 6.

Jos. 6. 5.

2 Ch. 13. 14.

^b Ju. 2. 18.

4. 3.

6. 9.

10. 8. 12.

1 Sa. 10. 18.

Ps. 106. 42.

^c Go. 8. 1.

Ps. 106. 4.

^d ch. 10. 11, 33.

34.

Ps. 80. 1.

ch. 29. 1.

Le. 23. 24.

1 Ch. 15. 21.

2 Ch. 5. 12.

7. 6.

29. 26.

Ezr. 3. 10.

Ne. 12. 35.

Ps. 81. 3.

^f ver. 9.

^g 1 Co. 10. 1.

^h prolonged.

ⁱ ch. 9. 17.

^j ch. 1. 53.

^k Ex. 40. 36.

^l ch. 1. 1.

9. 5.

Ex. 19. 1.

^m ch. 12. 16.

13. 3, 26.

Ge. 21. 21.

De. 1. 1.

ⁿ ch. 2. 34.

^o was.

^p ch. 1. 7.

by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.

22 Or whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel ^a abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

23 At the commandment of the LORD they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they ^b kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. X.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Make thee two trumpets of silver: of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the ^c calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

3 And when ^d they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are ^e heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.

5 When ye blow an alarm, then ^f the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward.

6 When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie ^g on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.

7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ^h ye shall blow, but ye shall not ⁱ sound an alarm.

8 And ^j the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

9 And ^k if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that ^l oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be ^m remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

10 Also ⁿ in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you ^o for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God.

11 ^p And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud ^q was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

12 And the children of Israel took ^r their journeys out of the ^s wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the ^t wilderness of Paran.

13 And they first took their journey ^u according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

14 ^v In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host was ^w Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

ated at the funeral obsequies, perhaps the funeral of Aaron and Miriam, who died a few days before this over; see Lev. x. 1.

CHAP. X.—2. two, for the two priests; when their number increased in Solomon's time there were hundred and twenty. trumpets, used to proclaim

the civil and sabbatical years, and the jubilee. Lev. xxiii. 24. xxv. 9, 10; Numb. xxix. 1. a whole piece, or beaten work. 3. all the assembly. i. e. chiefs and representatives. See ch. 1. 16. 4. princes, patriarchal chiefs. 5. an alarm, or varied and broken sharp tones by both trumpets, ending in a lengthened sound. 12. wilderness of Paran, a part of the desert

15 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

16 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon.

17 And ^c the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, ^d bearing the tabernacle.

18 ^e And ^e the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elizur the son of Shedeur.

19 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

21 And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the ^f sanctuary: and ^g the other did set up the tabernacle against they came.

22 ^h And ^h the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elishama the son of Ammihud.

23 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedabzur.

24 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

25 ⁱ And ⁱ the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, ^j which was the rearward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran.

27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan.

28 ^k Thus ^k were the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their armies, when they set forward.

29 ^l And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of ^m Raguel the Midianite, Moses' father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, ⁿ I will give it you: come thou with us, and ^o we will do thee good: for ^p the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel.

30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.

31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us ^q instead of eyes.

32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that ^r what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

33 ^s And they departed from ^t the

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^a De. 1. 33.

Jos. 3. 3, 4, 6.

Ps. 132. 8.

Je. 31. 2.

Eze. 20. 6.

^b Ex. 13. 21.

Ne. 9. 12, 19.

^c ch. 1. 51.

^d ch. 4. 24, 31.

7. 6. 8.

^e ch. 2. 10, 16.

^f Ps. 68. 1, 2.

132. 8.

^g ten thousand thousands.

^h De. 9. 22.

ⁱ or, were as it were complain-ers.

^j it was evil in the ears of, &c.

^k Ps. 78. 21.

^l Le. 10. 2.

2 Ki. 1. 12.

Ps. 108. 18.

^m ch. 4. 4, 15.

7. 9.

ⁿ i. e. the Gershonites and the Merarites:

ver. 17.

ch. 1. 51.

^o ch. 2. 18, 24.

^p Ja. 5. 16.

^q sunk.

^r i. e. a burning.

^s Ex. 12. 38.

^t lusted a lust.

^u returned and wept.

^v Ps. 106. 14.

^w Co. 10. 6.

^x ch. 2. 25, 31.

Jos. 6. 9.

^y Ex. 16. 3, &c.

^z ch. 21. 5.

^a eye of it as the eye of.

^b Ge. 2. 12.

^c These.

^d ch. 2. 34.

^e Ex. 2. 18.

^f Ye. 12. 7.

^g Ju. 1. 16.

4. 11.

^h Ge. 32. 12.

Ex. 3. 8.

6. 7, 8.

ⁱ De. 1. 12.

^j Job 29. 15.

^k Ju. 1. 16.

^l Is. 40. 11.

^m Is. 49. 23.

1 Th. 2. 7.

ⁿ Ge. 50. 24.

^o Ex. 3. 1.

mount of the LORD three days' journey, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD ^a went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.

34 And ^b the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, ^c Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the ^d many thousands of Israel.

CHAP. XI.

AND ^e when the people ^f complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it: ^g and his anger was kindled; and the ^h fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.

2 And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses ⁱ prayed unto the LORD, the fire ^j was quenched.

3 And he called the name of the place ^k Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

4 ^l And the ^m mixt multitude that was among them ⁿ fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also ^o wept again, and said, ^p Who shall give us flesh to eat?

5 We ^q remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

6 But now ^r our soul ^s is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.

7 And the manna was as coriander seed, and the ^t colour thereof as the colour of ^u bdellium.

8 And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

10 ^v Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

11 And ^w Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?

12 Have I conceived all this people? say I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, ^x Carry them in thy bosom, as a ^y nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou ^z swarest unto their fathers?

of Arabia. 23. *Hobab*, some think the same as Jethro and Reuel. *father-in-law*, denotes kinsman, and may here mean 'brother-in-law.' 31. *instead of eyes*, being acquainted with the desert, he might guide to wells, springs, fuel, &c. 32. *the same*, &c., he should share in all their privileges and benefits. 36. *return*, 'give repose': so *Boothroyd*.

CHAP. XI. — 1. *the fire*, either lightning or the burning wind called Samuel. 4. *mixed*, see Exod. xii. 38. note. *fell a lusting*, most vehemently longed for flesh. *flesh to eat*, they had cattle, but chiefly kept to breed in Canaan; some read 'fish-flesh.' 5. *fish*, the Egyptians ate this dried in the hot season,

when meat was not relished. *freely*, probably they had leave to fish. *cucumbers*, a very general food with all classes, and easy of digestion, from being mellowed in those countries by the sun's rays. *melons*, this fruit serves the common people for meat, drink, and physic. *leeks*, there is a sort called by the Arabs *karrat*, always much esteemed in Egypt, but some think a lotus is meant. *onions*, & these the Arabs are remarkably fond; in those parts they are very fine and mild. *garlick*, a peculiar agreeable root, eaten raw in the east. 6. *some*, i. e. animal frame. 7. *as coriander*, in shape, not colour. *bdellium*, a precious stone resembling a pearl. 8. *ground it*, when it had become dry and hard.

13 Whence ^a should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

14 I ^c am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.

15 And if thou deal thus with me, ^d kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not ^e see my wretchedness.

16 ^f And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me ^g seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.

17 And I will ^h come down and talk with thee there: and ⁱ I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

18 And say thou unto the people, ^j Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept ^k in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? ^l For if ^m ye weep well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

20 But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have went before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

21 And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh that they may eat a whole month.

22 Shall ⁿ the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

23 And the LORD said unto Moses, ^o Is the LORD's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether ^p my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

24 ^q And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.

25 And the LORD ^r came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, ^s when the spirit rested upon them, ^t they prophesied, and did not cease.

26 But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp.

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp.

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^a 2 Ki. 4. 43, 44.

^b Mat. 19. 33.

^c Mar. 9. 28.

^d Jno. 3. 26.

^e Ex. 18. 13.

^f 1 Ki. 19. 4.

^g Jon. 4. 3.

^h 1 Co. 14. 5.

ⁱ Zep. 3. 15.

^j Ex. 24. 1, 9.

^k Ex. 16. 13.

^l Ps. 78. 26, 28.

^m 105. 40.

ⁿ the way of

^o a day.

^p Ge. 11. 5.

^q Ex. 19. 20.

^r 1 Sa. 10. 6.

^s 2 Ki. 2. 15.

^t Is. 44. 3.

^u Joel 2. 28.

^v Ex. 19. 10.

^w Ex. 16. 7.

^x Ac. 7. 39.

^y 1 e. The

^z graves of

^{aa} lust.

^{ab} De. 9. 22.

^{ac} ch. 33. 17.

^{ad} month of

^{ae} days.

^{af} they were

^{ag} in. &c.

^{ah} or Cushite.

^{ai} Ex. 2. 21.

^{aj} taken.

^{ak} Ex. 15. 20.

^{al} Mi. 6. 4.

^{am} 2 Ki. 7. 2.

^{an} Jno. 6. 7, 9.

^{ao} Ge. 29. 33.

^{ap} 2 Ki. 19. 4.

^{aq} Is. 37. 4.

^{ar} Eze. 35. 12, 13.

^{as} Ps. 76. 9.

^{at} Is. 50. 2.

^{au} 69. 1.

^{av} Eze. 12. 25.

^{aw} 24. 14.

^{ax} ch. 16. 19.

^{ay} ch. 12. 5.

^{az} Ge. 15. 1.

^{ba} 46. 2.

^{bb} Job 33. 15.

^{bc} Eze. 1. 1.

^{bd} Da. 8. 2.

^{be} Lu. 1. 11, 22.

^{bf} Ac. 10. 11, 17.

^{bg} 22. 17, 18.

^{bh} 2 Ki. 2. 15.

^{bi} Ge. 31. 10, 11.

^{bj} 1 Ki. 3. 5.

^{bk} Mat. 1. 20.

^{bl} 1 Sa. 10. 5, 6.

^{bm} 10.

^{bn} Joel 2. 29.

^{bo} Ac. 2. 17, 18.

^{bp} 1 Co. 14. 1.

^{bq} &c.

^{br} Ps. 105. 28.

^{bs} He. 3. 2, 5.

^{bt} Ex. 39. 11.

^{bu} De. 34. 10.

^{bv} 1 Co. 13. 12.

^{bw} Ex. 39. 19.

^{bx} 1 Sa. 20. 26.

^{by} Je. 35. 5.

^{bz} 2 Pe. 2. 10.

^{ca} Jude 8.

28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, ^{one} of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, ^b forbade them.

29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? ^c would God that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

30 And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

31 ^d And there went forth a ^e wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were ^f a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth.

32 And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

33 And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

34 And he called the name of that place [†] Kibroth-hattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.

35 And [‡] the people journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah unto Hazeroth; and [§] abode at Hazeroth.

CHAP. XII.

AND Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the [¶] Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for [¶] he had [¶] married an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they said, Had the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? [¶] hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD [¶] heard it.

3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

4 And [¶] the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

5 And [¶] the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, [¶] I the LORD will make myself known unto him [¶] in a vision, and will speak unto him [¶] in a dream.

7 My [¶] servant Moses is not so, [¶] who is faithful in all mine house.

8 With him will I speak [¶] a mouth to mouth, even [¶] apparently, and not in dark speeches; and [¶] the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then [¶] were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

10 And the cloud departed from off the

17. take of the spirit, &c. i.e. confer upon them the influence of the same spirit enjoyed by Moses. 20. come out at your nostrils. the stomach reject it.—Boothr. 23. waxed short, power diminished. 26. remained, supposed out of modesty. written, put down in Moses's summons to attend the tabernacle. 31. two cubits high, very near the ground, being exhausted

by flight. 32. homers, see table at the end of the volume. spread them, a custom still practised.

CHAP. XII.—1. Ethiopian, or Cushite: she was so called because Midian might be considered part of the land of Cush, a son of Ham, whose race had no relation to Abraham, and were therefore not to be

tabernacle; and, ^a behold, Miriam became ^bleprous, ^cwhite as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, ^dshe was leprous.

11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, ^elay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.

12 Let her not be ^fas one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

13 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

14 ^gAnd the LORD said unto Moses, ^hIf her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ⁱashamed seven days? let her be ^kshut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in ^lagain.

15 And ^mMiriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in ⁿagain.

16 And afterward the people removed from ^oHazereth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

CHAP. XIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Send ^pthou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men ^qwere heads of the children of Israel.

4 And these ^rwere their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.

5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.

6 Of ^sthe tribe of Judah, ^tCaleb the son of Jephunneh.

7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph.

8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, ^uOshea the son of Nun.

9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu.

10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi.

11 Of the tribe of Joseph, ^vnamely, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi.

12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli.

13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael.

14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi.

15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16 These ^ware the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called ^xOshea the son of Nun Jehoshua.

17 ^yAnd Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them,

received into the congregation. 14. ^zspit in her face, 'in her presence;' among the easterns, this is a strong mark of contempt.

CHAP. XIII.—16. Oshea, i. e. 'save thou.' Jehoshua, 'he will save.' 21. Zin, on the southern border of Canaan, differing from Sin, which was near Egypt, Exod. xvi. 1. 22. ^{aa}by the south, being nearest, most barren, and therefore the least po-

B. C. 1490.

^a De. 24. 9.

^b 2 Ki. 5. 27.

15. 5.

^c 2 Ch. 26. 19.

30.

^d Ge. 14. 10.

19.

^e 2 Sa. 19. 19.

24. 10.

^f Pr. 30. 32.

^g Ps. 88. 4.

^h Ne. 9. 25, 35.

ⁱ Eze. 34. 14.

^j De. 31. 6, 7, 23.

^k He. 12. 9.

^l ch. 34. 3.

^m Jos. 15. 1.

ⁿ ch. 5. 2, 3.

^o Le. 13. 46.

^p Jos. 19. 28.

^q Jos. 11. 21, 22.

15. 13, 14.

^r Ju. 1. 10.

^s De. 24. 9.

^t 2 Ch. 26. 20.

21.

^u Jos. 21. 11.

^v Ps. 78. 12.

^w Is. 19. 11.

30. 4.

^x De. 1. 24, 25.

^y or, valley.

ch. 32. 9.

^z Ju. 16. 4.

^{aa} ch. 33. 18.

^{ab} or, valley.

ch. 32. 8.

^{ac} De. 1. 22.

^{ad} i. e. a cluster

of

grapes.

^{ae} ch. 34. 19.

^{af} 1 Ch. 4. 15.

^{ag} ver. 30.

ch. 14. 6, 30.

^{ah} Jos. 14. 6, 7.

13, 14.

^{ai} Ju. 1. 12.

^{aj} Ex. 3. 8.

33. 3.

^{ak} De. 1. 25.

^{al} De. 9. 1, 2.

^{am} ver. 16.

^{an} Ju. 6. 3.

^{ao} 1 Sa. 14. 48.

15. 3, &c.

^{ap} ch. 14. 6, 24.

^{aq} Jos. 14. 7.

^{ar} Ps. 27. 1, 2.

60. 12.

^{as} 118. 10, 11.

^{at} Is. 41. 10. 16.

^{au} Ro. 8. 31. 37.

^{av} Phi. 4. 13.

^{aw} d Mat. 23. 13.

^{ax} Ex. 17. 9.

^{ay} f Am. 2. 9.

^{az} s men of

statures.

^{ba} De. 1. 28.

2. 10.

9. 2.

^{bb} 1 Sa. 17. 3, 7.

^{bc} 2 Sa. 21. 20.

22.

^{bd} 1 Ch. 11. 23.

Get you up ^{ca}this way southward, and go up into ^{cb}the mountain:

18 And see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many;

19 And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;

20 And what the land is, whether it be ^{cc}f fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And ^{cd}be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the firstripe grapes.

21 ^{ce}So they went up, and searched the land: ^{cf}from the wilderness of Zin unto ^{cg}Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where ^{ch}Abimam, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, were. (Now ^{ci}Hebron was built seven years before ^{cj}Zoan in Egypt.)

23 And ^{ck}they came unto the ^{cl}brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

24 The place was called the ^{cm}brook of Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

26 ^{cn}And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with ^{co}milk and honey: ^{cp}and this is the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless ^{cq}the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

29 The ^{cr}Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

30 And ^{cs}Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

32 And they ^{ct}brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and ^{cu}all the people that we saw in it are ^{cv}men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, ^{cw}the

pulous. 23. ^{cx}one cluster, even now clusters of the grapes of Palestine will weigh from ten to forty-five pounds each. ^{cy}upon a staff, to avoid bruising them.

24. Eshcol, the spot is still famous for grapes. 32. ^{cz}eateth up, is unhealthy. 33. ^{ca}giants, men of great stature have at times distinguished some countries; there were a short time ago, and probably still are in Africa, some individuals between seven and eight, and between eight and nine feet in height.

sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight ^a as grasshoppers, and so we were ^b in their sight.

CHAP. XIV.

AND all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and ^a the people wept that night.

² And ^a all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or ^a would God we had died in this wilderness!

³ And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

⁴ And they said one to another, ^m Let us make a captain, and ⁿ let us return into Egypt.

⁵ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

⁶ And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:

⁷ And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, ^s The land, which we passed through to search, is an exceeding good land.

⁸ If the LORD ^t delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; ^a and all which floweth with milk and honey.

⁹ Only ^u rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; ^v they are bread for us: their defence departed from them, ^h and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

¹⁰ But ^e all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And ^e the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

¹¹ And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people ^h provoke me? and how long will it be ere they ⁱ believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?

¹² I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and ^j will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

¹³ And ^m Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in mine sight from among them:)

¹⁴ And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: ^p for they have heard that thou LORD ^{art} among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that ^q thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

¹⁵ Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,

¹⁶ Because the LORD was not ^r able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

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^a Is. 40. 22.^b 1 Sa. 17. 42.^c Ps. 103. 8.^d 145. 8.^e Jon. 4. 2.^f ch. 11. 4.^g Ex. 34. 7.^h Ps. 106. 25.ⁱ Ps. 106. 45.^j or, hitherto^k Jer. 28. 29.^l Ja. 5. 16.^m 1 Jno. 5. 14.ⁿ 16.^o Ps. 72. 19.^p Ps. 95. 11.^q Ne. 9. 17.^r Ac. 7. 39.^s Ge. 31. 7.^t If they see^u the land.^v Eze. 20. 15.^w ch. 32. 12.^x ch. 13. 27.^y 2 Sa. 15. 25, 26^z 22. 20.¹ Ki. 10. 9.² Ps. 22. 8.³ 147. 10. 11.⁴ Is. 62. 4.⁵ ch. 13. 27.⁶ De. 9. 7, 23. 24⁷ Mat. 17. 7.⁸ De. 20. 3.⁹ ch. 24. 8.¹⁰ shadow.¹¹ Ps. 121. 5.¹² Is. 30. 2, 3.¹³ Je. 48. 45.¹⁴ Ex. 16. 12.¹⁵ 2 Ch. 15. 2.¹⁶ 32. 8.¹⁷ Ps. 46. 7. 11.¹⁸ Is. 41. 10.¹⁹ Am. 5. 14.²⁰ Zec. 8. 23.²¹ Ex. 17. 4.²² He. 3. 17.²³ Ex. 16. 10.²⁴ Le. 9. 23.²⁵ g ch. 26. 64.²⁶ h He. 3. 8, 16.²⁷ i Ps. 78. 22, 32.²⁸ Jno. 12. 37.²⁹ S lifted up³⁰ my hand.³¹ Ge. 14. 22.³² k Ex. 32. 10.³³ l De. 1. 36, 38.³⁴ m Ps. 106. 23.³⁵ n Eze. 20. 9, 14.³⁶ o Ps. 106. 24.³⁷ p 1 Co. 10. 5.³⁸ q Ex. 15. 14.³⁹ r or, feed.⁴⁰ s Ps. 107. 40.⁴¹ t De. 2. 14.⁴² u Eze. 23. 35.⁴³ v Ne. 9. 12.⁴⁴ w Ps. 105. 39.⁴⁵ x ch. 13. 25.⁴⁶ y Ps. 95. 10.⁴⁷ z Eze. 4. 6.⁴⁸ 1 Ki. 8. 56.⁴⁹ Ps. 77. 8.⁵⁰ He. 4. 1.⁵¹ or, altering⁵² of my purpose.⁵³ y Jos. 23. 19.⁵⁴ z Jos. 7. 9.

17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my LORD be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

18 The LORD is ¹ longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, ² visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people: ³ according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even ⁴ until now.

20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned ⁵ according to thy word:

21 But as truly as I live, ⁶ all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

22 Because ⁷ all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, have tempted me now ⁸ these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

23 ⁹ Surely they ² shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and ¹⁰ hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

25 (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valley.) To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

26 ¹¹ And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

27 How ¹² long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? ¹³ I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.

28 Say unto them, ¹⁴ As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:

29 Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and ¹⁵ all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I ¹⁶ swore to make you dwell therein, ¹⁷ save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ¹⁸ ye have despised.

32 But as for you, ¹⁹ your carcases, they shall fall in this wilderness.

33 And your children shall ²⁰ wander ¹ in the wilderness ² forty years, and ³ bear your whoredoms, until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness.

34 After ⁴ the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even ⁵ forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, ⁶ and ye shall know my ⁷ breach of promise.

35 ⁸ I ⁹ the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

CHAP. XIV.—4. a captain, one was really appointed, ch. ix. 17. 9. bread for us, easily consumed. v. defence, i. e. their protecting 'shade,' a common eastern phrase. 22. ten, i. e. many. 25. dwelt, were encamped. 33. wander, literally, feed as

flocks under a shepherd, and lead the lives of nomadic tribes. your whoredoms, punishment of your idolatries. 34. my breach, rather, 'my indignation,' or 'my aversion,' or 'my enmity;' the Sept. is 'the fury of mine anger.'

36 And ^a the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,

37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, ^b died by the plague before the LORD.

38 But ^c Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of the men that went to search the land, lived still.

39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: ^d and the people mourned greatly.

40 ¶ And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, ^e we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.

41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress ^f the commandment of the LORD? ^g but it shall not prosper.

42 Go ^h not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.

43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: ⁱ because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you.

44 But ^j they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp.

45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto ^k Hormah.

CHAP. XV.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak ^l unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you,

3 And ^m ye will make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice ⁿ in ^o performing a vow, or in a freewill offering, or ^p in your solemn feasts, to make a ^q sweet savour unto the LORD, of the herd, or of the flock:

4 Then ^r shall he that offereth his offering unto the LORD bring ^s a meat offering of a tenth deal of flour mingled with ^t the fourth part of an hin of oil.

5 And ^u the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink offering shalt thou prepare with the burnt offering or sacrifice, for one lamb.

6 Or ^v for a ram, thou shalt prepare for a meat offering two tenth deals of flour mingled with the third part of an hin of oil.

7 And for a drink offering thou shalt offer the third part of an hin of wine, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

8 And when thou preparest a bullock for a burnt offering, or for a sacrifice in performing a vow, or ^w peace offerings unto the LORD:

9 Then shall he bring with a bullock a meat offering of three tenth deals of flour mingled with half an hin of oil.

10 And thou shalt bring for a drink offering half an hin of wine, for an offer-

B. C. 1490.

^a ch. 13. 31, 32.

^b Je. 28. 16, 17.

29. 32.

1 Co. 10. 10.

He. 3. 17.

Jude 5.

^c Jos. 14. 6, 10.

^d Ex. 33. 4.

Pr. 19. 3.

Is. 26. 16.

Mat. 8. 12.

13. 42, 50.

He. 12. 17.

^e ver. 29.

ch. 9. 14.

Ex. 12. 49.

^f De. 1. 41.

Ec. 9. 3.

Mat. 7. 21.

23.

25. 11, 12.

Lu. 13. 25.

^g ver. 25.

2 Ch. 24. 20.

^h Job 4. 9.

Je. 2. 37.

32. 5.

ⁱ De. 1. 42.

Ps. 44. 1. 3.

^j De. 26. 1.

^k Ju. 16. 20.

1 Ch. 28. 9.

2 Ch. 15. 2.

Is. 63. 10.

Ho. 9. 12.

^l De. 1. 43, 44.

^m Jos. 5. 11, 12.

ⁿ De. 26. 2, 10.

Pr. 3. 9, 10.

^o Is. 2. 14.

23. 10, 16.

^p ch. 21. 3.

Ja. 1. 17.

^q Le. 4. 2.

^r Le. 23. 10.

De. 7. 1.

^s Le. 1. 2, 3.

^t Le. 4. 13.

^u Le. 7. 18.

22. 18, 21.

^v separating

Le. 27. 2.

^w from the eyes.

^x ch. 28. 19, 27.

29. 2, 13.

Le. 23. 8, 12.

36.

De. 16. 10.

^y Ge. 8. 21.

Ex. 29. 18.

^z Le. 2. 1.

6. 14.

^a ver. 8. 10.

^b Ex. 29. 40.

Le. 23. 13.

^c or, ordinance.

^d ch. 28. 15.

Le. 4. 23.

Ezr. 6. 17.

8. 35.

^e Le. 14. 10.

^f ch. 28. 7.

^g Le. 4. 20.

^h ch. 28. 12, 14.

ⁱ Le. 4. 27, 28.

^j Le. 7. 11.

^k Le. 4. 35.

ing made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

11 Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid.

12 According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one according to their number.

13 All that are born of the country shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

14 And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever be among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; as ye do, so he shall do.

15 One ^l ordinance shall be both for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth with you, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

16 One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak ^m unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you,

19 Then it shall be, that, when ye eat of ⁿ the bread of the land, ye shall offer up an heave offering unto the LORD.

20 Ye ^o shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough for an heave offering: as ye do ^p the heave offering of the threshing-floor, so shall ye heave it.

21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the LORD an heave offering in your generations.

22 ¶ And ^q if ye have erred, and not observed all these commandments, which the LORD hath spoken unto Moses,

23 Even all that the LORD hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the LORD commanded Moses, and henceforward among your generations;

24 Then it shall be, ^r if ought be committed by ignorance ^s without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour unto the LORD, ^t with his meat offering, and his drink offering, according to the ^u manner, and ^v one kid of the goats for a sin offering.

25 And ^w the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it is ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their ignorance:

26 And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people were in ignorance.

27 ¶ And ^x if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she goat of the first year for a sin offering.

28 And ^y the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him: and it shall be forgiven him.

Ye^a shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, *both* for him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among him.

But ^d the soul that doeth ought presumptuously, *whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD*; and that soul shall be cut from among his people.

Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off: his iniquity shall be upon him.

And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.

And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

And they put him in ward, because he had not declared what should be done to him.

And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

And all the congregation brought stones without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say to them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:

And it shall be unto you for a fringe; ye may look upon it, and remember the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye go to a whoring:

That ye may remember, and do all the commandments, and be holy unto your God.

I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to your God: I am the LORD your God.

CHAP. XVI.

NOW Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the sons of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men:

And they rose up before Moses, with the gain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:

And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

And when Moses heard it, he fell on his face:

B. C. 1490.

a ver. 15.
 b doth.
 c Le. 21. 6, 12, 15.
 d Ex. 23. 1.
 e 1 Sa. 2. 28.
 f Ps. 105. 26.
 g De. 17. 12.
 h Ps. 19. 13.
 i He. 10. 26.
 j 1 Pe. 2. 10.
 k Le. 10. 3.
 l Eze. 40. 46.
 m 44. 13, 16.
 n with an high hand.
 o 2 Sa. 12. 9.
 p Pr. 13. 13.
 q Le. 5. 1.
 r Eze. 18. 20.
 s Ex. 31. 14, 15.
 t 35. 2, 3.
 u 1 Sa. 18. 23.
 v Is. 7. 13.
 w ch. 3. 41, 45.
 x De. 10. 8.
 y Le. 24. 12.
 z Ex. 31. 14, 15.
 aa 1 Ki. 21. 13.
 ab Ac. 7. 58.
 ac Ex. 16. 8.
 ad 1 Co. 3. 5.
 ae De. 22. 12.
 af Mar. 23. 5.
 ag Ex. 2. 14.
 ah Ac. 7. 27, 35.
 ai Ex. 3. 8.
 aj Le. 20. 24.
 ak bore out.
 al De. 29. 19.
 am Job 31. 7.
 an Je. 9. 14.
 ao Eze. 6. 9.
 ap Ge. 4. 4, 5.
 aq Ps. 73. 27.
 ar 106. 33.
 as Ja. 4. 4.
 at 1 Sa. 12. 3.
 au Ac. 20. 33.
 av 2 Co. 7. 2.
 aw Le. 11. 44, 45.
 ax Ro. 12. 1.
 ay Col. 1. 22.
 az 1 Pe. 1. 15, 16.
 ba 1 Sa. 12. 3, 7.
 bc 147. 1.
 bd ch. 26. 9.
 be 27. 3.
 bf Jude 11.
 bg ch. 26. 9.
 bh Ps. 106. 16.
 bi Ex. 16. 7, 10.
 bj Le. 9. 6, 23.
 bk It is much for you.
 bl Ex. 19. 6.
 bm ch. 14. 14.
 bn Ex. 29. 45.
 bo Ge. 19. 17, 22.
 bp Je. 51. 6.
 bq Ac. 2. 40.
 br Re. 18. 4.
 bs Ex. 32. 10.
 bt 33. 5.
 bu ch. 14. 5.
 bv 20. 6.

And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company;

And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to morrow: and it shall be that the man whom the LORD doth choose, he shall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.

And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi:

Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?

And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?

For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?

And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: which said, We will not come up:

Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?

Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, to morrow:

And take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each of you his censer.

And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron.

And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.

And they fell upon their faces, and

presumptuously, literally, with a high hand, i. e. arrogantly and daringly, in contempt of God's laws.
 2. declared, what death he should suffer.
 3. censers, or ornaments resembling flowers, to distinguish Israel from other nations.
 chap. XVI.—1. took men, 'conspired,' so Newcome.
 12. to call Dathan, &c., to the court of the tabernacle.
 14. put out, &c., literally, 'bore out,' may allude to a common act of eastern tyrants, also by metaphor, to blinding the understanding.

15. respect not thou, show disapproval of their offering of incense, which was to be on the morrow. taken one ass, accepted any valuable present, after the manner of eastern governors. have I hurt, having ruled with impartiality.
 16. before the Lord, in the court of the tabernacle.
 18. put fire, from the altar of burnt offering.
 19. the glory, &c., the Shechinah or Divine Majesty, which dwelt between the cherubim in the most holy place, removed and came to the door of the tabernacle.
 21. this con-

said, O God, ^a the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

23 ^b And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him.

26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, ^c Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of their's, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and ^d stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

28 And Moses said, ^e Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for *I have not done them* ^f of mine own mind.

29 If these men die ^g the common death of all men, or if they be ^h visited after the visitation of all men; *then* the LORD hath not sent me.

30 But if the LORD ⁱ make ^j a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that *appertain* unto them, and they ^k go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

31 ^l And ^m it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:

32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and ⁿ all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods.

33 They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

34 And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also.

35 And there ^o came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

36 ^p And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

37 Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censurs out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for ^q they are hallowed.

38 The censurs of these ^r sinners against their own souls, let them make them broad plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed: ^s and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel.

39 And Eleazar the priest took the brasen censurs, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad plates for a covering of the altar:

40 To be a memorial unto the children

B. C. 1471.

^a Job 12. 10.

^b Ec. 12. 7.

^c Is. 57. 16.

^d Zec. 12. 1.

^e He. 12. 9.

^f ch. 3. 10.

^g 2 Ch. 26. 18.

^h ch. 14. 2.

ⁱ Ps. 106. 25.

^j Mat. 5. 11.

^k Ac. 21. 28.

^l 2 Co. 6. 8.

^m Ge. 19. 12, 14.

ⁿ Is. 52. 11.

^o 2 Co. 6. 17.

^p Ex. 40. 34.

^q ch. 20. 6.

^r Pr. 16. 18.

^s 18. 12.

^t ver. 21, 24.

^u Ex. 3. 12.

^v De. 18. 22.

^w Zec. 2. 9, 10.

^x 4. 9.

^y Jno. 5. 36.

^z ch. 20. 6.

^{aa} ch. 24. 13.

^{ab} Je. 23. 16.

^{ac} Eze. 13. 17.

^{ad} Jno. 5. 30.

^{ae} 6. 38.

^{af} as every

^{ag} man dieth.

^{ah} Ex. 20. 5.

^{ai} 32. 34.

^{aj} Job 35. 15.

^{ak} Is. 10. 3.

^{al} Je. 5. 9.

^{am} ch. 8. 19.

^{an} 11. 33.

^{ao} Le. 10. 6.

^{ap} 1 Ch. 27. 21.

^{aq} Ps. 106. 29.

^{ar} [†] create a

^{as} creature,

^{at} Is. 45. 7.

^{au} Job 31. 3.

^{av} Is. 23. 21.

^{aw} Ps. 55. 15.

^{ax} 1 Th. 1. 10.

^{ay} 1 Ti. 2. 5, 6.

^{az} He. 7. 24, 25.

^{ba} [†] ch. 26. 10.

^{bb} 27. 3.

^{bc} De. 11. 6.

^{bd} Ps. 106. 17.

^{be} [†] ch. 26. 11.

^{bf} 1 Ch. 6. 22, 37.

^{bg} ch. 11. 1.

^{bh} Le. 10. 2.

^{bi} Ps. 106. 18.

^{bj} Ex. 25. 22.

^{bk} 30. 36.

^{bl} [†] Le. 27. 28.

^{bm} [†] ch. 16. 5.

^{bn} [†] Pr. 20. 2.

^{bo} Hab. 2. 10.

^{bp} ch. 16. 11.

^{bq} ch. 26. 10.

^{br} Eze. 14. 8.

^{bs} 1 Co. 10. 11.

^{bt} 2 Fe. 2. 6.

^{bu} [†] a rod for

^{bv} one prince,

^{bw} a rod for

^{bx} one prince.

^{by} d Ac. 7. 44.

of Israel, ^b that no stranger, which is not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the LORD; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

41 ^c But on the morrow ^d all the congregation of the children of Israel murmure against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.

42 And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation, and, behold, ^e the cloud covered it, and ^f the glory of the LORD appeared.

43 And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation.

44 ^g And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Get ^h thee up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in moment. And ⁱ they fell upon their faces.

46 ^j And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: ^k for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.

47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense and made an atonement for the people.

48 And he ^l stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.

49 Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred beside them that died about the matter of Korah.

50 And Aaron returned unto Moses under the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

CHAP. XVII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of *their* fathers, all their princes according to the house: *their* fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod.

3 And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall be for the head of the house of *their* fathers.

4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before thy testimony, ^a where I will meet with you.

5 And it shall come to pass, that *the* man's rod, ^b whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, ^c whereby they murmur against you.

6 ^d And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of *their* princes gave him *a* rod apiece, for each prince one, according to *their* fathers' house: even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among *their* rods.

7 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in ^e the tabernacle of witness.

gregation, all of them, they seeming disposed to countenance the rebels. 24. speak, &c. on Moses praying, God was compassionate, and those who were not hardened conspirators were spared.—Ed. 32. the earth opened her mouth, in the sandy desert of Arabia, where earthquakes are seldom known. unto Korah, the family of Korah are not mentioned, and it is supposed that they escaped by repentance and separation, for we read ^f they died not. ch. xxvi. 11.

41. ye have killed, charging them with not having employed intercession in their behalf. 46. take censer, on ordinary occasions incense could only be offered in the holy place, but now an extraordinary remedy was provided. God could have stayed the plague without this, but he put honour upon Aaron and gave the strongest testimony that he was high-priest of his own appointing.

CHAP. XVII.—2. twelve rods, these were rods

23 But ^a the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: *it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance.*

24 But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer *as an heave offering* unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, ^d Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

25 ^e And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up *an heave offering* of it for the LORD, *even ^f a tenth part of the tithe.*

27 And *this* your heave offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though *it were* the corn of the threshingfloor, and as the fulness of the winepress.

28 Thus ye also shall offer *an heave offering* unto the LORD of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the LORD's heave offering to Aaron the priest.

29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave offering of the LORD, of all the ^g best thereof, *even* the hallowed part thereof out of it.

30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the increase of the threshing-floor, and as the increase of the winepress.

31 And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is ^h your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation.

32 And ye shall ⁱ bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best of it: neither shall ye pollute the holy things of the children of Israel, lest ye die.

CHAP. XIX.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, ^j and upon which never came yoke:

3 And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her ^k forth without the camp, and *one* shall slay her before his face;

4 And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and ^l sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times:

5 And *one* shall burn the heifer in his sight; ^m her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn:

B. C. 1471.

^a ch. 3. 7.

^b Le. 14. 4, 6, 49.

^c Le. 11. 25. 15. 5.

^d De. 10. 9. 14. 27, 29. 18. 1.

^e He. 9. 13.

^f ch. 31. 23. 2 Co. 7. 1.

^g Ne. 10. 33.

^h ch. 5. 2. 9. 6, 10. 31. 19.

ⁱ Le. 21. 1. La. 4. 14. Hag. 2. 13. Ro. 5. 12.

^j 2 Co. 6. 17. Ep. 2. 1.

^k *soul of man*

^l ch. 31. 19.

^m *fat.* ver. 12.

ⁿ Le. 15. 31.

^o ch. 8. 7.

^p Le. 7. 20. 22. 3.

^q Mat. 10. 10. Lu. 10. 7.

^r 1 Co. 9. 13. 2 Co. 12. 13. Ga. 6. 6.

^s 1 Ti. 5. 18.

^t ch. 31. 20. Le. 11. 32.

^u Le. 19. 8. 22. 16.

^v *dust.*

^w *living waters shall be given.*

Ge. 26. 19.

^x Ps. 51. 7.

^y De. 21. 3. 1 Sa. 6. 7.

^z Juo. 10. 17. 18.

^{aa} Phi. 2. 6, 8.

^{ab} Le. 4. 12, 21. 16. 27.

^{ac} He. 13. 11.

^{ad} Le. 14. 9.

^{ae} Le. 4. 6. 16. 14, 19.

^{af} Ex. 29. 14. Le. 4. 11, 12. Is. 53. 10.

6 And the priest shall take ^b cedar wood and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast *it* in the midst of the burning of the heifer.

7 Then ^c the priest shall wash his clothes; and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp; and the priest shall be unclean until the evening.

8 And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the evening.

9 And a man *that* is clean shall gather up ^d the ashes of the heifer, and lay ^e up without the camp in a clean place; *it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel ^f for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin.*

10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

11 ^g He ^h that toucheth the dead body of any ⁱ man shall be unclean seven days.

12 He ^j shall purify himself with it the third day, and on the seventh day shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day shall not be clean.

13 Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth himself, ^k he defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because ^l the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; ^m his uncleanness is yet upon him.

14 This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.

15 And every ⁿ open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, *is* unclean.

16 And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 And for an unclean *person* they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer, and purify him, and ^o running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:

18 And a clean person shall take ^p of it, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were therein, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

19 And the clean *person* shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: ^q and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, ^r that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation, or 'of impurity,' because it was considered that he contracted the impurity from which it relieved him, who were ceremonially unclean. 17. *the* signified the merits of Christ; the *running water* power and grace of the blessed Spirit. 18. *on dead, or a grave*, the Egyptians kept their dead for some time; here was the reverse of their custom. The law would urge to great caution in this respect, to prevent contagion, and lead to speedy interment, hot country; while it intimated the defiling nature of sin, whose wages is death.

CHAP. XIX.—2. *a red heifer*, the Egyptians worshipped Isis under this form, and God might design here to show the folly of this superstition. Red hair they abhorred, and believing Typhon, their Satan, to be of this colour, they offered red bulls in sacrifice. Their deity is here sacrificed, and the sacrifice for their evil deity offered to the God of heaven and earth. 3. *unto Eleazar*, the high priest was not now to officiate, because the officiating priest became unclean until the evening, (ver. 7.) and ceremonial uncleanness was not to be contracted by him who ministered in most holy things. 9. *water of separation*,

ath not been sprinkled upon him; and clean.

And it shall be a perpetual statute them, that he that sprinkleth the of separation shall wash his clothes; and that toucheth the water of separation shall be unclean until even.

and ^c whatsoever the unclean person shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth it shall be unclean until

CHAP. XX.

AND ^a came the children of Israel, the whole congregation, into the land of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and ^a Miriam was there, and was buried there.

and ^b there was no water for the congregation: ^c and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against

and the people ^d chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died, ^e when our brethren died before the LORD!

and ^f why have ye brought us into the wilderness of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die?

And wherefore have ye made us to come out of Egypt, to bring us into this wilderness, where there is no water to drink? or of vines, or of pomegranates; or is there any water to drink.

And Moses and Aaron went from the face of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

And the LORD spake unto Moses,

Take ^a the rod, and gather thou the children of Israel together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and ^b thou shalt bring forth to them out of the rock: so thou shalt give congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod ^c from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and said unto them, ^d Hear now, ye rebels: we fetch you water out of this rock?

And Moses lifted up his hand, and with the rod he smote the rock twice: and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ^e ye believed me not, sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have sworn unto them.

And ^f this ^g is the water of ^h Meribah: because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.

B. C. 1471.

^a Ju. 11. 16, 17.

^b De. 2. 4, &c.

23. 7.

Ob. 10. 12.

^c found us.

Ex. 18. 8.

^d Ge. 46. 6.

Ac. 7. 15.

^e Ex. 1. 11, &c.

De. 26. 6.

^f Hag. 2. 13.

^g Ex. 2. 23.

3. 7.

^h Ex. 14. 19.

23. 20.

33. 2.

ⁱ ch. 33. 36.

^j ch. 21. 22.

De. 2. 27.

^k ch. 26. 59.

Ex. 15. 20.

^l Ex. 17. 1.

^m ch. 16. 19, 42.

ⁿ ch. 14. 2.

^o Ex. 17. 2.

ch. 11. 1, 33.

14. 37.

16. 32, 35.

49.

^p Ex. 17. 3.

^q De. 2. 6, 23.

^r Ju. 11. 17.

^s De. 2. 27, 29.

^t Ju. 11. 18.

^u ch. 33. 37.

^x ch. 21. 4.

^y ch. 14. 5.

16. 4, 22, 45.

^z ch. 27. 13.

31. 2.

Ge. 25. 8.

De. 32. 50.

^a Ex. 17. 5.

^b mouth.

^c No. 9. 15.

Ps. 78. 15, 16.

105. 41.

114. 8.

Is. 43. 20.

48. 21.

^d ch. 33. 38.

De. 32. 50.

^e ch. 17. 10.

^f Ps. 106. 33.

^g Ex. 29. 29, 30.

^h Ex. 17. 6.

De. 8. 15.

ⁱ Co. 10. 4.

^j De. 10. 6.

^k ch. 27. 14.

De. 3. 26.

32. 51.

^l Le. 10. 3.

Eze. 20. 41.

36. 23.

38. 16.

^m Ps. 3. 15.

ⁿ De. 34. 8.

^o De. 33. 8.

Ps. 55. 8.

^p i. e. strife.

^q Ex. 17. 7.

^r ch. 33. 40.

Ju. 1. 16.

14 ^a And ^a Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom, ^b Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travel that hath ^c befallen us:

15 How ^c our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; ^d and the Egyptians vexed us, and our fathers:

16 And ^e when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and ^f sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border:

17 Let ^g us pass, I pray thee, through thy country: we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the king's ^h high way, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy borders.

18 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.

19 And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the high way: and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, ⁱ then I will pay for it: I will only, without doing any thing ^j else, go through on my feet.

20 And he said, ^k Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand.

21 Thus Edom ^l refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel ^m turned away from him.

22 ⁿ And the children of Israel, ^o even the whole congregation, journeyed from ^p Kadesh, ^q and came unto mount Hor.

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Aaron shall ^r be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my ^s word at the water of Meribah.

25 Take ^t Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor:

26 And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28 And ^u Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and ^v Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron ^w thirty days, ^x even all the house of Israel.

CHAP. XXI.

AND ^y when ^z king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then

p. XX.—1. Then came, &c. this was in the 40 year after the people had left Egypt, see ch. 33. The trifling events of the forty years are recorded, for Moses only mentions the principal.

8. speak, some say Moses exceeded his word, for he 'smote' the rock, and that 'twice;' and was he ordered to take his rod, if not to use it, Moses would use, he spake unadvisedly and arrogantly, Ps. xvi. 33.

12. believed me not, in what unbelief consisted is uncertain: but this shows displeasing to God is a distrust of his power and

faithfulness.—Ed. to sanctify, to glorify God in the miracle.

13. Meribah, this must not be confounded with the rock so called in Replidim. 17. king's highway, made by the military under royal authority.

19. pay, water in that part is still scarce, and sold. 27. Hor, the ancient name of the whole range of mount Seir, but preserved in the name of the particular summit on which Aaron died.

CHAP. XXI.—1. King Arad, 'the king of Arad, of the spies, the word is a proper name, meaning'

he fought against Israel, and took some of them prisoners.

2 And ^b Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then ^c I will utterly destroy their cities.

3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place ^f Hormah.

4 ^g And ^h they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to ⁱ compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much [†] discouraged because of the way.

5 And the people ^j spake against God, and against Moses, ^k Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and ^l our soul loatheth this light bread.

6 And ^m the LORD sent ⁿ fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people: and much people of Israel died.

7 ^o Therefore ^p the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; ^q pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And ^r Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

10 ^s And the children of Israel set forward, and ^t pitched in Oboth.

11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and ^u pitched at ^v Ije-abarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the sunrise.

12 ^w From ^x thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared.

13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wilderness that cometh out of the coasts of the Amorites: for ^y Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, ^z What he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Arnon.

15 And at the stream of the brooks that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar, and ^{aa} lieth upon the border of Moab.

16 And from thence they went ^{ab} to Beer: that is the well whereof the LORD spake unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

B. C. 1452.

^a Ex. 15. 1.

^b Ps. 105. 2.

^c 106. 12.

^d Ascend.

^e or, answer.

^f Ge. 28. 20.

^g Ju. 11. 30.

^h Le. 27. 28.

ⁱ Is. 33. 22.

^j i. e. utter

^k destruction

^l field.

^m ch. 20. 22.

ⁿ 33. 41.

^o or, the hill.

^p ch. 23. 28.

^q Ju. 11. 18.

^r or, the wilderness.

^s Ju. 11. 19.

^t shortened.

^u Ex. 6. 9.

^v or, grieved.

^w ch. 20. 17.

^x Ps. 78. 19.

^y Ex. 16. 3.

^z Pr. 27. 7.

^{aa} De. 29. 7.

^{ab} Am. 9. 3, 4.

^{ac} 1 Co. 10. 9.

^{ad} De. 8. 15.

^{ae} Ps. 78. 34.

^{af} Is. 26. 16.

^{ag} Ho. 5. 15.

^{ah} r De. 32. 33.

^{ai} Ju. 11. 20.

^{aj} De. 29. 7.

^{ak} Jos. 12. 12.

^{al} 24. 8.

^{am} Ne. 9. 22.

^{an} Ps. 135. 10.

^{ao} 11.

^{ap} 136. 19.

^{aq} Am. 2. 9.

^{ar} Ex. 8. 8, 28.

^{as} 1 Sa. 12. 19.

^{at} 1 Ki. 13. 6.

^{au} Ac. 8. 24.

^{av} † daughters.

^{aw} 2 Ki. 18. 4.

^{ax} Juo. 3. 14, 15.

^{ay} ch. 33. 43.

^{az} ch. 33. 44.

^{ba} or, heaps

^{bb} of Abarim.

^{bc} y Je. 48. 45, 46.

^{bd} De. 2. 13.

^{be} Is. 15. 1.

^{bf} Ju. 11. 24.

^{bg} 1 Ki. 11. 7, 33.

^{bh} 2 Ki. 23. 13.

^{bi} ch. 22. 36.

^{bj} Ju. 11. 18.

^{bk} d Je. 48. 18, 22.

^{bl} or, Vaheb

^{bm} in Suphah.

^{bn} Is. 15. 2.

^{bo} leaneth.

^{bp} y Je. 48. 32.

^{bq} s Ju. 9. 21.

17 [†] Then ^a Israel sang this song

* Spring up, O well; [†] sing ye unto it:

18 The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by [†] the direction of ^d the lawgiver, with their staves. And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah:

19 And from Mattanah to Nahaliel and from Nahaliel to Bamoth:

20 And from Bamoth in the valley that is in the [§] country of Moab, to the top of [¶] Pisgah, which looketh [§] toward [¶] Jeshimon.

21 [¶] And [¶] Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

22 Let [†] me pass through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink of the waters of the well: ^{but} we will go along by the king's high way, until we be past thy borders.

23 And [¶] Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: [†] and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

24 And [¶] Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon was strong.

25 And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all the [†] villages thereof.

26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon.

27 Wherefore they that speak in proverb say, Come into Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and prepared:

28 For there is [¶] a fire gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon: it hath consumed [¶] Ar of Moab, and the lords of the high places of Arnon.

29 Woe to thee, Moab! thou art undone, O people of [¶] Chemosh: he hath given his sons that escaped, and his daughters, into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites.

30 We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even [¶] unto Dibon, and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah which reacheth unto [¶] Medeba.

31 [¶] Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to spy out [¶] Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Amorites that were there.

33 [¶] And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of

* Acharim.—Sept., Boothroyd. 2. vowed a vow, by their elders, in prayer for success. utterly destroy, devote as an accursed thing to destruction: comp. Lev. xxvii. 28, 29, and Josh. vi. 17—24. 3. destroyed them, those which they then took. 5. light bread, a term of great contempt. 6. fiery serpents, probably so called from the burning sensation caused by their bite. The parts of Arabia near Egypt have long had a dreadful renown for the number and venom of their serpents; hence no new creation was necessary; the evil was inflicted by causing great numbers to collect, and endowing them with a stronger propensity than usual to attack man. 9. he lived, the Divine appointment alone gave efficacy to this cure. 12. valley, brook, see Deut. ii. 13, 14; this brook fell into the Dead sea. 13. Arnon, this

river bounded the country of the Moabites and the Amorites. 14. book of the wars, there are numerous conjectures about this book: it might have been a register of events made by Moses. what he did in the Red sea, or, 'from Vaheb to Suphah.' 17. Spring up &c. 'A well hath sprung up! sing ye of it!'—Boothroyd. The opening of a well was an event of great importance, and caused great joy after passing through a dry and weary wilderness. 27. that speak in proverb alludes probably to the Amorite poets. say, Come &c. this is evidently the fragment of an ancient poem, called a proverb or parable by the Hebrews. It celebrates the triumph of Zion over Moab, and the complete overthrow of that conqueror by Israel. 29. Chemosh, the god of the Moabites, Jer. xlviii. 7—13. 1 Kin. xi. 7; Judg. xi. 24.

And he went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle ^a at Edrei. And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, I have delivered him into thine hand, and all his people, and his ass, and ^c thou shalt do to him as thou shalt bid him: for I have said, I will dwell at Heshbon.

So ^d they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left alive: and they possessed his land.

CHAP. XXII.

And the children of Israel set forth, and pitched in the plains of Moab by the side of Jordan ^a by Jericho.

And ^b Balak the son of Zippor saw that Israel had done to the Amorites.

And ^c Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and he was distressed because of the children of Israel.

And Moab said unto ^d the elders of his country, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the lion licketh up the grass of the field. And he said unto the son of Zippor, who was king of the Moabites at that time,

Behold, I have sent messengers therefore unto Balak the son of Beor to ^e Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of Ammon, to call him, saying, Behold, this is a people come out from Egypt: they cover the ^f face of the earth, and they abide over against me:

Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too strong for me: peradventure I shall prevail that they may smite them, and that I drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blestest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.

And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with ^g the rewards of nation in their hand; and they came to Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak.

And he said unto them, ^h Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word from the LORD, which he shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam. And ⁱ God came unto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee?

And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent me, saying,

Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt go with them: thou shalt not curse the people: for ^j they are blessed.

And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Moab, I will do as ye say: for the LORD hath said unto me, I will give me leave to go with you.

And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam hath consented to come with us.

B. C. 1452.

^a Jos. 13. 12.

^b De. 3. 2.

^c Benet thou lettest from, &c.

^d Ps. 135. 10, 11.

^e Ps. 49. 17.

^f Lu. 4. 5. 7.

^g Mat. 16. 28.

^h De. 3. 3, 4.

ⁱ &c.

^j ch. 24. 13.

^k ch. 33. 48.

^l Ki. 22. 14.

^m 2 Ch. 18. 13.

ⁿ ver. 8.

^o Ju. 11. 25.

^p Ex. 15. 15.

^q ch. 23. 12, 23.

^r 24. 13.

^s Ps. 33. 10, 11.

^t Is. 37. 20.

^u ch. 31. 8.

^v Jos. 13. 21.

^w Ex. 4. 24.

^x La. 2. 4.

^y De. 23. 4.

^z Jos. 13. 22.

^{aa} 24. 3.

^{ab} Ne. 13. 1, 2.

^{ac} Mi. 6. 5.

^{ad} 2 Pe. 2. 15.

^{ae} Jude 11.

^{af} Re. 2. 14.

^{ag} De. 23. 4.

^{ah} Ki. 6. 17.

^{ai} Da. 10. 7.

^{aj} Ac. 22. 9.

^{ak} Jude 11.

^{al} eye

^{am} ch. 27. 7.

^{an} Is. 47. 12.

^{ao} 1 Sa. 3. 7, 8.

^{ap} Is. 29. 11.

^{aq} Ho. 2. 6.

^{ar} ver. 18.

^{as} Pr. 14. 16.

^{at} 27. 3, 4.

^{au} Ja. 1. 10, 20.

^{av} Ge. 20. 8.

^{aw} Mat. 19. 25.

^{ax} 1 Co. 1. 19.

^{ay} 2 Pe. 2. 16.

^{az} Pr. 12. 10.

^{ba} Ec. 9. 3.

^{bb} Je. 17. 9.

^{bc} Mat. 15. 19.

^{bd} I shall

^{be} prevail in

^{bf} fighting

^{bg} against

^{bh} him.

^{bi} d 1 Co. 12. 28.

^{bj} S who hast

^{bk} ridden

^{bl} upon me.

^{bm} || or, ever

^{bn} since thou

^{bo} wast, &c.

^{bp} ch. 23. 29.

^{bq} Ro. 11. 29.

^{br} f Gen. 21. 19.

^{bs} 2 Ki. 4. 17.

^{bt} Lu. 24. 16, 31.

^{bu} f Ex. 34. 8.

^{bv} or, bowed

^{bw} himself.

15 ^a And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they.

16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, ^b Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me:

17 For ^c I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.

18 And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, ^d If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, ^e I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

19 Now therefore, I pray you, ^f tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more.

20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but ^g yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.

21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

22 ^h And God's anger was kindled because he went: ⁱ and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and ^j the two servants were with him.

23 And ^k the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

24 But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.

25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and ^l crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.

26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, ^m where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and ⁿ Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

28 And the LORD ^o opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, ^p for now would I kill thee.

30 And ^q the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, ^r upon which thou hast ridden ^s ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

31 Then the LORD ^t opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he ^u bowed down his head, and ^v fell flat on his face.

32 And the angel of the LORD said unto

chap. XXII.—5. river of his people, of Ammon, river of the children of Ammon was the Euphrates.

6. whom thou blestest, &c. the heathen heathens that their diviners had the power of obtaining answers or oracles from the gods. 7. rewards, &c. wages of unrighteousness, 2 Pet. ii. 15. 9. come, so he revealed himself to Abimelech,

Gen. xx. : to Pharaoh, Gen. xli. : and to Nebuchadnezzar, Dan. ii. 20. If the men come, that is inferred from the next verse, that Balaam went to meet them without being called. 27. crushed because he went, i. e. of himself, so the 11th. 28. the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, the cause assigned is quite enough to prove the effect.

him. Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because *thy way is perverse before me*:

33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

34 And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, *“I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.”*

35 And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36 And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which is in the utmost coast.

37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore earnest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?

38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? *“the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.”*

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjath-huzoth.

40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him.

41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.

2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: per adventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place.

4 And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram.

5 And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.

7 And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel.

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to be an

adversary

unto thee.

2 Pe. 2. 14. 15

De. 33. 28.

Ex. 33. 16.

Ezr. 9. 2.

Ep. 2. 14.

Ge. 13. 16.

22. 17.

1 Sa. 15. 24.

30.

26. 21.

2 Sa. 12. 13.

Job 34. 31. 32

† my soul,

or, my life.

† Ps. 116. 15.

† be evil in

thine eyes.

Ec. 24. 10.

h ch. 22. 38.

i Ge. 14. 17.

k ch. 21. 13.

§ or, the hill.

i Is. 1. 10, 11.

Ho. 12. 11.

m ch. 23. 26.

24. 13.

1 Ki. 22. 14.

2 Ch. 18. 13.

|| or, a city

of streets.

n De. 12. 2.

o 1 Sa. 3. 17.

Je. 37. 17.

p Ju. 3. 20.

r 1 Sa. 15. 23.

Mal. 3. 6.

Ro. 11. 29.

Ja. 1. 17.

Tit. 1. 2.

s Ge. 12. 2.

22. 17.

Nu. 22. 12.

t ch. 24. 1.

u Ro. 4. 7. 8.

* or, he went

solitary.

v Ex. 13. 21.

29. 45. 46.

33. 14.

x ver. 16.

y Ps. 89. 15.

z ch. 24. 8.

a De. 33. 17.

Job 39. 10. 11

b ch. 22. 35.

De. 18. 18.

Je. 1. 9.

† or, in.

c Ps. 31. 19.

44. 1.

d Ge. 40. 9.

e Job 27. 1.

29. 1.

Ps. 78. 2.

Eze. 17. 2.

Mi. 2. 4.

Hab. 2. 6.

f Ge. 49. 27.

g ch. 22. 6. 11.

17.

h 1 Sa. 17. 10.

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

11 And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether.

12 And he answered and said, A Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence.

14 And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while I meet the LORD yonder.

16 And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.

17 And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken?

18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them.

22 God brought them out of Egypt: he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.

23 Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!

24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

25 And Balak said unto Balaam,

41. *high places*, these being thought nearer their gods, here the heathen worshipped.

CHAP. XXIII.—1. *seven*, the heathen paid great respect to the number seven, which must have been handed down by tradition from the earliest ages.

3. *high place*, ‘open place,’ where he might have a full prospect. 9. *the people shall dwell alone*, and so they continue to this day. 10. *the dust*, ‘the dust like seed,’ the fourth part, ‘the multitude,’—Booth.

10. *my last end*, ‘my posterity,’ so some. 14. *field of Zophim*, or ‘Sheder-Zophim,’ that is, perhaps, ‘nature’s watchers,’ a spot where it might be the

star-gazers divined from the aspect of the heavens. *Pisgah*, a mountain of Moab, commanding a view of Canaan, Deut. iii. 27; xxiv. 1, 2, &c.

21. *iniquity—perverseness*, this cannot be correct. Some read, ‘I do not behold idolatry in Jacob, nor do I see distress in Israel,’ i. e. it is not now under God’s displeasure.

22. *unicorn*, ‘rhinoceros.’ 23. *no enchantment against*, &c. has been rendered, ‘no omens in Jacob, no divinations in Israel,’ the latter meaning the diviner’s art would not distinguish that people, Jehovah would superintend them.

24. *as a great lion*, &c. expresses their victories.

either curse them at all, nor bless them at all.

But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, "All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?"

And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee to another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me from thence.

And Balak brought Balaam unto the place, that looketh toward Jeshimon.

And Balaam said unto Balak, Build here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams.

And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

CHAP. XXIV.

And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, * to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel: abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and ^{the} spirit of God came upon him.

And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling ^{into a trance}, but having his eyes open:

How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!

As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as ^{the} trees of lign aloes ^{which} the LORD hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the rivers.

He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be ⁱⁿ many waters, and his king shall be higher than the kings; and his ^{kingdom} shall be exalted: God brought him forth out of Egypt; ^{as} that as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall ^{break} their bones, ^{and} pierce them through with his arrows.

He ^{couched}, he lay down as a lion, as a great lion: who shall stir him? Blessed ^{is} he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he ^{smote} his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and behold, thou hast altogether blessed me these three times.

Therefore now flee thou to thy place:

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^a 1 Ki. 22. 14.

^b ver. 13.

^c ch. 21. 20.

^d ver. 1.

^e Mi. 6. 5.

^f Re. 2. 14.

^g Da. 2. 23.

^h ch. 23. 3, 15.

ⁱ * to the

^j meeting of

^k enchant-

^l ments.

^m Re. 1. 7.

ⁿ ch. 2. 2, &c.

^o 1 Sa. 10. 10.

^p 2 Ch. 15. 1.

^q Mat. 2. 2.

^r Re. 22. 16.

^s Ps. 110. 2.

^t ch. 23. 7, 18.

^u or, through

^v the princes.

^w 2 Sa. 8. 2.

^x Je. 48. 45.

^y who had

^z his eyes

^{aa} shut, but

^{ab} now opened

^{ac} Ps. 60. 8, 9, 12.

^{ad} 1 Sa. 19. 24.

^{ae} 2 Co. 12. 2.

^{af} Ro. 1. 10, 17.

^{ag} Ps. 1. 3.

^{ah} Je. 17. 8.

^{ai} or, the

^{aj} nations

^{ak} that warred

^{al} against

^{am} Israel.

^{an} Ex. 17. 8, 14.

^{ao} Ps. 104. 16.

^{ap} or, shall

^{aq} be even to

^{ar} destruc-

^{as} tion.

^{at} 1 Sa. 15. 3, 8.

^{au} Je. 51. 13.

^{av} * Kain.

^{aw} Ge. 15. 19.

^{ax} 2 Sa. 5. 12.

^{ay} 1 Ch. 14. 2.

^{az} or, how

^{ba} long shall

^{bb} it be ere

^{bc} Asshur

^{bd} carry.

^{be} Ps. 2. 9.

^{bf} Is. 38. 13.

^{bg} Ps. 45. 5.

^{bh} Je. 50. 9.

^{bi} Ge. 49. 9.

^{bj} Ge. 10. 21, 25.

^{bk} Ge. 12. 3.

^{bl} ch. 31. 8.

^{bm} Eze. 21. 14, 17.

^{bn} Jos. 24. 9, 10.

^{bo} Ne. 13. 2.

^{bp} Mi. 6. 5.

^{bq} 1 Co. 10. 8.

I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour.

12 And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying,

13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak?

14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and * I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people ⁱⁿ the latter days.

15 * And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

16 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling ^{into a trance}, but having his eyes open:

17 I ^{shall} see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come ^a Star out of Jacob, and ^a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite ^{the} the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

18 And ^o Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.

19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

20 * And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of ^{the} the nations; but his latter end ^{shall} be that he perish for ever.

21 And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.

22 Nevertheless * the Kenite shall be wasted, ^{and} [†] Asshur shall carry thee away captive.

23 And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this!

24 And ships ^{shall} come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict ^{the} Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.

25 And Balaam rose up, and went and ^{returned} to his place: and Balak also went his way.

CHAP. XXV.

AND Israel abode in ^a Shittim, and ^{the} the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

2 And they called the people unto the

CHAP. XXIV.—3. eyes are open, the Vulgate, &c. 'whose eyes were shut, but now open.' 4. 'of the body or mind. 7. pour, &c. may allude to an eastern method of watering by a revolving wheel and buckets, and so describe Israel's fertility.

Boothroyd reads, 'water shall flow from the urn of Moab, and his seed shall become as many waters.' 12. probably the common name of the Amalekite men, who were now powerful. 17. I shall see him, a future prophecy of David and his Antitype, and should be introduced in this rendering, 'I see it, though it will not be now; I behold it, though the time is not near.' so Boothroyd. of Moab, Moab was subdued by David. children of Sheth, the race of Seth, probably so called after some distinguished ancestor. 18. Edom, subdued by David, see 2 Sa. 8. 14; Ps. lx. 8; cviii. 9. Seir, its mountains.

19. first, in antiquity and courage, and that fought

with Israel. comp. 1 Sam. xxviii. 8 and Gen. xiv. 8. See Exod. xvii. 14. perish, finally fulfilled, 1 Chr. iv. 41—43. 21. Kenites, supposed to be the race of Jethro, Judg. i. 16. in a rock, expressed security, like the nest of the eagle, the Kenites having followed and dwelt among the Israelites. 22. Asshur, the Assyrians probably made captives of the Kenites, among other nations, see 2 Kin. xvi. 9; xix. 12, 13.

24. Chittim is thought to mean all the then known coasts and islands of the Mediterranean sea: and the prophecy relates to the Greeks and Romans, who were to humble Asshur and Heber, and then themselves to perish. he also, 'they also.'

CHAP. XXV.—1. Shittim, in the plains of Moab, so called from the shittim wood which grew on the spot: see Exod. xxv. 5, and Numb. xxxiii. 49. 2. they, that is, the daughters of Moab. called, 'invited.'

sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and ^b bowed down to their gods.

3 And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, ^c Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, ^c that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, ^d Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal-peor.

6 ^e And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, ^f who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And when Phinehas, ^g the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So ^h the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

9 And ⁱ those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

10 ^j And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous ^k for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in ^l my jealousy.

12 Wherefore say, ^m Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace:

13 And he shall have it, and ⁿ his seed after him, even the covenant of ^o an everlasting priesthood; because he was ^p zealous for his God, and ^q made an atonement for the children of Israel.

14 Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, even that was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a ^r chief house among the Simeonites.

15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of ^s Zur; he was head over a people, and of a chief house in Midian.

16 ^t And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 Vex the Midianites, and smite them:

18 For they vex you with their ^u wives, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.

CHAP. XXVI.

AND it came to pass after the ^v plague, that the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

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^a ch. 1. 2, 3.

Ex. 30. 12.

38. 25, 26.

^b Ex. 20. 5.

De. 4. 3.

Jos. 22. 17.

^c ver. 63.

ch. 22. 1.

31. 12.

33. 48.

35. 1.

De. 4. 46, 49.

34. 1, 6, 8.

^d De. 13. 17.

^e ch. 1. 1.

^f ch. 13. 6, 9.

13. 15.

^g Ge. 46. 8.

Ex. 6. 14.

1 Ch. 5. 1, 3.

^h Joel 2. 17.

ⁱ Ex. 6. 25.

^j ch. 16. 1, 2.

Ps. 106. 17.

Jude 11.

^k Ps. 106. 30.

^l De. 4. 3.

1 Co. 10. 8.

^m ch. 16. 32, 35.

ⁿ ch. 16. 33.

1 Sa. 2. 34.

Je. 29. 22.

Eze. 14. 8.

1 Co. 10. 6.

2 Pe. 2. 6.

Jude 7.

^o with my

zeal.

2 Co. 11. 2.

^p Ex. 6. 24.

1 Ch. 6. 22.

^q De. 32. 16, 21.

1 Ki. 14. 22.

Ps. 78. 58.

Eze. 16. 38.

Zep. 1. 18.

3. 8.

^r Mal. 2. 4, 5.

3. 1.

^s Ge. 46. 10.

Ex. 6. 15.

^t Jemuel.

1 Ch. 6. 4.

&c.

^u 1 Ch. 4. 24.

Jarib.

^v Ex. 40. 15.

^w Ac. 22. 3.

Ro. 10. 2.

^x Ge. 46. 10.

Zabar.

^y He. 2. 17.

^z house of

a father.

^a Ge. 46. 16.

Ziphion.

^b Jos. 13. 21.

^c or, Ezbon,

Ge. 46. 16.

^d Ge. 46. 16.

Arodi.

^e Re. 2. 14.

^f Ge. 38. 2, &c.

46. 12.

^g 1 Ch. 2. 3.

^h ch. 25. 9.

2 Take ^a the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all that are able to go to war in Israel.

3 And Moses and Eleazar the priest spake with them ^b in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

4 Take the sum of the people, from twenty years old and upward; as the LORD ^c commanded Moses and the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt.

5 ^d Reuben, ^d the eldest son of Israel: the children of Reuben; Hanoch, of whom cometh the family of the Hanochites: of Pallu, the family of the Palluites:

6 Of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 These are the families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty.

8 And the sons of Pallu; Eliab.

9 And the sons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This is that Dathan and Abiram, which were ^e famous in the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against the LORD:

10 And ^f the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: ^g ^h and they became a sign.

11 Notwithstanding ⁱ the children of Korah died not.

12 ^j The sons of Simeon after their families: of ^k Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites: of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of ^l Jaclin, the family of the Jachinites:

13 Of ^m Zerab, the family of the Zarhites: of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thousand and two hundred.

15 ⁿ The children of Gad after their families: of ^o Zephon, the family of the Zephonites: of Haggi, the family of the Haggites: of Shuni, the family of the Shunites:

16 Of ^p Ozni, the family of the Oznites: of Eri, the family of the Erites:

17 Of ^q Arod, the family of the Arodites: of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 These are the families of the children of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

19 ^r The ^s sons of Judah were Er and Onan: and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 And ^t the sons of Judah after their families were; of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites: of Pharez, the family of the Pharizites: of Zerab, the family of the Zarhites.

did eat, at an idolatrous feast, the scene of licentious mirth. 3. joined himself unto, wore the badges of Baal-peor, by binding their heads with fillets to his honour.—Boothroyd, as Michaelis. 4. take all the heads, to judge in this affair. and hang them, the criminals. against the sun, until sun-setting. 5. slay, i. e. cause to be slain; the original means, with the sword. 8. tent, the Hebrew means, an interior apartment or bed-room. 9. in, during. twenty-

four, twenty-three, 1 Cor. x. 8; perhaps the other thousand were those slain. 13. an everlasting priesthood denotes the promise of it to his posterity, who remained high priests till the Babylonish captivity; Eli, indeed, was not of this family, but in the time of David it was restored.

CHAP. XXVI.—2. take the sum, this was the third numbering, see Exod. xxx. 11, 12, and Num. i. 1, to show God's faithfulness to his promise that

21 And the sons of Pharez were; of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 These are the families of Judah according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and sixteen thousand and five hundred.

23 ¶ Of ^b the sons of Issachar after their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites: of Pua, the family of the Punites:

24 Of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites: of Shimon, the family of the Shimonites.

25 These are the families of Issachar according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and four thousand and three hundred.

26 ¶ Of ^d the sons of Zebulun after their families: of Sereb, the family of the Sardites: of Elon, the family of the Elonites: of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those that were numbered of them, threescore thousand and five hundred.

28 ¶ The ^f sons of Joseph after their families were Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 Of the sons of Manasseh: of ^h Machir, the family of the Machirites: and Machir begat Gilead: of Gilead come the family of the Gileadites.

30 These are the sons of Gilead: of ^h Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites: of Helek, the family of the Helekites:

31 And of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites: and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites:

32 And of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and of Hephher, the family of the Hephherites.

33 ¶ And ⁿ Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

34 These are the families of Manasseh, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and two thousand and seven hundred.

35 ¶ These are the sons of Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites: of ^p Becher, the family of the Bachrites: of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph after their families.

38 ¶ The ^s sons of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Beaites: of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites: of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites:

39 Of ^s Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites: of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 And the sons of Bela were ^s Ard and Naaman: of Ard, the family of the Ardites: and of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These are the sons of Benjamin after their families: and they that were numbered of them were forty and five thousand and six hundred.

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^a Ge. 46. 23.

^a or, *Hushim*

^b Ge. 46. 13.

¹ Ch. 7. 1.

^c Ge. 46. 17.

¹ Ch. 7. 30.

[†] or, *Phuvah*

[†] or, *Jeb*.

^d Ge. 46. 14.

^c Ge. 46. 24.

¹ Ch. 7. 13.

^f Ge. 46. 20.

[§] ¹ Ch. 7. 13.

Shallum.

^h Jos. 17. 1.

¹ Ch. 7. 14.

ⁱ ch. 1. 46.

^k Called

Abiezer,

Jos. 17. 2.

Ju. 6. 11, 24.

^l Jos. 11. 23.

¹⁴ 1.

^m ch. 33. 54.

[§] multiply

his inher-

itance.

ⁿ ch. 27. 1.

³⁶ 11.

^{||} diminish

his inher-

itance.

^o ch. 33. 54.

³⁴ 13.

Jos. 11. ²³.

¹⁴ 2.

^p ¹ Ch. 7. 20.

Bered.

^r Ge. 46. 11.

Ex. 6. 16.. ¹⁹

¹ Ch. 6. 1, 16.

^s Ge. 46. 21.

¹ Ch. 7. 6.

^t Ge. 46. 21.

Ehi.

¹ Ch. 8. 1.

Aharah.

^u Ex. 2. 1, 2.

⁶ 20.

^x Ge. 46. 21

Muphim

and

Huphim.

^y ¹ Ch. 8. 3.

Addar.

^z Le. 10. 1, 2.

¹ Sa. 6. 19.

¹ Ch. 13. 10.

¹⁵ 13.

²⁴ 2.

Ac. 5. 5, 10.

¹ Co. 10. 11.

^a ch. 3. 39.

^b ch. 1. 49.

^c ch. 18. 20, 23.

²⁴ 2.

De. 10. 9.

Jos. 13. 14, 33

¹⁴ 3.

42 ¶ These ^a are the sons of Dan after their families: of ^a Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan after their families.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those that were numbered of them, were threescore and four thousand and four hundred.

44 ¶ Of ^c the children of Asher after their families: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites: of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites: of Beriah, the family of the Berites.

45 Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites: of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 And the name of the daughter of Asher was Sarah.

47 These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those that were numbered of them; who were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

48 ¶ Of ^e the sons of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites: of Guni, the family of the Gunites:

49 Of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites: of [§] Shilem, the family of the Shilemites.

50 These are the families of Naphtali according to their families: and they that were numbered of them were forty and five thousand and four hundred.

51 These ⁱ were the numbered of the children of Israel, six hundred thousand and a thousand seven hundred and thirty.

52 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

53 Unto ^t these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.

54 To ^m many thou shalt [§] give the more inheritance, and to few thou shalt [§] give the less inheritance: to every one shall his inheritance be given according to those that were numbered of him.

55 Notwithstanding the land shall be ^o divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.

56 According to the lot shall the possession thereof be divided between many and few.

57 ¶ And ^r these are they that were numbered of the Levites after their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites: of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites: of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

58 These are the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korathites. And Kohath begat Amram.

59 And the name of Amram's wife was ^w Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.

60 And unto Aaron was born Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

61 And ^z Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

62 And ^a those that were numbered of them were twenty and three thousand, all males from a month old and upward: ^b for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was ^c no

ould multiply them. 54. To many, each family as to receive an amount of property equal to its

wants. 55. by lot, respected the spot, and not the quantity.

inheritance given them among the children of Israel.

63 ¶ These are they that were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho.

64 But ^c among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

65 For the LORD had said of them, They ^f shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, ^g save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAP. XXVII.

THEN came the daughters of ⁱ Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph: and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.

2 And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

3 Our father ^e died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD ^u in the company of Korah; but died in his own sin, and had no sons.

4 Why should the name of our father be ^{*} done away from among his family, because he hath no son? ^v Give unto us therefore a possession among the brethren of our father.

5 And Moses ^y brought their cause before the LORD.

6 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: ^z thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

8 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.

9 And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren.

10 And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren.

11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Israel ⁱ a statute of judgment, as the LORD commanded Moses.

12 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, ^k Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel.

13 And when thou hast seen it, thou also ^l shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered.

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^a De. 1. 37.

32. 51.

Ps. 106. 32.

^b Ex. 17. 7.^c De. 2. 14, 15.^d He. 12. 9.^e 1 Sa. 8. 20.

18. 13.

^f 2 Ch. 1. 10.^g 1 Co. 10. 5, 6.^h ch. 14. 30.ⁱ 1 Ki. 22. 17.

Zec. 10. 2.

Mat. 9. 36.

Mar. 6. 34.

^j ch. 26. 33.

Jos. 17. 3.

^k Ge. 41. 38.

Ju. 3. 10.

11. 29.

^l 1 Sa. 16. 13.

18.

^m De. 34. 9.

De. 31. 7.

Lu. 9. 1. 5.

10. 1. 11.

Ac. 20. 28. 31.

Col. 4. 17.

ⁿ ch. 11. 17, 28.

1 Sa. 10. 6, 9.

2 Ki. 2. 15.

^o Jos. 1. 16, 17.^p Jos. 9. 14.

Ju. 1. 1.

1 Sa. 23. 9.

30. 7.

^r Ex. 28. 30.^s ch. 26. 64, 65.^t Jos. 9. 14.

1 Sa. 22. 10.

13. 15.

^u ch. 16. 1. 2.^{*} diminished^v Jos. 17. 4.^x De. 3. 28.^y Ex. 18. 15, 19.^z ch. 36. 2.^a Mal. 1. 7, 12.⁺ a savour

of my rest.

^b Ge. 8. 21.

Eze. 16. 19.

20. 41.

2 Co. 2. 15.

Ep. 5. 2.

Phi. 4. 18.

^c Ex. 29. 38.

Eze. 46. 13.

15.

Jno. 1. 29.

1 Pe. 1. 19, 20.

Re. 13. 8.

[†] in a day.

Da. 11. 31.

[§] between the

two even-

ings.

Ex. 12. 6.

^d 1 Ki. 18. 29.

36.

Ezr. 9. 4, 5.

Ps. 141. 2.

Da. 9. 21.

^e Ex. 16. 36.^f Le. 2. 1.^g Ex. 29. 40.

&c.

^h Am. 5. 25.ⁱ ch. 35. 29.^k De. 34. 1.^l De. 10. 6.

14 For ye ^a rebelled against my commandment in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water before their eyes: that is the ^b water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

15 ¶ And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying,

16 Let the LORD, ^d the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,

17 Which ^e may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as ^h sheep which have no shepherd.

18 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man ⁱ in whom is the spirit, and ^j lay thine hand upon him;

19 And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and ^m give him a charge in their sight.

20 And ⁿ thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel ^o may be obedient.

21 And ^p he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him ^r after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: ^t at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.

22 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation;

23 And he laid his hands upon him, ^x and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, and ^a my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, for ^t a sweet ^b savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.

3 And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; ^c two lambs of the first year without spot [†] day by day, for a continual burnt offering.

4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer [§] at ^d even;

5 And ^e a tenth part of an ephah of flour for a ^f meat offering, mingled with the fourth part of an ^g hin of beaten oil.

6 It is ^h a continual burnt offering, which was ordained in mount Sinai for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

7 And the drink offering thereof shall be the fourth part of an hin for the one lamb: in the holy place shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the LORD for a drink offering.

8 And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meat offering of the morning, and as the drink offering thereof, thou shalt offer it, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

CHAP. XXVII.—3. died in his own sin, i. e. a common death: the sin for which he died without entering the promised land, was unbelief, a sin common to all the Israelites. 12. Abarim, a ridge of moun-

tains, parts of which were Pisgah and Nebo, opposite to Jericho.

CHAP. XXVIII.—2. command, the laws were now repeated to a new generation.

9 ^a And on the sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering thereof:

10 *This is* ^a the burnt offering of every sabbath, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering.

11 ^a And ^b in the beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot;

12 And ^c three tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, for one bullock; and two tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, for one ram;

13 And a several tenth deal of flour mingled with oil for a meat offering unto one lamb; for a burnt offering of a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

14 And their drink offerings shall be half an hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third part of an hin unto a ram, and a fourth part of an hin unto a lamb: *this is* the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year.

15 And ^e one kid of the goats for a sin offering unto the LORD shall be offered, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering.

16 And ^f in the fourteenth day of the first month is the passover of the LORD.

17 And ^g in the fifteenth day of this month is the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

18 In the ^h first day shall be an holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work therein:

19 But ye shall offer a sacrifice made by fire for a burnt offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year: ⁱ they shall be unto you without blemish:

20 And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil: three tenth deals shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram;

21 A several tenth deal shalt thou offer for every lamb, throughout the seven days:

22 And ^j one goat for a sin offering, to make an atonement for you.

23 Ye shall offer these beside the burnt offering in the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering.

24 After this manner ye shall offer daily, throughout the seven days, the meat of the sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: it shall be offered beside the continual burnt offering, and is drink offering.

25 And ^k on the seventh day ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

26 ^l Also ^m in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

27 But ye shall offer the burnt offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; ⁿ two young bullocks, one ram, seven lambs of the first year;

28 And their meat offering of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto

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^a Eze. 46. 4.

^b ch. 10. 10.

¹ Sa. 30. 5.

¹ Ch. 23. 31.

² Ch. 2. 4.

^{Ezr.} 3. 5.

^{Ne.} 10. 33.

^{Is.} 1. 13, 14.

^{Eze.} 45. 17.

^{46.} 6.

^{Ho.} 2. 11.

^{Col.} 2. 16.

^o ver. 19.

^d ch. 15. 4. 12.

^e Le. 23. 24.

^f ch. 28. 11.

^g ch. 15. 24.

^h ch. 28. 3.

ⁱ ch. 15. 11, 12.

^k ch. 9. 3.

^{Ex.} 12. 6, 18.

^{Le.} 23. 5.

^{De.} 16. 1.

^{Eze.} 45. 21.

^l Le. 16. 29.

^{23.} 27.

^m Le. 23. 6.

ⁿ Ps. 35. 13.

^{Is.} 58. 5.

^o Ex. 12. 16.

^{Le.} 23. 7.

^p ch. 28. 19.

^r ver. 31.

^{ch.} 29. 8.

^{Le.} 22. 20.

^{De.} 15. 21.

^{Mal.} 1. 13, 14.

¹ Pe. 1. 19.

^q Le. 16. 3, 5.

^r ver. 15.

^u Le. 23. 33.

^{De.} 16. 13.

^{Eze.} 45. 25.

^v ch. 28. 11.

^{Ezr.} 3. 4.

^{He.} 10. 1, 11.

^{..14.}

^x Ex. 13. 6.

^{Le.} 23. 8.

^y Ex. 23. 16.

^{34.} 22.

^{Le.} 23. 10, 15.

^{De.} 16. 10.

^{Ac.} 2. 1, &c.

^{26.} 23.

¹ Co. 15. 20.

^{Col.} 1. 18.

^{Ja.} 1. 18.

^{Re.} 1. 5.

^z Le. 23. 18, 19.

^a Ps. 40. 6.

^{50.} 8, 9.

^{51.} 16, 17.

^{69.} 31.

^{Is.} 1. 11.

^{Je.} 7. 22, 23.

^{Ro.} 12. 1.

^{He.} 8. 13.

^{9.6.} 14.

one bullock, two tenth deals unto one ram, 29 A several tenth deal unto one lamb, throughout the seven lambs;

30 And one kid of the goats, to make an atonement for you.

31 Ye shall offer *them* beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, (^c they shall be unto you without blemish) and their drink offerings.

CHAP. XXIX.

AND in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: ^a it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

2 And ye shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year without blemish:

3 And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram,

4 And one tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

5 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering, to make an atonement for you:

6 Beside ^f the burnt offering of the month, and his meat offering, and ^h the daily burnt offering, and his meat offering, and their drink offerings, ⁱ according unto their manner, for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

7 ^u And ^v ye shall have on the tenth day of this seventh month an holy convocation; and ye shall ^w afflict your souls: ye shall not do any work therein:

8 But ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD for a sweet savour; one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year; ^p they shall be unto you without blemish:

9 And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals to a bullock, and two tenth deals to one ram.

10 A several tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

11 One kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside ^q the sin offering of atonement, and the continual burnt offering, and the meat offering of it, and their drink offerings.

12 ^u And ^w on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days:

13 And ^v ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish:

14 And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth deals to each ram of the two rams,

15 And a several tenth deal to each lamb of the fourteen lambs:

16 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

17 ^u And on the second day ^a ye shall offer twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot:

18 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the

rams, and for the lambs, *shall be according to their number,* ^a after the manner:

19 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and the meat offering thereof, and their drink offerings.

20 [¶] And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish;

21 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be according to their number,* ^a after the manner:

22 And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his ^a drink offering.

23 [¶] And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

24 Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be according to their number,* after the manner:

25 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

26 [¶] And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without spot:

27 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be according to their number,* after the manner.

28 And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

29 [¶] And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

30 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be according to their number,* after the manner:

31 And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

32 [¶] And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

33 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be according to their number,* after the manner:

34 And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

35 [¶] On the eighth day ye shall have a ^a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work therein:

36 But ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish:

37 Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, *shall be according to their number,* after the manner:

38 And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

39 These things ye shall do unto the LORD in your ^a set feasts, beside your ^a vows, and your freewill offerings, for

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^a ver. 3, 4.

ch. 15. 12.

28, 7, 14.

b ch. 12. 7.

Mat. 28. 20.

Ac. 20. 27.

1 Co. 15. 3.

He. 3. 2, 5.

c ch. 1. 4, 16.

7. 2.

d Le. 27. 2.

De. 32. 31.

Jul. 11, 30, 35.

Ec. 5. 4.

e ver. 18.

f Le. 5. 4.

Mat. 14. 9.

Ac. 23. 14.

• profane.

Ps. 55. 20.

g Job 22. 27.

Ps. 22. 25.

50. 14.

66, 13, 14.

116, 14, 18.

Na. 1. 15.

h Ps. 16. 4.

Joel 1, 9, 13.

2. 14.

i Jno. 8. 31.

Ac. 13. 48.

Ro. 2. 7.

Ga. 2. 5.

He. 3. 14.

10. 39.

13. 15.

k Ho. 6. 6.

Mar. 7. 10.

12.

Ep. 6. 1.

† her vows

were upon

her.

Ps. 56. 12.

l Ge. 3. 16.

1 Co. 7. 4.

14. 34.

Ep. 5. 22, 24.

Col. 3. 18.

1 Pe. 3. 1.

m Lu. 2. 37.

Ro. 7. 2.

n Le. 23. 36.

Jno. 7. 37.

39.

Re. 7. 9, 17.

o Ezr. 8. 21.

Ps. 35. 13.

Is. 58. 5.

Joel 2, 12, 13.

† or, offer.

p Ga. 3. 28.

Col. 3. 11.

r Le. 23. 2.

1 Ch. 23, 31.

2 Ch. 31, 5.

Ezr. 3. 5.

Ne. 10. 33.

Is. 1. 14.

s Le. 7. 11, 6.

22, 21, 23.

1 Co. 10. 31.

Col. 3. 17.

your burnt offerings, and for your meat offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.

40 And ^b Moses told the children of Israel according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. XXX.

AND Moses spake unto ^c the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded.

2 If ^d a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or ^e swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not ^e break his word, he shall ^f do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

3 If a woman also vow a vow unto the LORD, and bind herself by a bond, being in her father's house in her youth;

4 And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand.

5 But ^g if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

6 And if she had at all an husband, when ^h she vowed, or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul;

7 And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard it: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.

8 But if her husband ⁱ disallowed her on the day that he heard it: then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect. and the LORD shall forgive her.

9 But every vow of ^m a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

10 And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath;

11 And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and disallowed her not: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.

12 But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard them; then whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and the LORD shall forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to ^o afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.

14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which ^{are} upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them.

15 But ^p if he shall any ways make them void after that he hath heard them; then he shall bear her iniquity.

tabernacles, Lev. xxiii. 34, 35; Deut. xvi. 13. 35. eighth day, this was what is called the last and great day of the feast, John vii. 37.

CHAP. XXX.—12. void, declaring them contrary to his mind and will. 13. may make it void, for

instance, a wife in her zeal might vow more for the service of the temple than the husband might be well able to perform. 15. bear her iniquity, the breach of the vow shall be reckoned upon him, he having opposed some time after it was made.

16 These are the statutes, which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, *being yet in her youth in her father's house.*

CHAP. XXXI.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Avenge ^d the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.

3 And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm some of yourselves unto the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and ^e avenge the LORD of Midian.

4 ^f Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send the war.

5 So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and ^g Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and ^h the trumpets to blow in his hand.

7 And they warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew all the ⁱ males.

8 And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword.

9 And the children of Israel took all the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods.

10 And they burnt all their cities where they dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with fire.

11 And ^j they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of men and of beasts.

12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the ^k plains of Moab, which are ^l Jordan near Jericho.

13 ^m And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp.

14 And Moses was ⁿ wroth with the officers of the host, with the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, when they came from the ^o battle.

15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved ^p all the women alive?

16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the ^q counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and ^r there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

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a Ju. 21. 11.

* a male.

b Is. 14. 2.

c ch. 5. 2.

d Lu. 21. 22.

e Ro. 12. 19.

f He. 10. 30.

g ch. 19. 11, &c.

h Ac. 13. 35.

i instrument, or,

j vessel of skins.

k Je. 46. 10.

l A thousand of a tribe,

m a thousand of a tribe.

n Is. 43. 2.

o Zec. 13. 9.

p Mal. 2. 2, 3.

q 1 Co. 3. 13.

r 1 Pe. 1. 7.

s 4. 12.

t Re. 3. 18.

u ch. 25. 7, 13.

v ch. 10. 3.

w Ex. 25. 9.

x Jos. 6. 4, &c.

y 1 Sa. 23. 9.

z 2 Ch. 13. 12.

aa . . . 15.

ab ch. 19. 9, 17.

ac Ep. 5. 26.

ad 1 Ti. 11. 25.

ae De. 21. 13.

af Ju. 21. 11.

ag 1 Sa. 27. 9.

ah 1 Ki. 11. 15.

ai . . . 16.

aj Ju. 6. 1, 2, 33.

ak of the captivity.

al Jos. 13. 21, 22.

am Ps. 9. 16.

an 10. 2.

ao 1 Ti. 6. 9, 10.

ap Jude 11.

aq Jos. 22. 8.

ar 1 Sa. 30. 4.

as Ps. 68. 12.

at Pr. 3. 9, 10.

au Mar. 12. 17.

av De. 20. 14.

aw ch. 18. 26.

ax Jos. 3. 16.

ay ver. 42. 47.

az || or, goats.

ba Ac. 20. 23.

bb Ep. 4. 26.

bc host of war.

bd De. 20. 13.

be 1 Sa. 15. 3.

bf Pr. 23. 27.

bg Ec. 7. 25.

bh 1 Co. 6. 13, 18.

bi 2 Ps. 2. 15.

bj Re. 2. 14.

bk ch. 25. 9.

17 Now therefore ^c kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with ^a him.

18 But all the women children, that have not known a man by lying with him, ^d keep alive for yourselves.

19 And ^e do ye abide without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed any person, and ^f whosoever hath touched any slain, purify ^g both yourselves and your captives on the third day, and on the seventh day.

20 And purify all ^h your raiment, and all ⁱ that is made of skins, and all work of goats' hair, and all things made of wood.

21 ^j And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battle, This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses;

22 Only the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

23 Every thing that may ^k abide the fire, ye shall make ^l it go through the fire, and it shall be clean: nevertheless it shall be purified ^m with the water of separation: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make ⁿ go through the water.

24 And ^o ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

25 ^p And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Take the sum of the prey ^q that was taken, both of man and of beast, thou, and Eleazar the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation:

27 And ^r divide the prey into two parts: between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation:

28 And levy a tribute ^s unto the LORD of the men of war which went out to battle: ^t one soul of five hundred, both of the persons, and of the heeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep:

29 Take ^u it of their half, and give ^v it unto Eleazar the priest, for an heave offering of the LORD.

30 And of the children of Israel's half, thou shalt take ^w one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the heeves, of the asses, and of the ^x flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give them unto the Levites, ^y which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.

31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.

32 And the booty, *being* the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred thousand and seventy thousand and five thousand sheep,

33 And threescore and twelve thousand heeves,

34 And threescore and one thousand asses,

CHAP. XXXI.—2. *avenge*, &c. for the Midianites led Israel into sin, for which they had been puny punished, see ch. xxv. 6. *holy instruments* and, 'holy instruments, even the trumpets.'—Boothroyd, as Le Clerc. 7. *against the Midianites*, i.e. these who were contiguous to the camp of Israel. 8. *Balaam*, i.e. that fell into their hands. 9. *all the women*, the word all is a needless addition of the translators. 10. *spoil*, i.e. the armour, moveables, and money. 11. *prey*, live stock and captives. 12. *every male*, this command a perplexed commentators, and been a text for fables. We cannot suppose, as Boothroyd intimates,

that Moses here acted on his own authority; the punishment of innocent babes seems not like the order of him whose 'tender mercies are over all his works.' Yet in this judgment there is nothing more than there was in that of the deluge, and we have as great perplexity in solving many modern calamities. But we know not the extent of the evil of sin; and shall not the Judge of all do right?—Ed. *kill every woman*, the profligacy of the women, and the evil they had done, may easily account for this sentence. 18. *keep alive for yourselves*, for handmaids, or to be married in due time, and become proselytes. 19. *purify*, this command shows the defiling nature of idolatry; every thing that came into contact with it

35 And thirty and two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.

36 And the half, *which was* the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred sheep:

37 And the LORD's tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen.

38 And the beeves *were* thirty and six thousand; of which the LORD's tribute was threescore and twelve.

39 And the asses *were* thirty thousand and five hundred; of which the LORD's tribute was, threescore and one.

40 And the persons *were* sixteen thousand; of which the LORD's tribute was thirty and two persons.

41 And Moses gave the tribute, *which was* the LORD's heave offering, unto Eleazar the priest, *as* the LORD commanded Moses.

42 And of the children of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men that warred,

43 (Now the half *that pertained unto* the congregation was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand and seven thousand and five hundred sheep,

44 And thirty and six thousand beeves,

45 And thirty thousand asses and five hundred,

46 And sixteen thousand persons;)

47 Even *of* the children of Israel's half, Moses took one portion of fifty, *both* of man and of beast, and gave them *unto* the Levites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

48 ¶ And the officers which *were* over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses:

49 And they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war which *are* under our charge, and *there* lacketh not one man of us.

50 We have therefore brought *an* oblation for the LORD, what every man hath § gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, *to* make an atonement for our souls before the LORD.

51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, *even* all wrought jewels.

52 And all the gold of the ¶ offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.

53 (For *every* man of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.)

54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, *for* a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

CHAP. XXXII.

NOW the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude

B. C. 1452.

a Jos. 13. 25.

2 Sa. 24. 5.

b ver. 36,

Beth-nim-

rah.

c ver. 38,

Shitmah.

d ver. 38,

Baal-meon

e ch. 21. 24. 34.

f ch. 18. 8, 19.

Mat. 10. 10.

1 Co. 9. 10..

14.

Ga. 6. 6.

1 Th. 5. 12,

13.

1 Ti. 5. 17.

He. 7. 4. 10.

g Pr. 20. 21.

1 Co. 13. 5.

Phi. 2. 4.

* break.

Ac. 21. 13.

h ch. 13. 3. 26.

i De. 1. 22, &c

k ch. 13. 24. 31

l ver. 30.

m ch. 14. 11. 21

n 1 Ch. 9. 23. 33

Ps. 134. 1.

o ch. 14. 28. 29

p ch. 14. 24. 30.

† fulfilled

after me.

q Jos. 14. 8. 9.

† hand.

r ch. 14. 33..

35.

s ch. 26. 64. 65.

t 1 Sa. 30. 18,

19.

Ps. 72. 14.

Ja. 17. 12.

18. 9.

u Le. 7. 12.

Ps. 107. 21,

22.

116. 12, 13,

17.

§ found.

v Ex. 30. 12. 16

w Ne. 13. 18.

Is. 65. 6. 7.

x De. 30. 17.

Jos. 22. 16. 18

2 Ch. 7. 19.

15. 2.

y Je. 38. 23.

Mat. 18. 7.

Ro. 14. 15,

20. 21.

1 Co. 8. 11, 12

¶ heave

offering.

z Jos. 4. 12. 13.

a De. 20. 14.

b Ex. 30. 16.

Ps. 18. 49.

103. 1. 2.

145. 7.

Lu. 21. 1. 4.

Ac. 10. 4.

c 2 Ki. 10. 32,

33.

1 Ch. 5. 25,

26.

d Jos. 12. 1.

13. 8.

e De. 3. 18.

of cattle: and when they saw the land of *a* Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle;

2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying,

3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and *b* Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and *c* Shebam, and Nebo, and *d* Beon,

4 *Even* the country *e* which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, *is* a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle:

5 Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan.

6 ¶ And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and *ye* shall ye sit here?

7 And wherefore **discourage ye* the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?

8 Thus did your fathers, *h* when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea *i* to see the land.

9 For *k* when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

10 And *m* the LORD's anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying,

11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, *n* from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because *p* they have not *†* wholly followed me:

12 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: *q* for they have wholly followed the LORD.

13 And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them *r* wander in the wilderness forty years, until *†* all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed.

14 And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the *w* fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel.

15 For if ye *x* turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and *y* ye shall destroy all this people.

16 ¶ And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones:

17 But *z* we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance.

19 For *a* we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; *d* because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward.

20 ¶ And *e* Moses said unto them, If

was unclean. 50. an oblation, a free-will offering out of the spoil that came to them. to make an atonement, or be employed in that service in which it was typically made. 52. shekels, computed to be 37,869l. 16s. 5d. 54. into the tabernacle, to be laid up, for a memorial, in remembrance of the signal victory.

CHAP. XXXII.—1. Jazer, in the kingdom of Sihon: it was well watered. Gilead, in the kingdom of Og, both of which had been conquered. 12. Kenezite, so called from Kenaz, his grandfather, Josh. xv. 17; 1 Chron. iv. 13—15.

will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the LORD to war,
 21 And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath given out his enemies from before him,
 22 And ^d the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ^e ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel; and ^f this land shall be your possession before the LORD.
 23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be ^g your sin will find you out.
 24 Build ^h you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.
 25 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth.
 26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead:
 27 But ⁱ thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord saith.
 28 So concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel:
 29 And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle, before the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ^j ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession.
 30 But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.
 31 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As the LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will we do.
 32 We will pass over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan may be our's.
 33 And ^k Moses gave unto them, even to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, ^l the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, with the cities thereof in the coasts, even to the country round about.
 34 ^m And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and ⁿ Aroer,
 35 And Atroth, Shophan, and ^o Jaazer, and Jogbehah,
 36 And ^p Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fenced cities: and folds for sheep.
 37 And the children of Reuben ^q built Meshon, and Elealeh, and Kirjathaim, and And ^r Nebo, and ^s Baal-meon, (^t their names being changed,) and Shibmah: and ^u gave other names unto the cities which they builded.
 38 And the children of ^v Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorite which was ^w there.
 39 And the children of ^x Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorite which was ^y there.

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^a De. 3. 12, 13, 15.
^b De. 3. 14.
^c Jos. 13. 30.
^d Ch. 2. 21.
^e Jos. 10. 4.
^f Ki. 4. 13.
^g De. 3. 20.
^h Jos. 11. 23.
ⁱ Ps. 44. 1, 3.
^j Jos. 22. 4.
^k De. 3. 12, 15, 16, 18.
^l Jos. 1. 15.
^m Jos. 13. 32.
ⁿ Jos. 22. 4, 9.
^o Ge. 4. 7.
^p Is. 59. 12.
^q ver. 16, 34, &c.
^r Ex. 12. 37.
^s Ex. 12. 2.
^t Jos. 1. 13, 14.
^u Jos. 4. 12.
^v Ex. 12. 29.
^w Ex. 12. 12.
^x Is. 19. 1.
^y Re. 12. 8.
^z Ex. 13. 20.
^{aa} Ex. 14. 2, 9.
^{ab} 1 Co. 12. 26.
^{ac} Ex. 14. 22.
^{ad} 15. 22, 23.
^{ae} Ex. 15. 27.
^{af} De. 3. 12, 17.
^{ag} Jos. 12. 6.
^{ah} Jos. 13. 8.
^{ai} Jos. 22. 4.
^{aj} Ex. 16. 1.
^{ak} ch. 21. 24, 33, 35.
^{al} Ex. 17. 1.
^{am} Jos. 19. 2.
^{an} ch. 33. 45, 46.
^{ao} De. 2. 36.
^{ap} ver. 1, 3, &c.
^{aq} Jazer.
^{ar} Ex. 16. 1.
^{as} Jos. 19. 1, 2.
^{at} ver. 3, Nimrah.
^{au} ver. 24.
^{av} ch. 11. 34.
^{aw} i. e. the graves of lust.
^{ax} ch. 1. 27.
^{ay} ch. 11. 35.
^{az} Is. 46. 1.
^{ba} ch. 22. 41.
^{bb} ver. 3.
^{bc} Ex. 23. 13.
^{bd} Jos. 23. 7.
^{be} ch. 12. 16.
^{bf} they called by names the names of the cities.
^{bg} Ge. 50. 23.

40 And Moses ^a gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein.
 41 And ^b Jair the son of Manasseh went and took the small towns thereof, and called them ^c Havoth-jair.
 42 And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

CHAP. XXXIII.

THESE are the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.
 2 And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD: and these are their journeys according to their goings out.
 3 And they ^d departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out ^e with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.
 4 For the Egyptians buried all their firstborn, ^f which the LORD had smitten among them: ^g upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments.
 5 And the children of Israel removed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth.
 6 And they departed from ^h Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness.
 7 And ⁱ they removed from Etham, and turned again unto Pi-hahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon: and they pitched before Migdol.
 8 And they departed from before Pi-hahiroth, and ^j passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.
 9 And they removed from Marah, and ^k came unto Elim: and in Elim were twelve fountains of water, and threescore and ten palm trees; and they pitched there.
 10 And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Red sea.
 11 And they removed from the Red sea, and encamped in the ^l wilderness of Sin.
 12 And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah.
 13 And they departed from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush.
 14 And they removed from Alush, and encamped at ^m Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink.
 15 And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the ⁿ wilderness of Sinai.
 16 And they removed from the desert of Sinai, and pitched ^o at Kibroth-hattaavah.
 17 And they departed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and ^p encamped at Hazeroth.
 18 And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in ^q Rithmah.
 19 And they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon-parez.
 20 And they departed from Rimmon-parez, and pitched in Libnah.
 21 And they removed from Libnah, and pitched at Rissah.

CHAP. XXXIII. — 1. *journeys*, rather, encampments: all the places are probably not mentioned where the Israelites sojourned, but only those where some considerable stay was made, and from which, as from a centre, the flocks and herds were sent for pasture, till its consumption rendered a removal

necessary. 3. *Rameses*, Modern Cairo, according to Shaw; where the Israelites assembled for departure from Egypt. 8. *through the midst*, there is a bay near Corondel, concerning which the Arabs preserve a tradition that a numerous host was formerly drowned at this place. 9. *palm trees*, according to

22 And they journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelathah.

23 And they went from Kehelathah, and pitched in mount Shapher.

24 And they removed from mount Shapher, and encamped in Haradah.

25 And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.

26 And they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahath.

27 And they departed from Tahath, and pitched at Tarah.

28 And they removed from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah.

29 And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah.

30 And they departed from Hashmonah, and ^d encamped at Moseroth.

31 And they departed from Moseroth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan.

32 And they removed from Bene-jaakan, and ^f encamped at Hor-hagidgad.

33 And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitched in Jobathah.

34 And they removed from Jobathah, and encamped at Ebronah.

35 And they departed from Ebronah, and encamped at Ezion-gaber.

36 And they removed from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the wilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh.

37 And they removed from ^k Kadesh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

38 And ^m Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first day of the fifth month.

39 And Aaron was an hundred and twenty and three years old when he died in mount Hor.

40 And ⁿ king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel.

41 And they departed from mount Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

42 And they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in Panon.

43 And they departed from Panon, and ^v pitched in Oboth.

44 And they departed from Oboth, and pitched in ^w Ije-abarim, ^y in the border of Moab.

45 And they departed from Iim, and pitched ^z in Dibon-gad.

46 And they removed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in Almon-diblathaim.

47 And they removed from Almon-diblathaim, and pitched in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.

48 And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and ^f pitched in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho.

49 And they pitched by Jordan, from Beth-jesimoth ^{even} unto ^g Abel-shittim ^h in the plains of Moab.

50 ⁱ And the LORD spake unto Moses

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^a De. 7. 1, 2.

9. 1.

Jos. 3. 17.

^b Ex. 23. 24, 33.

34. 13.

De. 12. 3.

Jos. 11. 12.

Ju. 2. 2.

^c ch. 26. 53, 55.

^{*} multiply

his inheritance.

^d De. 10. 6.

[†] diminish

his inheritance.

^e Ge. 36. 27.

De. 10. 6.

1 Ch. 1. 42.

^f De. 10. 7.

^g Ex. 23. 33.

Jos. 23. 13.

Ju. 2. 3.

Ps. 106. 34, 36.

Eze. 28. 24.

^h De. 2. 8.

1 Ki. 3. 26.

22. 48.

ⁱ ch. 20. 1.

^k ch. 21. 4.

^l Ge. 17. 8.

Ps. 78. 55.

105. 11.

Eze. 47. 14.

Ac. 17. 26.

^m De. 10. 6.

32. 50.

ⁿ Ps. 16. 5, 6.

Je. 3. 19.

Ac. 26. 18.

Ep. 1. 14, 18.

1 Pe. 1. 3, 4.

^o Jos. 15. 1.

Eze. 47. 13.

&c.

^p Ge. 14. 3.

Jos. 15. 2, 3.

^r ch. 21. 1, &c.

^s Ju. 1. 36.

^t ch. 18. 26.

^u Ge. 15. 18.

Jos. 15. 4, 47.

1 Ki. 8. 65.

Is. 27. 12.

^v ch. 21. 10.

^w Jos. 9. 1.

23. 4.

[†] or, heaps of

Abarim.

^y ch. 21. 11.

^z ch. 32. 34.

^a ch. 33. 37.

^b Je. 48. 22.

Eze. 6. 14.

^c ch. 13. 21.

2 Sa. 8. 9.

2 Ki. 14. 25.

Je. 39. 5.

^e De. 32. 49.

^e Eze. 47. 15.

^f ch. 22. 1.

^g Eze. 47. 17.

^h or, the

plains of

Shittim.

ⁱ Jos. 2. 1.

2 Ki. 23. 33.

Je. 39. 5, 6.

in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

51 Speak unto the children of Israel and say unto them, ^a When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan;

52 Then ^b ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:

53 And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for have given you the land to possess it.

54 And ^c ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall ^{*} give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall [†] give the less inheritance: every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit.

55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be ^g pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

56 Moreover it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.

CHAP. XXXIV.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan; (this is the land that shall fall unto you for ⁿ an inheritance even the land of Canaan with the coast thereof:)

3 Then ^o your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the coast of Edom, and your south border shall be the outmost coast of ^p the salt sea eastward:

4 And your border shall turn from the south ^q to the ascent of Akkrabbim, and pass on to Zin: and the going forth thereof shall be from the south ^r to Kadesh-barnea and shall go on to Hazar-addar, and pass on to Azmon:

5 And the border shall fetch a compass from Azmon ^s unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of it shall be at the sea.

6 And as for the western border, ye shall even have ^t the great sea for a border: this shall be your west border.

7 And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall point out for you ^u mount Hor:

8 From mount Hor ye shall point out your border ^v unto the entrance of Hamath; and the goings forth of the border shall be to ^w Zedad:

9 ^x And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at ^y Hazar-enan: this shall be your north border.

10 And ye shall point out your east border from Hazar-enan to Shepham:

11 And the coast shall go down from Shepham ^z to Riblah, on the east side of

Dr. Shaw, the seventy trees have now multiplied to two thousand. 52. pictures, may be rendered 'obelisks,' 'sculptured stones,' 'idols,' 'temples.' 55. pricks in your eyes, &c., proverbial for being tormented.

CHAP. XXXIV. — 2. the land, Canaan was one hundred and seventy miles long and eighty broad. 3. south quarter, or point whence the boundary

commences. 4. Akkrabbim, i. e. 'scorpion hills,' perhaps from the number of scorpions found there. 5. river of Egypt, as the Israelites never extended their conquests to the Nile, this is thought to have been a stream somewhere between the southern frontier of Palestine and that river. 6. great sea, Mediterranean, so called in contrast with the smaller seas and lakes known to the Jews, the Red sea, Dead

and the border shall descend, and reach unto the ^a side of the sea ^a of mereth eastward:

And the border shall go down to an, and the goings out of it shall be the salt sea: this shall be your land the coasts thereof round about.

And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, ^c This is the land which shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half tribe:

For ^d the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Ephraim according to the house of their fathers, have received *their inheritance*; and the half tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance:

The two tribes and the half tribe of Manasseh received their inheritance on this side Jordan near Jericho eastward, toward the sunrising.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

These are the names of the men which I will divide the land unto you: ^e Eleazar the priest, and ^f Joshua the son of Nun.

And ye shall take one ^g prince of every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance.

And the names of the men are these: of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

And of the tribe of the children of Reuben, Shemuel the son of Ammihud.

Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon.

And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli.

The prince of the children of Joseph, of the tribe of the children of Manasseh, Gadiel the son of Ephod.

And the prince of the tribe of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of Shiphan.

And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of Burnai.

And the prince of the tribe of the children of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan.

And the prince of the tribe of the children of Asher, Ahijah the son of Shelomi.

And the prince of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of Amihud.

These are they whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

CHAP. XXXV.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

Command ^h the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give *also* unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them.

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ⁱ shoulder.

^a De. 3. 17.

Jos. 11. 2.

19. 35.

Mat. 14. 34.

Lu. 5. 1.

Jno. 6. 1.

^b ver. 3.

Ge. 13. 10.

19. 24. 25.

^c ver. 1.

Jos. 14. 1. 2.

^d ch. 32. 33.

Jos. 14. 3.

^e De. 4. 41.

Jos. 20. 2. 7.

21. 3. &c.

Ps. 9. 9.

18. 1. 2.

62. 7. 8.

Mat. 11. 28.

[†] above them

ye shall

give.

^f Jos. 21. 41.

^g Ge. 49. 7.

Ex. 32. 27..

29.

De. 33. 8. 11.

Jos. 21. 3.

^h Jos. 14. 1.

19. 51.

ⁱ ch. 26. 54.

^k Ex. 17. 9. 13

24. 13.

32. 17.

De. 31. 7. &c.

34. 9.

Jos. 1. 1. &c.

ch. 1. 4. 16.

[†] they inherit

^m De. 19. 2.

Jos. 20. 2.

ⁿ Ex. 21. 13.

Ps. 142. 4. 5.

Is. 4. 6.

25. 4.

He. 6. 18.

[§] by error.

^o De. 19. 6.

Jos. 20. 3. 5. 6

2 Sa. 14. 7.

^p De. 4. 41.

Jos. 20. 8.

^r ch. 15. 16.

Le. 24. 22.

Ro. 3. 25.

Gal. 3. 28.

Col. 3. 11.

^s Ex. 21. 12..

14.

Le. 24. 17.

^{||} with a stone

of the hand

^t Jos. 14. 3. 4.

21. 2.

Eze. 45. 1.

&c.

48. 8. &c.

^u De. 19. 6. 12.

Jos. 20. 3. 5.

3 And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts.

4 And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall reach from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about.

5 And ye shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city shall be in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.

6 And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites there shall be ^v six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and ^w to them ye shall add forty and two cities.

7 So all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites shall be ^x forty and eight cities: them shall ye give with their suburbs.

8 And the cities which ye shall give shall be ^y of the possession of the children of Israel: ^z from them that have many ye shall give many; but from them that have few ye shall give few: every one shall give of his cities unto the Levites according to his inheritance which he inheriteth.

9 [†] And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, ^m When ye be come over Jordan into the land of Canaan;

11 Then ⁿ ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person [§] at unawares.

12 And ^o they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment.

13 And of these cities which ye shall give six cities shall ye have for refuge.

14 Ye ^p shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, which shall be cities of refuge.

15 These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Israel, and ^r for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither.

16 And ^s if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

17 And if he smite him ^t with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

18 Or ^u if he smite him with an hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

19 The ^v revenger of blood himself shall

and sea of Tiberias. 11. Chinnereth, Tiberias, also Gennesaret.

HAP. XXXV. — 2. cities, being convenient for imparting religious instruction. 4. a thousand cities, which would serve for gardens and out-houses. 5. two thousand, this addition of another thousand the measurement from the wall would serve for sure. Some think this was a measurement from the boundary of the first thousand, making the whole three thousand cubits. 6. cities for refuge, these are fixed among the Levites as impartial judges,

where the man-slayer could await a proper trial. Typical of Christ, the sinner's refuge, when pursued by an avenging law. The way to these cities was prepared, Deut. xix. 3; every obstacle removed, and at the cross roads were directing posts, inscribed 'Refuge, Refuge.' add forty and two, not for refuge, but for the Levites. 12. in judgment, to determine if the thing were done wilfully or by accident. 14. three cities on this side, these were, Bezer in the wilderness, Ramoth in Gilead, and Golan in Bashan, Josh. xx. 8.

slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him.

20 But ^a if he thrust him of hatred, or hurl at him ^b by laying of wait, that he die;

21 Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote him shall surely be put to death; for he is a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth him.

22 But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or have cast upon him any thing without laying of wait,

23 Or with any stone, wherewith a man may die, seeing him not, and cast it upon him, that he die, and was not his enemy, neither sought his harm:

24 Then ^c the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments:

25 And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, ^e which was anointed with the holy oil.

26 But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled;

27 And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; [†] he shall not be guilty of blood:

28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.

29 So these things shall be for [†] a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the [†] mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die.

31 Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is [†] guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death.

32 And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.

33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood [†] it defileth the land: and [†] the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but [†] by the blood of him that shed it.

34 Defile [†] not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for [†] I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXXVI.

AND the chief fathers of the families of the [†] children of Gilead, the son of Machir,

B. C. 1451.

^a Ge. 4. 8.² Sa. 3. 27.

20. 10.

¹ Ki. 2. 31, 32.^b De. 19. 11.¹ Sa. 18. 10.

11. 25.

^{Ps.} 57. 4. 6.^{Mar.} 6. 19. 24.

26.

12. 12.

14. 1.

^c Ac. 23. 21.^c ch. 26. 55.

33. 54.

^{Jos.} 17. 3.^d ch. 27. 1, 7.^{Jos.} 17. 3, 4.[†] unto whom

they shall

be.

^e ver. 12.^{Jos.} 20. 6.^f Le. 25. 10.^g Ex. 29. 7.^{Le.} 4. 3.

21. 10.

^h ch. 27. 7.[†] be wives.ⁱ ver. 12.^{Ge.} 24. 3.¹ Co. 7. 39.² Co. 6. 14.[†] no blood

shall be

to him.

^{Ex.} 22. 2.^g cleave to

the, &c.

^k 1 Ki. 21. 3.^l ch. 27. 11.^m 1 Ch. 23. 22.ⁿ De. 17. 6.

19. 15.

^{Mat.} 18. 16.² Co. 13. 1.^{He.} 10. 28.[†] faulty to

die.

^o ch. 27. 1.^p Ps. 106. 38.^{Mi.} 4. 11.[†] there can

be no expi-

ation for

the land.

^r Ge. 9. 6.[†] to some

that were

of the

families.

^s Le. 18. 25.^{De.} 21. 23.[†] Ex. 29. 45, 46.^u ch. 26. 3.

33. 50.

^v ch. 26. 29.

the son of Manasseh, of the families the sons of Joseph, came near, and spake before Moses, and before the princes, chief fathers of the children of Israel:

2 And they said, ^c The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and ^d my lord was commanded the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother unto his daughters:

3 And if they be married to any of sons of the other tribes of the children of Israel, then shall their inheritance taken from the inheritance of our father and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe ^e whereunto they are received: shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance.

4 And when the ^f jubile of the children of Israel shall be, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 And Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of the LORD, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph ^h hath said well.

6 This is the thing which the LORD doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them ⁱ marry to whom they think best; ^j only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry.

7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Israel shall ^k keep [†] himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And ^m every daughter, that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.

9 Neither shall the inheritance remove from one tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance.

10 Even as the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad:

11 For ^o Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married unto their father's brothers' sons:

12 And they were married [†] into the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remain in the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These are the commandments and the judgments, which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel [†] in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho.

CHAP. XXXVI.—9. Neither shall the inheritance remove, &c. The design of this law was to keep the

tribes distinct, and hereby to fulfil the prophecy particularly those respecting the Messiah.

The Fifth Book of MOSES, called DEUTERONOMY.

name, which was given by the seventy Greek interpreters, signifies 'the second law,' it being a repetition of laws before delivered.

CHAP. I.

THESE be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel ^b on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red sea, between Paran, and Tophel, Zaban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab. There are eleven days' journey from Seir ^c by the way of mount Seir ^c unto Kadesh-barnea.)

And it came to pass ^f in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them;

After ⁱ he had slain Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt in Heshbon, Og the king of Bashan, which dwelt in Arath ^k in Edrei:

On this side Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying,

The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:

Turn you, and take your journey, and go into the mount of the Amorites, and unto the places high thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the land, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

Behold, I have [§] set the land before you, to go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers, [†] Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

And ⁱ I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself.

The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and behold, ^v ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

The ^y LORD God of your fathers hath said, ye are a thousand times so many more than ye are, and bless you, ^z as he hath said unto you!

How ^a can I myself alone bear your counsel, and your burden, and your strife?

Take ^c ye wise men, and understanding men, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you. And ye answered me, and said, The LORD which thou hast spoken is good for us.

So I took the chief of your tribes, men, and known, ^e and ^f made them captains over you, captains over thousands, captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.

And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and ^h judge righteously between every man and his ⁱ brother, the stranger that is with him.

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^a Le. 19. 15.

¹ Sa. 16. 7.

^{Pr.} 24. 23.

^{Lu.} 20. 21.

^{Ro.} 2. 11.

^{Ep.} 6. 9.

^{Ja.} 2. 1.

^{* acknowledge faces.}

^b Jos. 9. 1, 10.

^{22.} 4. 7.

^c 2 Ch. 19. 6.

^{† or, Zuph.}

^d Ex. 15. 22, 26.

^e ch. 9. 23.

^{Nu.} 13. 26.

^f Nu. 33. 38.

[§] Nu. 10. 12.

^{Je.} 2. 6.

^h Nu. 13. 26.

ⁱ Nu. 21. 24, 33.

^k Jos. 13. 12.

^l Jos. 1. 9.

^{He.} 13. 6.

^m Ex. 3. 1.

ⁿ Ex. 19. 1.

^{† all his neighbours}

^o Nu. 13. 22.

^{24.}

^{§ given.}

^r Ge. 12. 7.

^{15.} 18.

^{17.} 7, 8.

^{23.} 13.

^s Nu. 13. 27.

^t Ex. 18. 18.

^{Nu.} 11. 14.

^u Nu. 14. 1, 4.

^{Ps.} 106. 24, 25.

^v Ge. 15. 5.

^w ch. 9. 28.

^y 2 Sa. 24. 3.

^z Ge. 22. 17.

^{26.} 4.

^{Ex.} 32. 13.

^a 1 Ki. 3. 8, 9.

² Co. 3. 5.

^{|| melted.}

^{Jos.} 2. 11.

^b Nu. 13. 28.

^{31.} 33.

^{* Give.}

^c Ex. 18. 21.

^{Nu.} 11. 16, 17.

^d Ex. 14. 14.

^{25.}

^{Ne.} 4. 20.

^e Ex. 18. 25.

^{† gave.}

^f ch. 32. 11, 12.

^{Ex.} 19. 4.

^{Is.} 46. 3, 4.

^{63.} 9.

^{Ho.} 11. 3.

^{Ac.} 13. 18.

[§] Jude 5.

^h ch. 16. 18.

^{Ps.} 58. 1.

^{Jno.} 7. 24.

ⁱ Le. 24. 22.

^k Ex. 13. 21.

^{Ps.} 78. 14.

^l Eze. 20. 6.

17 Ye ^a shall not ^{*} respect persons in judgment; *but* ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for ^c the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, ^d bring it unto me, and I will hear it.

18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

19 [†] And when we departed from Horeb, [§] we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and ^h we came to Kadesh-barnea.

20 And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God doth give unto us.

21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; ⁱ fear not, neither be discouraged.

22 [†] And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.

23 And the saying pleased me well. and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe:

24 And ^o they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and searched it out.

25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, [†] It is a good land which the LORD our God doth give us.

26 Notwithstanding ^v ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God:

27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD ^z hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

28 Whither shall we go up? our brethren have ^{||} discouraged our heart, saying, ^w The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.

29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.

30 The ^d LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;

31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God ^f bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

32 Yet in this thing [§] ye did not believe the LORD your God.

33 Who ^k went in the way before you, ^l to search you out a place to pitch your tents

AP. I.—1. Red sea, sea is supplied in the translation, but *Suph*, translated red, is the name of a sea, and is so in Num. xxi. 14. 10. as the stars,

i.e. very numerous, the adult males only, by the recent census, being six hundred thousand. 28. walled up to heaven, a strong figure for high walls.

in, in fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.

34 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, ^c and sware, saying,

35 Surely ^b there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers,

36 Save ^d Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath ^e wholly followed the LORD.

37 Also ^e the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither.

38 But Joshua the son of Nun, ^h which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: ⁱ encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39 Moreover your little ones, which ^m ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day ⁿ had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

40 But ^{as} for you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

41 Then ye answered and said unto me, ^r We have sinned against the LORD, we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill.

42 And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, ^u Go not up, neither fight; ^v for I ^{am} not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies.

43 So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, ^y but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and ^z went presumptuously up into the hill.

44 And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, ^b as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, ^{even} unto Hormah.

45 And ye returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.

46 So ^c ye abode in Kadesh many days, according unto the days that ye abode there.

CHAP. II.

THEN we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, ^e as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days.

2 And the LORD spake unto me, saying, 3 Ye have compassed this mountain ^g long enough: turn you northward.

4 And command thou the people, saying, ^h Ye are to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore:

5 Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, [†] no, not so much as a foot breadth; [‡] because I have given mount Seir unto Esau for a possession.

41. as bees, the ancient writers speak of the bee as a very formidable adversary.

CHAP. II.—8. *Elath*, a port of the Edomites, on the eastern arm of the Red sea. 9. *Ar*, the capital of

B. C. 1451.

a ch. 2. 14, 15.

b Nu. 14. 22, 23

Ps. 35. 11.

He. 3. 8. 11.

c ch. 8. 2. 4.

d Nu. 14. 24, 30

Jos. 14. 9.

e Ju. 11. 18.

* fulfilled to go after.

f 1 Ki. 9. 26.

g ch. 3. 26.

4. 21.

34. 4.

Nu. 20. 12.

27. 14.

Ps. 106. 32.

† or, Use no hostility against Moab.

h Ex. 24. 13.

33. 11.

i 1 Sa. 16. 22.

j ch. 31. 7, 23.

Nu. 27. 18, 19

k Nu. 21. 28.

l Ge. 19. 36, 37

m Nu. 14. 3.

n Is. 7. 15, 16.

Jon. 4. 11.

Ro. 9. 11.

o ch. 9. 2.

p Nu. 13. 22, 33

q Ge. 14. 6.

36. 20.

† inherited them.

r Pr. 19. 3.

Ep. 2. 3.

s or, room.

t Nu. 21. 12.

u or, valley.

v Nu. 13. 23.

w Nu. 13. 26.

x Nu. 14. 42.

y 1 Sa. 4. 2, 10.

Is. 30. 17.

Ho. 9. 12.

z Nu. 14. 33.

26. 64.

y Ro. 8. 7, 8.

z ch. 1. 34, 35.

Eze. 20. 15.

* ye were presumptuous and went up.

a Ps. 78. 33.

106. 26.

b Ps. 118. 12.

c Nu. 13. 25.

20, 22.

Ju. 11. 17.

d Ge. 19. 38.

e ch. 1. 40.

f Ge. 14. 5.

Zuzims.

g ver. 7. 14.

h Nu. 20. 14.

i Ge. 36. 8.

† even to the treading of the sole of the foot.

k Ge. 36. 8.

Jos. 24. 4.

l Jos. 13. 3.

6 Ye shall buy meat of them for meat that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy of them for money, that ye may dwell in all the works of thy hand.

7 For the LORD thy God hath ble thee in all the works of thy hand; knoweth thy walking through this wilderness: ^c these forty years the LORD thy God hath been with thee; thou lackedst nothing.

8 And ^e when we passed by from brethren the children of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, through the way of plain from ^f Elath, and from Ezion-geber, we turned and passed by the wilderness of Moab.

9 And the LORD said unto me, [†] Dis not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee their land for a possession; because I have given [‡] Ar unto [§] the children of Israel for a possession.

10 The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and as [¶] the Anakims;

11 Which also were accounted giants as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims.

12 The ^p Horims also dwelt in times beforetime; but the children of Israel succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.

13 Now rise up, said I, and get over ^q the brook Zered. And we over the brook Zered.

14 And the space in which we came to Kadesh-barnea, until we were come to the brook Zered, was thirty years; ^r until all the generation of men of war were wasted out from among the host, ^s as the LORD sware unto the children of Israel.

15 For indeed the ^t hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them among the host, until they were consumed.

16 ^u So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and fallen from among the people,

17 That the LORD spake unto me, saying,

18 Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day:

19 And when thou comest nigh against the children of Ammon, dispute with them, nor meddle with them: will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto ^v the children of Israel for a possession.

20 (That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old times, and the Ammonites call them ^w Zamzummims;

21 A people great, and many, and as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead:

22 As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day:

23 And ^x the Avims which dwelt

Moab. 10. Emims, of these we read in the time of Chedorlaomer, Gen. xiv. 5. 12. Horims, the same as Horites, Gen. xiv. 6. 19. Ammon, descended of Lot.

20. Zamzummims, probably the Zuzims, Gen. xiv. 5. 23. Avims or Avites in Phil.

erim, even unto ^a Azzah, ^b the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)

^c Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: ^d begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.

This ^e day will I begin to put the end of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, ^f shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.

^g And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon ^h with words of peace, saying, Let ⁱ me pass through thy land: I will not go along by the high way, I will neither go unto the right hand nor to the left.

^j Thou shalt sell me meat for money, ^k I may eat; and give me water for my money, that I may drink: only I will pass through on my feet;

^l (As ^m the children of Esau which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites which dwell in Ar, did unto me;) until I shall pass over Jordan into the land which the LORD our God giveth us.

ⁿ But ^o Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for ^p the LORD our God ^q hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver us into thy hand, as ^r appeareth this day.

^s And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to ^t give Sihon and his land over thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land.

^u Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

^v And ^w the LORD our God delivered us before us; and ^x we smote him, and all his people.

^y And we took all his cities at that time, and ^z utterly destroyed ^{aa} the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city, we left none to remain:

^{ab} Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took.

^{ac} From ^{ad} Aroer, which is by the brink of the river of Arnon, and from the city that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: ^{ae} the LORD our God delivered all unto us:

^{af} Only unto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, nor unto any part of the river ^{ag} Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the LORD our God forbade us.

CHAP. III.

^{ah} WHEN we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and ^{ai} Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

^{aj} And the LORD said unto me, Fear

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^a Je. 25. 20.

^b Ge. 10. 14.

^c Am. 9. 7.

^d Nu. 21. 13, 14.

^e Ju. 11. 18, 21.

^f begin, possess.

^g ch. 11. 25.

^h Ex. 15. 14, 15.

ⁱ Jos. 2. 9, 10.

^j 1 Ki. 4. 13.

^k f. ch. 20. 10.

^l Nu. 21. 21, 22.

^m Ju. 11. 19.

ⁿ ch. 2. 24.

^o Ps. 135. 10, 12.

^p 135. 19, 21.

^q ch. 23. 3, 4.

^r Nu. 20. 18, 19.

^s Ju. 11. 17, 18.

^t ch. 4. 48, 49.

^u Ps. 29. 6.

^v 1 Ch. 5. 23.

^w Nu. 21. 23, 24.

^x Jos. 11. 20.

^y Jos. 12. 5.

^z 13. 11.

^{aa} Ex. 4. 21.

^{ab} Am. 2. 9.

^{ac} Ge. 14. 5.

^{ad} ch. 1. 8.

^{ae} 2 Sa. 12. 26.

^{af} Je. 49. 2.

^{ag} Eze. 21. 20.

^{ah} ch. 7. 2.

^{ai} 20. 16.

^{aj} ch. 29. 7.

^{ak} ch. 2. 36.

^{al} Jos. 12. 2.

^{am} Nu. 32. 33.

^{an} Jos. 12. 6.

^{ao} 13. 8, &c.

^{ap} ch. 7. 2, 26.

^{aq} Le. 27. 28.

^{ar} every city of men, and women, and little ones.

^{as} Jos. 13. 29.

^{at} ch. 3. 12.

^{au} 4. 48.

^{av} Jos. 13. 9.

^{aw} 1 Ch. 2. 22.

^{ax} 2 Sa. 3. 3.

^{ay} 10. 6.

^{az} Nu. 32. 41.

^{ba} Ps. 44. 3.

^{bb} 2 Sa. 21. 5.

^{bc} Ge. 32. 22.

^{bd} Nu. 21. 24.

^{be} Jos. 12. 2, 3.

^{bf} Nu. 34. 11.

^{bg} ch. 29. 7.

^{bh} Nu. 21. 33.

^{bi} &c.

^{bj} Ge. 14. 3.

^{bk} or, under the springs of Pisgah, or, the hill.

^{bl} or, the hill.

^{bm} or, the hill.

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him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

³ So the LORD our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining.

⁴ And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, ^e all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

⁵ All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unvalled towns a great many.

⁶ And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king ^f of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children, of every city.

⁷ But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves.

⁸ And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that was on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon;

⁹ (Which ^g Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it ^h Shenir;)

¹⁰ All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and ⁱ all Bashan, unto Salehah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

¹¹ For ^j only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of ^k giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; ^l is it not in ^m Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

¹² And this land, which we possessed at that time, ⁿ from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and ^o the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

¹³ And ^p the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

¹⁴ Jair ^q the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob ^r unto the coasts of Geshuri and Maachathi; and ^s I called them after his own name, Bashan-havoth-jair, unto this day.

¹⁵ And I gave Gilead unto Machir.

¹⁶ And unto the Reubenites ^t and unto the Gadites I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon half the valley, and the border even unto the river Jabbok, ^u which is the border of the children of Ammon;

¹⁷ The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast thereof, from ^v Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, ^w even the salt sea, ^x under Ashdod-pisgah eastward.

¹⁸ ^y And I commanded you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you

sh. xiii. 3. Caphtorims, originally of Egypt. 26.

ed xxi. 37. 32. Jahaz, a city taken from Moab.

Arroer, the same as Ar, ver. 9. 37. Jabbok,

visited the kingdoms of Bashan and the Amorites.

CHAP. III. — 1. Bashan, famous for good soil,

cattle, and Edrei, a city in the kingdom of

Edrei. 2. Argob, a small province of the kingdom of

Edrei. 3. Hermon, a name applied to that part of

anti-Libanus which forms the northernmost frontier

of the country. 11. bedstead, Michaelis renders

it 'coffin,' and C. Taylor, duar, divan, or sofa.

The editor of the Pictorial Bible contends that it is

'bedstead,' and that the dimensions are specified to give an idea of Og's stature, the oriental bedstead being boarded up at the sides, head, and foot, to retain the bedding, as in a trough. In Rabbath, because probably being wounded in battle with the Israelites, he fled there, where he died. of iron, to support his extraordinary weight. cubit of a man, eighteen inches, measuring from the top of the middle finger to the elbow. The stature of Og is thought to have been from nine to ten feet and a half. 14. country of Argob, small towns of Gilead, Numb. xxxii. 14. Geshuri—Maachathi, little kingdoms in Syria. 17. Chinnereth, i. e. 'Gennesaret,'

this land to possess it: ^a ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, *all that are* ^b meet for the war.

19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, (*for* I know that ye have much cattle,) shall abide in your cities which I have given you;

20 Until the LORD have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and *until* they also possess the land which the LORD your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and then shall ye ^d return every man unto his possession, which I have given you.

21 ^a And ^b I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest.

22 Ye shall not fear them. for ^k the LORD your God he shall fight for you.

23 And ^l I besought the LORD at that time, saying,

24 O LORD God, thou hast begun to shew thy servant ^m thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for ⁿ what God *is there* in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?

25 I pray thee, let me go over, and see ^o the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

26 But the LORD ^p was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.

27 Get thee up into the top of ^q Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold ^r it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

28 But ^s charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

29 So we abode in ^t the valley over against Beth-peor.

CHAP. IV.

NOW therefore hearken, O Israel, unto ^u the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do ^v them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

2 Ye ^w shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ^x ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of ^y Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

4 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God *are* alive every one of you this day.

5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

6 Keep therefore and do ^z them; for this *is* ^a your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall

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^a Nu. 32. 20.

^b &c.

^c sons of power.

^d 2 Sa. 7. 23.

^e Ps. 46. 1.

145. 18.

148. 14.

Is. 55. 6.

^f Jos. 22. 4.

^g Pr. 3. 1, 3.

^h Nu. 27. 13.

ⁱ Ge. 18. 19.

Ps. 78. 5, 6.

Ep. 6. 4.

^j Ex. 19. 16.

20. 18.

He. 12. 18, 19.

^k ch. 1. 30.

20. 4.

Ex. 14. 14.

^l 2 Co. 12. 8, 9.

^m ch. 11. 2.

ⁿ Ex. 15. 11.

^o 2 Sa. 7. 22.

Ps. 71. 19.

88. 8.

89. 6, 8.

^p heart.

^q ch. 4. 22.

Ex. 3. 8.

^r ch. 5. 4, 22.

^s ch. 1. 37.

31. 2.

32. 51, 52.

31. 4.

Nu. 20. 12.

27. 14.

Ps. 106. 32.

^t save a voice.

^u Ex. 20. 22.

^v 1 Ki. 19. 12.

^w or, the hill.

^x Ex. 34. 23.

^y Ex. 24. 12.

31. 18.

^z Ex. 21. 1.

^a Nu. 27. 18, 23.

^b Jos. 23. 11.

^c Is. 40. 18.

^d ch. 34. 6.

^e Ex. 32. 7.

^f Ex. 20. 4, 5.

^g Ro. 1. 23.

^h Eze. 20. 11.

ⁱ Ro. 10. 5.

^j Jos. 1. 7.

Pr. 30. 6.

Ec. 12. 13.

Re. 22. 18, 19.

^k ch. 17. 3.

Job 31. 26, 27.

^l Ge. 2. 1.

2 Ki. 17. 16.

21. 3.

^m Nu. 25. 4, &c.

ⁿ Jos. 22. 17.

Ps. 106. 28, 29.

^o or, im-

parted.

^p 1 Ki. 8. 51.

Je. 11. 4.

^q Ex. 19. 5.

^r Nu. 20. 12.

^s Job 28. 28.

Ps. 19. 7.

111. 10.

Pr. 1. 7.

^t 2 Pe. 1. 13.

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hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 For ^b what nation is there so great who hath ^c God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

8 And what nation is there so great that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

9 Only take heed to thyself, and ^e keep thy soul diligently, ^f lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but ^g teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

10 *Specialty* ^h the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me thy people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach the children.

11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the ⁱ midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

12 And ^j the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude: only ^k ye heard a voice.

13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, *even* ^l ten commandments; and ^m he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

14 ⁿ And ^o the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

15 Take ^p ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner ^q similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire:

16 Lest ye ^r corrupt yourselves, and ^s make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, ^t the likeness of man or female,

17 The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged for that flieth in the air.

18 The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth:

19 And lest thou ^u lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, *even* ^v all the host of heaven, shoulddest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath ^w divided unto the nations under the whole heaven.

20 But the LORD hath taken you, and ^x brought you forth out of the iron furnace, *even* out of Egypt, ^y to be unto him a people of inheritance, *as ye are* this day.

21 Furthermore ^z the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance:

22 But ^a I must die in this land, I must

Mat. xiv. 34. 27. *Pisgah*, the highest top of mount Nebo. 30. *valley*, plains of Moab. *Beth-peor*, a temple built for the idol Baal-peor upon a mountain.

CHAP. IV. — 7. *so nigh*, so ready to afford aid.

18. *creepeth*, the Egyptians revered the meanest beasts, reptiles, and insects. 20. *iron furnace*, a smelting iron. The allusion is to the trying metals, but perhaps the Israelites were employed

ot go over Jordan : but ye shall go over, and possess that good land.
 23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a raven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.
 24 For ^b the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, ^{even} ^a a jealous God.
 25 ^f When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger:
 26 I ^h call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.
 27 And the LORD ⁱ shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left w in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.
 28 And ^h there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.
 29 But ^j if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, thou shalt seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.
 30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things ^k are come upon thee, ^{even} the latter days, if thou ^l turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;
 31 (For the LORD thy God is ^m a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.
 32 For ⁿ ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ^o from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it?
 33 Did ^p ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?
 34 Or hath God assayed to go and take in a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, ^q by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty arm, and by a stretched out arm, ^r and great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt because of your eyes?
 35 Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; ^s there is none else beside him.
 36 Out ^t of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: upon earth he shewed thee his greatness; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.
 37 And because he loved thy fathers,

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^a Ex. 13. 3, 9.
^b Ex. 24. 17.
^c Is. 33. 14.
^d He. 12. 29.
^e Jos. 2. 11.
^f Ex. 20. 5.
^g Is. 42. 8.
^h Le. 22. 31.
ⁱ ch. 5. 16.
^j 6. 3, 18.
^k 12. 25, 28.
^l 22. 7.
^m Ep. 6. 3.
ⁿ 2 Ki. 17. 17.
^o &c.
^p ch. 30. 18, 19.
^q Is. 1. 2.
^r Mi. 6. 2.
^s Nu. 35. 6, 14.
^t ch. 19. 4.
^u Le. 26. 33.
^v Ne. 1. 8.
^w Jos. 20. 8.
^x 1 Sa. 26. 19.
^y Je. 16. 13.
^z Ps. 115. 4, 5.
^{aa} 135. 15, 16.
^{ab} Is. 44. 9.
^{ac} 46. 7.
^{ad} P. Le. 26. 39, 40.
^{ae} 2 Ch. 15. 4.
^{af} Ne. 1. 9.
^{ag} Is. 55. 6, 7.
^{ah} Je. 29. 12.
^{ai} 14.
^{aj} r ch. 3. 29.
^{ak} * have found thee.
^{al} Ex. 18. 8.
^{am} Ge. 49. 1.
^{an} Je. 23. 20.
^{ao} Ho. 3. 5.
^{ap} Joel 2. 12.
^{aq} ch. 1. 4.
^{ar} Nu. 21. 24.
^{as} v 2 Ch. 30. 9.
^{at} Ne. 9. 31.
^{au} Ps. 116. 5.
^{av} Jon. 4. 2.
^{aw} x ch. 3. 3, 4.
^{ax} Nu. 21. 35.
^{ay} y Job 8. 8.
^{az} z ch. 2. 36.
^{ba} a Mat. 24. 31.
^{bb} b Ps. 133. 3.
^{bc} c Ex. 24. 11.
^{bd} 33. 20.
^{be} d Ex. 7. 8.
^{bf} † keep to do them.
^{bg} c ch. 26. 8.
^{bh} 34. 12.
^{bi} f Ex. 19. 5.
^{bj} g Mat. 13. 17.
^{bk} h He. 8. 9.
^{bl} ch. 34. 10.
^{bm} Ex. 19. 9, 19.
^{bn} 20. 22.
^{bo} i 1 Sa. 2. 2.
^{bp} Is. 45. 5, 18.
^{bq} 22.
^{br} Mar. 12. 29.
^{bs} 32.
^{bt} k He. 12. 18.
^{bu} l Ex. 20. 21.
^{bv} Ga. 3. 19.
^{bw} m Ex. 19. 16.
^{bx} 20. 18.

therefore he chose their seed after them, and ^a brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;
 38 To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day.
 39 Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that ^b the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: ^c there is none else.
 40 Thou ^d shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, ^e that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.
 41 ^f Then Moses ^g severed three cities on this side Jordan toward the sun rising;
 42 That ^h the slayer might flee thither, which should kill his neighbour unawares, and hated him not in times past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities he might live:
 43 ⁱ Namely, ^j Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.
 44 ^k And this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel:
 45 These ^l are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt.
 46 On this side Jordan, ^m in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel ⁿ smote, after they were come forth out of Egypt:
 47 And they possessed his land, and the land ^o of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, which ^p were on this side Jordan toward the sun rising;
 48 From ^q Aroer, which is by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount Sion, which is ^r Hhermon.
 49 And all the plain on this side Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the plain, under the springs of Pishgah.

CHAP. V.

AND Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and ^a keep, and do them.
 2 The ^b LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.
 3 The LORD ^c made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, ^d even us, who are all of us here alive this day.
 4 The ^e LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,
 5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ^f ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying,

hard labour. 27. scatter you, &c., the ten were scattered among the cities of the Medes, the two tribes throughout Babylon. 28. shall ye gods, by compulsion: see Dan. iii.; in catholic cities Jews have also been forced to acts of idery. The words however mean 'be subject to,' which some think admits qualification. 34. tempta-

tions, trials. a stretched-out arm, omnipotence exerted in a continuation of stupendous miracles. terrors, 'miracles,' or 'portentous sights,' as Septuagint.

CHAP. V.—1. all Israel, heads of tribes and elders. 3. not—with our fathers, not with them only. 4. face to face, i. e. clearly and distinctly.

6 ^a I ^a am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of ^a bondage.

7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

8 Thou shalt not make thee *any* graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth:

9 Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, *f* visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,

10 And ^a shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

11 Thou ⁱ shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

12 Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.

13 Six ⁿ days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work:

14 But the seventh day is the ^p sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.

15 And ^a remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence ⁿ through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

16 ^h Honour ^v thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; ^a that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

17 Thou ^a shalt not kill.

18 Neither ^b shalt thou commit adultery.

19 Neither ^a shalt thou steal.

20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.

21 Neither ^c shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any *thing* that is thy neighbour's.

22 ⁿ These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And ⁱ he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

23 And ⁱ it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, *even* all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his

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^a Ex. 20. 2.

^h &c.

Le. 26. 1.

Ps. 81. 10.

^b Ex. 19. 19.

^c servants.

^e ch. 4. 33.

Ju. 13. 22.

^d ch. 18. 16.

^f add to hear

^g Ps. 42. 2.

84. 2.

Mat. 26. 63.

Ac. 14. 15.

2 Co. 6. 16.

1 Th. 1. 9.

^f Ex. 34. 7.

^h He. 12. 19.

^h Je. 32. 18.

Da. 9. 4.

ⁱ Le. 19. 12.

Mat. 5. 33.

^k ch. 18. 17.

^l ch. 32. 29.

Ps. 81. 13.

Is. 48. 18.

Mat. 23. 37.

Lu. 19. 42.

^m ch. 11. 1.

ⁿ Eze. 20. 12.

^o ch. 4. 40.

^p Ge. 2. 2.

Ex. 16. 29, 30.

He. 4. 4.

^r Ga. 3. 19.

^s ch. 15. 15.

^t Pr. 4. 27.

^u ch. 4. 34, 37.

^v Je. 7. 23.

Lu. 1. 6.

^x ch. 4. 40.

^y Le. 19. 3.

Ep. 6. 2, 3.

Col. 3. 20.

^z ch. 4. 40.

^a Mat. 5. 21.

^b Lu. 18. 20.

Ja. 2. 11.

^c Ro. 13. 9.

^d pass over.

^e ch. 10. 12, 13.

Ps. 111. 10.

128. 1.

Ec. 12. 13.

^f Mt. 2. 2.

^g Hab. 2. 9.

^h Lu. 12. 15.

ⁱ Ro. 7. 7.

13. 9.

^j Pr. 3. 1, 2.

^k Ge. 15. 5.

22. 17.

^l Ex. 3. 8.

^m Ex. 24. 12.

31. 18.

ⁿ Is. 42. 8.

Mar. 12. 29.

32.

Jno. 17. 3.

1 Co. 8. 4, 6.

^o Ex. 20. 18, 19.

^p Lu. 10. 27.

^q 2 Ki. 23. 25.

^r Ps. 37. 31.

40. 8.

119. 11, 98.

Is. 51. 7.

^s Ps. 78. 4, 6.

Ep. 6. 4.

^t whet, or, sharpen.

greatness, and ^b we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he ^c liveth.

25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: ^d if we ^e hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die.

26 For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of ^e the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

27 Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say: and ^e speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.

28 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: ^e they have well said all that they have spoken.

29 O ⁱ that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and ^m keep all my commandments always, ^o that I might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

30 Go say to them, Get you into your tents again.

31 But as for thee, stand thou here before me, ^r and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them: that they may do *them* in the land which I give them to possess it.

32 Ye shall observe to do therefore all that the LORD your God hath commanded you: ^t ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

33 Ye shall walk in ^v all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, ^a and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

CHAP. VI.

Now these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it:

2 That ^d thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, in the days of thy life; ^f and that thy days may be prolonged.

3 ^h Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, ⁱ as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in ^k the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 Hear, ^k O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

5 And ⁿ thou shalt love the LORD thy God ⁿ with all thine heart, and with thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And ^o these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And ^p thou shalt ^q teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk

^a26. living God, in opposition to dead idols, being self-existent and eternal, the giver and supporter of life.

CHAP. VI.—1. *commandments*, moral law. *statutes*, ceremonial law. *judgments*, Exod. xxi. 1. note.

4. *one Lord*, expressive of his unity. Boothroyd's

rendering gives the meaning to be 'we have no other God, but Jehovah'; he reads, 'Jehovah is our God, Jehovah alone or only.' 5. *heart*, i.e. understanding, soul, affections. *might*, the whole strength of every faculty. 7. *diligently*, means again and again.

them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And ^a thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And ^e thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

10 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, ^f which thou buildedst not,

11 And houses full of all good things, which thou filedst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive-trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;

12 Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of ^g bondage.

13 Thou shalt ⁱ fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and ^j shalt swear by his name.

14 Ye shall not ^m go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you;

15 (For ^p the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

16 ^q Ye ^r shall not tempt the LORD your God, ^s as ye tempted him in Massah.

17 Ye shall ^t diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

18 And thou shalt do ^u that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers,

19 To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken.

20 And ^v when thy son asketh thee ^w in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath commanded you?

21 Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand:

22 And ^x the LORD shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes:

23 And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto our fathers.

24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, ^y for our good always, that ^z he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

25 And ^{aa} it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

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^a Ex. 13. 9. 16.

^b Pr. 6. 21.

^c 7. 3.

^d Ge. 15. 19.

^e &c.

^f Is. 57. 8.

^g ch. 23. 14.

^h Le. 27. 23. 29.

ⁱ Nu. 33. 52.

^j Jos. 11. 11. 12.

^k Jos. 24. 13.

^l Ps. 105. 44.

^m Ex. 23. 32.

ⁿ Ju. 2. 2.

^o Jos. 23. 12.

^p 1 Ki. 11. 2.

^q Ezr. 9. 2.

^r ^g bondmen, or, servants

^s Mat. 4. 10.

^t Ex. 34. 13.

^u Ps. 63. 11.

^v Is. 45. 23.

^w 65. 16.

^x Je. 4. 2.

^y ^h statues, or, pillars.

^z Ex. 25. 6.

^{aa} ch. 14. 2.

^{ab} 26. 19.

^{ac} Ex. 19. 6.

^{ad} Ps. 50. 5.

^{ae} Je. 2. 3.

^{af} Ex. 19. 5.

^{ag} Am. 3. 2.

^{ah} 1 Pe. 2. 9.

^{ai} Ex. 20. 5.

^{aj} Lu. 4. 12.

^{ak} 1 Co. 10. 9.

^{al} Ps. 119. 4.

^{am} Ps. 105. 8. 10.

^{an} Lu. 1. 55. 72.

^{ao} Ex. 13. 3. 14.

^{ap} Is. 49. 7.

^{aq} 1 Co. 1. 9.

^{ar} 10. 13.

^{as} 2 Co. 1. 18.

^{at} 1 Th. 5. 24.

^{au} 2 Th. 3. 3.

^{av} 2 Ti. 2. 13.

^{aw} He. 11. 11.

^{ax} 1 Jno. 1. 9.

^{ay} Ex. 20. 6.

^{az} Ne. 1. 5.

^{ba} Da. 9. 4.

^{bb} Ex. 13. 14.

^{bc} ^h to-morrow.

^{bd} Is. 59. 18.

^{be} Na. 1. 2.

^{bf} ch. 32. 35.

^{bg} Ps. 135. 9.

^{bh} Le. 26. 3.

^{bi} ^g evil.

^{bj} ^h because.

^{bk} Mi. 7. 20.

^{bl} f Jno. 14. 21.

^{bm} ^g ch. 28. 4.

^{bn} Job 35. 7. 8.

^{bo} Je. 32. 39.

^{bp} Ps. 41. 2.

^{bq} Lu. 10. 28.

^{br} Le. 18. 5.

^{bs} 1 Co. 7. 19.

^{bt} Ex. 23. 26.

^{bu} &c.

CHAP. VII.

WHEN the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, ^a the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall ^b deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and ^c utterly destroy them; ^d thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

3 Neither ^e shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall ^f destroy their altars, and break down their ^g images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 For ^h thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: ⁱ the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep ^j the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, ^k hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, ^l the faithful God, ^m which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

10 And ⁿ repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: ^o he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

12 ^p Wherefore ^q it shall come to pass, ^r if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee ^s the covenant and the mercy which he swore unto thy fathers:

13 And he will ^t love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: ^u he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he swore unto thy fathers to give thee.

14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: ^v there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

8. upon thine hand, some understand this literally; hence arose the Jewish phylacteries. The meaning is, that God's commandments were to be kept in perpetual remembrance. 25. be our righteousness, prove our sincerity.

CHAP. VII. — 1. the Hittites, &c., these nations occupied Canaan proper. the Canaanites, these were a particular nation in the land, deriving their name

from Canaan, the son of Ham: the rest were called from several sons. 2. destroy them, the command seems terrible, but the righteous Judge did not give it without a cause against nations of hardened idolaters. 3. neither — make marriages, marriages with idolaters first caused the grand apostasy, Gen. vi. 2. 5. groves, consecrated in early times to the worship of the true God, but now become generally conse-

15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

16 And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve thy gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.

17 If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them?

18 Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;

19 The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

20 Moreover the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed.

21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God is among you, a mighty God and terrible.

22 And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them by a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed.

24 And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven; there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.

25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God.

26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.

CHAP. VIII.

ALL the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to

B. C. 1451.

a ch. 28. 27, 60.
Ex. 9. 14.
15. 28.

b Ps. 136. 16.

Am. 2. 10.

c Ex. 16. 4.

d 2 Ch. 32. 31.

Jno. 2. 25.

e ch. 25. 12.

f Ex. 23. 33.

Ju. 8. 27.

Ps. 106. 36.

g Ex. 16. 2, 3.

h Ex. 16. 12, 14, 35.

i Nu. 33. 53.

k ch. 31. 6.

l Ps. 104. 29.

Lu. 4. 4.

m Ps. 105. 5.

n Ne. 9. 21.

o ch. 29. 3.

p 2 Sa. 7. 14.

Ps. 99. 32.

Pr. 3. 12.

He. 12. 5, 6.

Re. 3. 19.

r ch. 5. 33.

s Ex. 23. 28.

Jos. 24. 12.

t Eze. 20. 6.

u Jos. 3. 10.

v Ne. 1. 5.

x Ex. 23. 29, 30.

y pluck off.

z of olive tree of oil.

aa ch. 33. 25.

bb before thy face.

cc ver. 2.

dd ch. 6. 11, 12.

ee a Jos. 12. 1, &c.

ff Ex. 17. 14.

gg Jos. 23. 9.

hh Pr. 30. 9.

ii Ho. 13. 6.

jj Ex. 32. 20.

kk 1 Ch. 14. 12.

ll Jos. 7. 1, 21.

mm Ju. 8. 27.

nn Zep. 1. 5.

oo ch. 17. 1.

pp 1 Co. 4. 7.

qq Ps. 106. 21.

rr Le. 27. 28.

ss Jos. 6. 17, 18.

tt Is. 63. 12. 14.

uu Je. 2. 6.

vv Nu. 21. 6.

ww Ho. 13. 5.

xx Ps. 78. 15.

yy 114. 8.

zz P ch. 4. 1.

532, 33.

do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers.

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;

9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 Then thy heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

crated to idols, and hence prohibited. 15. diseases of Egypt, probably the plague and leprosy, still preeminently Egyptian diseases. 22. beasts of the field, wild beasts. It is here supposed they would increase, if the country became thinly peopled. At this time wild beasts abound there. 25. silver or gold, the Jews understand that they are not to use any thing which in any way belonged to an idol.

CHAP. VIII. — 2. all the way, i. e. all the occurrences in the way — favours, mercies, miracles. to prove thee, to try their faith and patience, fear and love. to know, not for the Creator's information, but to discover to man his proper character, and to manifest his Divine perfections. 3. by every word, by whatsoever Jehovah appointeth. — Boothroyd. 4. waxed not old — neither did thy foot swell, some think that here was a miracle, but most commentators think that it merely means God had provided them with sufficient clothing, and preserved them from disease. 5. chasteneth his son, God corrected them in love. 7. a good land, according to travellers,

there is still evidence enough that this fine country was not surpassed in beauty and exuberant production, when in its cultivated state. of brooks, there is no country in western Asia more liberally intersected with streams of water. 8. wheat and barley, though densely populated, there was corn enough for sale to the Phenicians of Tyre and Sidon, who did not attend to agriculture: read also Gen. xxvi. 12, and 1 Kin. v. 11. vines, even now, the vines of Lebanon are equal to almost any wine in the Levant. fig trees, these are still common in Palestine, very large and peculiarly rich. pomegranates, these are also common, and much valued for their agreeable acid. oil olive, it may still be called a land of olives; clumps of several thousand trees occur frequently, besides those in the cultivated olive grounds in Judea and Galilee. There was evidently a great consumption of this article in the times of the Jews: see 1 Kin. v. 11; 1 Chron. ii. 10; Ezek. xxvii. 17; Hos. xii. 1. 9. brass, read 'copper'. 14. lifted up, a term denoting pride: see Dan. v. 20, &c. fiery serpents,

16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with ^δ manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, ^ε to do thee good at thy latter end;

17 And ^δ thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of ^μ mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: ^ζ for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, ^ι I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, ^ι so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAP. IX.

HEAR, O Israel: Thou art to ^ρ pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations ^ρ greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and ^ρ fenced up to heaven,

2 A people great and tall, ^ρ the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak!

3 Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he which ^ρ goeth over before thee; as a ^ρ consuming fire ^δ he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: ^ε so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

4 Speak ^ρ not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but ^ρ for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.

5 Not ^ρ for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform ^ρ the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, ^ι Isaac, and ^μ Jacob.

6 Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou art ^ρ a stiffnecked people.

7 ^μ Remember, and forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: ^ε from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD.

8 Also ^ρ in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you.

9 When ^ρ I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then ^ρ I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water:

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^a Ex. 31. 18.^b Ex. 16. 15.^c Je. 24. 5, 6.

He. 12. 11.

^d 1 Co. 4. 7.^e ch. 18. 16.^f Ex. 19. 17.

20. 1.

^g Pr. 10. 22.

Ho. 2. 8.

^h Ex. 32. 7.ⁱ Ju. 2. 17.^j ch. 30. 18.^k Ex. 32. 9.^l Da. 9. 11, 12.^m ch. 31. 27.ⁿ 2 Ki. 17. 14.^o Ex. 32. 10.^p ch. 29. 20.

Ps. 9. 5.

109. 13.

^q Nu. 14. 12.^r Jos. 3. 16.

4. 19.

^s Ex. 32. 15.^t Ex. 19. 18.^u ch. 4. 38.

11. 23.

^v ch. 1. 28.^w Nu. 13. 22, 28.

32. 33.

^y Ex. 32. 19.^z ch. 31. 3.

Jos. 3. 11.

^a He. 12. 29.^b ch. 7. 23.^c Ex. 23. 31.^d Ex. 34. 28.^e Ps. 106. 23.^f ch. 8. 17.

Ro. 11. 6, 20.

^g 1 Co. 4. 4, 7.^h ch. 18. 12.

Ge. 15. 16.

Le. 18. 24, 25.

ⁱ Ps. 99. 6.

Am. 7. 1-6.

Ja. 5. 16, 18.

^j Tit. 3. 5.^k Ex. 32. 20.

Is. 31. 7.

^l Ge. 12. 7.

13. 15.

15. 7.

17. 8.

^m Ge. 26. 4.ⁿ Ge. 28. 13.^o Nu. 11. 1, 3, 5.^p Ex. 17. 7.^q Nu. 11. 34.^r Ex. 32. 9.

33. 3.

34. 9.

^s Nu. 13. 3.

14. 1.

^t ch. 31. 27.

Ex. 14. 11.

17. 2.

Nu. 11. 4.

25. 2.

^u Ps. 106. 24.

25.

^v Ex. 32. 4.

Ps. 106. 19.

^w ch. 31. 27.^x Ex. 24. 12, 15.^y Ex. 34. 28.^z Ex. 32. 11.

&c.

10 And ^ε the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them ^ρ was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire ^ε in the day of the assembly.

11 And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant.

12 And the LORD said unto me, ^ε Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they are ^ε quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

13 Furthermore ^ε the LORD spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, ^μ it is a stiffnecked people:

14 Let ^μ me alone, that I may destroy them, and ^ε blot out their name from under heaven: ^ρ and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

15 So ^ε I turned and came down from the mount, and ^ε the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands.

16 And ^ε I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.

17 And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.

18 And I ^ε fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. ^ε But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also.

20 And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

21 And ^ε I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

22 And at ^μ Taberah, and at ^ε Massah, and at ^ρ Kibroth-hattaavah, ye provoked the LORD to wrath.

23 Likewise ^ε when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ^ρ ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.

24 Ye ^ε have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.

25 Thus I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the first; because the LORD had said he would destroy you.

26 I ^ε prayed therefore unto the LORD, and said, O Lord God, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou

see Numb. xxi. 6, note. *scorpions*, in shape like a lobster, having poisonous stings in their tails.

16. *latter end*, future age, or 'hereafter.'

CHAP. IX.—1. *this day*, i. e. speedily, 'day is often put for time,' Jno. viii. 56, &c. 5. *wickedness*, &c.,

here was the cause of their signal punishment. 8. also, 'even' in Horeb, where they had seen the awful majesty of Jehovah. *angry*, in God is no turbulent passion, but a term expressive of his hatred of sin. 14. *Let*, &c. Plead not for them.

hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin:

28 Lest ^c the land whence thou broughtest us out say, ^d Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.

29 Yet ^e they are thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm.

CHAP. X.

AT that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

2 And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.

3 And I made an ark of ^f shittim wood, and ^g hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

4 And ^h he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten ⁱ commandments, ^j which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire ^k in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.

5 And I turned myself and ^l came down from the mount, and ^m put the tables in the ark which I had made; ⁿ and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.

6 ^o And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth ^p of the children of Jaakan to Mosera: ^q there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead.

7 From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.

8 ^r At that time ^s the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, ^t to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and ^u to bless in his name, unto this day.

9 Wherefore ^v Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD ^w is his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God promised him.

10 And I stayed in the mount, according to the ^x first time, forty days and forty nights; and ^y the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also, and the LORD would not destroy thee.

11 And the LORD said unto me, Arise, ^z take thy journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give unto them.

12 ^{aa} And now, Israel, ^{ab} what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and ^{ac} to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

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^a 1 Ki. 8. 27. Ps. 115. 16.

^b Ge. 14. 19. Ps. 24. 1.

^c Ge. 41. 57. 1 Sa. 14. 25.

^d Nu. 14. 16. Le. 26. 41.

^e Je. 4. 4. Ro. 2. 28, 29.

^f Col. 2. 11. Ps. 136. 2.

^g Da. 2. 47. 1 Ki. 8. 51.

^h Ne. 1. 10. Ps. 95. 7.

ⁱ Re. 17. 14. 19. 16.

^j 2 Ch. 19. 7. Job 34. 19.

^k Ac. 10. 34. Ro. 2. 11.

^l Ga. 2. 6. Ep. 6. 9.

^m Col. 3. 25. 1 Pe. 1. 17.

ⁿ Ps. 68. 5. 146. 9.

^o Ex. 34. 1, 2. 1 Le. 19. 33, 34.

^p Ex. 25. 10. Lu. 4. 8.

^q Ps. 63. 11. Ex. 25. 16, 21.

^r Ps. 22. 3. Je. 17. 14.

^s 1 Sa. 12. 24. 2 Sa. 7. 23.

^t Ps. 106. 21, 22. Ex. 37. 1.

^u Ex. 34. 4. Ge. 46. 27.

^v Ex. 1. 5. Ac. 7. 14.

^w Ex. 34. 28. Zec. 15. 5.

^x words. Ex. 20. 1.

^y ch. 30. 16, 20. Ex. 19. 17.

^z Zec. 3. 7. Ex. 34. 29.

^{aa} Ex. 40. 20. 1 Ki. 8. 9.

^{ab} Nu. 33. 30. Nu. 20. 28.

^{ac} Ps. 135. 9. Ex. 14. 27, 28.

^{ad} Nu. 3. 6, 9. Nu. 4. 15.

^{ae} Le. 9. 22. Nu. 6. 23.

^{af} Eze. 41. 28. Nu. 16. 1, 31.

^{ag} or, living substance which followed them

^{ah} or, former days.

^{ai} was at their feet.

^{aj} Ex. 33. 17. || go in journey.

^{ak} Jos. 1. 6, 7. Pr. 10. 27.

^{al} Mi. 6. 8. Mat. 22. 37.

13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

14 Behold, ^a the heaven and the heaven, of heavens ^b is the LORD's thy God, ^c the earth also, with all that therein is.

15 Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, ^d even you above all people, as ^e it is this day.

16 Circumcise therefore ^f the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.

17 For the LORD your God is ^g God of gods, and ^h Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which ⁱ regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:

18 He ^j doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

19 Love ^k ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20 Thou ^l shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, ^m and swear by his name.

21 He ⁿ is thy praise, and he ^o is thy God, ^p that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt ^q with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee ^r as the stars of heaven for multitude.

CHAP. XI.

THEREFORE thou shalt ^a love the LORD thy God, and ^b keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.

2 And know ye this day: for I ^c speak not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm.

3 And ^d his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land;

4 And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; ^e how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and ^f how the LORD hath destroyed them unto this day;

5 And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place;

6 And ^g what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the ^h substance that ⁱ was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel:

7 But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did.

8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may ^j be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;

9 And ^k that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 ^l For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt,

CHAP. X.—6—9. And the children, &c. these verses are considered by critics to have been mistakenly introduced into the text by some transcriber, as they quite interrupt the narrative. 14. the heaven, &c., the whole heavens. 17. God of gods, of angels and

civil magistrates. 21. thy praise, thy praised one.

CHAP. XI.—10. with thy foot, denotes 'labour,' and may refer both to a machine used for drawing water and worked by the foot, on a revolving wheel, and to the method of digging rills, in which the foot is used,

from whence ye came out, ^a where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven:

12 A land which the LORD thy God ^a careth for: ^a the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

13 ^a And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

14 That ^a I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, ^a the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

15 And ^a I will ^a send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

16 Take heed to yourselves, ^a that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

17 And then the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and he ^a shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ^a ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

18 ^a Therefore ^a shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and ^a bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

20 And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

21 That ^a your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, ^a as the days of heaven upon the earth.

22 ^a For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and ^a to cleave unto him;

23 Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall ^a possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

24 Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be your's: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be.

25 There ^a shall no man be able to stand before you: for the LORD your God shall ^a lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, ^a as he hath said unto you.

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^a Zec. 14. 18.^b ch. 30. 1, 15,^c ch. 23. 2.^d ch. 28. 15.^e seeketh.^f 1 Ki. 9. 3.^g ch. 27. 12, 13.^h Jos. 8. 33.ⁱ ch. 28. 12.^j Le. 26. 4.^k Joel 2. 23.^l Ja. 5. 7.^m Ps. 104. 1ⁿ give.^o Ge. 12. 6.^p Ju. 7. 1.^q ch. 9. 1.^r Jos. 1. 11.^s ch. 29. 18.^t Job 31. 27.^u ch. 5. 32.^v 12. 32.^w 1 Ki. 8. 35.^x 2 Ch. 6. 26.^y 7. 13.^z P ch. 4. 26.^{aa} 30. 18.^{ab} Jos. 23. 13, 15^{ac} 16.^{ad} ch. 6. 1.^{ae} ch. 32. 46.^{af} ch. 6. 8.^{ag} ch. 4. 10.^{ah} 1 Ki. 8. 40.^{ai} ch. 7. 5.^{aj} Ex. 34. 13.^{ak} or, inherit.^{al} 2 Ki. 16. 4.^{am} 17. 10, 11.^{an} Je. 3. 6.^{ao} Nu. 33. 52.^{ap} Ju. 2. 2.^{aq} break down^{ar} Pr. 3. 2.^{as} 9. 11.^{at} Le. 20. 23.^{au} Ps. 72. 5.^{av} 89. 29.^{aw} ch. 26. 2.^{ax} Jos. 9. 27.^{ay} 1 Ki. 8. 29.^{az} 2 Ch. 7. 12.^{ba} Ps. 78. 68.^{bb} d 2 Co. 11. 2, 3.^{bc} Le. 17. 2, 4.^{bd} f ch. 14. 22, 23.^{be} 15. 19, 20.^{bf} g ch. 9. 1.^{bg} h ch. 14. 26.^{bh} i Ge. 15. 18.^{bi} Ex. 23. 31.^{bj} Nu. 34. 3.^{bk} &c.^{bl} ch. 16. 11, 14.^{bm} 15.^{bn} 26. 11.^{bo} 27. 7.^{bp} Le. 23. 40.^{bq} i ch. 7. 24.^{br} m ch. 2. 25.^{bs} n Ju. 17. 6.^{bt} 21. 25.^{bu} o Ex. 23. 27.

26 ^a Behold, ^a I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

27 A ^a blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:

28 And a ^a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

29 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put ^a the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal.

30 Are they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the champaign over against Gilgal, ^a beside the plains of Moreh?

31 For ^a ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein.

32 And ye shall observe ^a to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

CHAP. XII.

THESE ^a are the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the LORD God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, ^a all the days that ye live upon the earth.

2 Ye ^a shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall ^a possess served their gods, ^a upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree:

3 And ^a ye shall ^a overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.

4 Ye ^a shall not do so unto the LORD your God.

5 But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose ^a out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

6 And ^a thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your ^a tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:

7 And ^a there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ^a ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.

8 Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, ^a every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes.

9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest

to convey water to cultivated grounds from rivers and reservoirs.—Ed. 11. drinketh, &c., no manure was useful, the seed cast upon the moist earth sunk in, or was trodden down by cattle: the plough was used for ^a harrowing ^a rather than turning the soil. 12. always upon it, an expression denoting the special and constant care of God, Ps. xxiv. 15, &c. 14. first rain, in autumn, September or October, and latter rain, in spring, March or April: these properly commence and terminate the season for rains, and the crops depended on them, for then came the long interval of a dry and hot summer, seldom or never

refreshed with rains. 16. deceived, 'enticed.' 24. uttermost sea, 'western sea,' or Mediterranean, literally, latter or hinder sea, so called to distinguish it from the sea of Sodom. 30. champaign, a plain open country.

CHAP. XII.—2. utterly destroy, leaving no traces of idolatry. 4. not to do so unto the Lord, not sacrifice to him on hills and mountains, and under green trees. 5. put his name, 'name' is put for God himself, i.e. he would dwell there. 8. not as—that we do here, there was some law, but still every thing

and to the inheritance which the LORD your God giveth you.

10 But when ^a ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety;

11 Then there shall be ^c a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all ^t your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD:

12 And ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that is within your gates; forasmuch as ^h he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

13 Take ^k heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest:

14 But ⁱ in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

15 Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, ⁿ as of the roebuck, and as of the hart.

16 Only ^o ye shall not eat the blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

17 ^p Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill offerings, or heave offering of thine hand:

18 But ^q thou must eat them before the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God in all that thou puttest thine hands unto.

19 Take ^r heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite ^s as long as thou livest upon the earth.

20 ^t When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, ^u as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

21 If the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in ^v thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

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^a ch. 11. 31.^b *be strong.*^c Ge. 9. 4.

Le. 17. 11, 14

^d ch. 26. 2.

31. 11.

Jos. 18. 1.

1 Ki. 8. 29.

Ps. 78. 68.

Je. 7. 12.

Jno. 420. 23

^e Is. 3. 10.^f Ex. 15. 26.

1 Ki. 11. 38.

^g Nu. 5. 9, 10.

18. 19.

^h *the choice*ⁱ *of your*^j *vows.*^k 1 Sa. 12. 21. 24.^l Le. 1. 5, 9, 13.

17. 11.

^m ch. 10. 9.

14. 29.

ⁿ Le. 17. 4.^o Ps. 5. 7.

9. 11.

2 Co. 5. 19.

He. 10. 19.

22.

13. 12, 15

^p Ex. 23. 23.

Jos. 23. 4.

^q *inherit,*^r *or, possess-*^s *them.*^t ch. 14. 5.

15. 22.

^u *after them.*^v Ge. 9. 4.

Le. 7. 26.

17. 10.

^w Le. 18. 3, 26.

30.

2 Ki. 17. 15.

^x *abomina-*^y *tion of the.*^z Le. 20. 2.

Je. 32. 35.

Eze. 23. 37.

^{aa} ch. 14. 23.^{ab} Jos. 1. 7.

Pr. 30. 6.

Re. 22. 18.

^{ac} ch. 14. 27.^{ad} Zec. 10. 2.^{ae} Mat. 24. 24.

2 Th. 2. 9.

^{af} *all thy*^{ag} *days.*^{ah} Je. 28. 9.

Mat. 7. 22.

^{ai} ch. 11. 24.

19. 8.

Ge. 15. 18.

28. 14.

^{aj} Ex. 34. 24.^{ak} Mat. 24. 24.

1 Co. 11. 19.

^{al} 2 Th. 2. 11.

Re. 13. 14.

^{am} 2 Ki. 23. 3.

2 Ch. 34. 31.

22 Even as the roebuck and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them: the unclean and the clean shall eat of them alike.

23 Only ^b be sure that thou eat not the blood: ^b for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

24 Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water.

25 Thou shalt not eat it; ^d that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, ^e when thou shalt do *that which is right* in the sight of the LORD.

26 Only thou ^f holy things which thou hast, and ^g thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the LORD shall choose:

27 And ^h thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD thy God: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh.

28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest *that which is good and right* in the sight of the LORD thy God.

29 ⁱ When ^m the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou ⁿ succeedest them, and dwellest in their land;

30 Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared ^o by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

31 Thou ^p shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every ^q abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for ^r even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: ^s thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

CHAP. XIII.

IF there arise among you a prophet, or a ^t dreamer of dreams, and ^u giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

2 And ^v the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God ^w proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 Ye shall ^x walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

was in comparative disorder. 15. *eat flesh*, i. e. of clean animals. *in all thy gates*, in the cities and houses in which they should dwell. To prevent acts of idolatry, the animals were killed in the wilderness at the door of the tabernacle; but this would be no longer necessary in Canaan, where the laws against idolatry could be more easily enforced. 22. *even as the roebuck*, &c. this and the hart were allowed for food, though not for sacrifice; and they were now to be as free in killing domestic creatures for food, as in killing the wild. *unclean and the clean shall eat*, this the unclean could not do in the wilderness, not being

able to bring their peace offerings to the door of the tabernacle. 23. *not the blood*, because the blood was consecrated to God as an atonement for sin; because eating of it was an idolatrous practice; and because it should not be kept for idolatrous uses, for the heathen sought intercourse with demons by pouring blood into bowls for them to drink. 31. *sons—burnt*, see Lev. xviii. 21, note.

CHAP. XIII.—1. *a prophet*, i. e. a false prophet, a dreamer, a pretender to inspired visions. *a sign*, such as an eclipse, easy to foretell. 2. *come to pass*,

And ^a that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath ^b spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust you out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. ^c So thou shalt put the evil away from the midst of thee.

^d If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or ^e the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, ^f which is thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;

^g *Namely*, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth:

Thou shalt ^h not consent unto him, neither shalt thou hearken unto him; neither shalt thou have any pity him, neither shalt thou be deceived, neither shalt thou conceal him:

But thou shalt surely kill him; ⁱ thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

And thou shalt stone him with stones, until he die; because he hath sought to turn thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

^j If ^k thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to dwell there, saying,

Certain men, ^l of the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known;

Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, ^m if *be* truth, and the thing certain, that an abomination is wrought among you; ⁿ Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, ^o destroying it utterly, and all that therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword.

And thou shalt gather all the spoil of the city unto the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God, and it shall be ^p an heap for ever; and shall not be built again.

And there shall cleave nought of ^q the used thing to thine hand: that the LORD thy God turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, because he hath sworn unto thy fathers;

When thou shalt hearken to the voice

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^a Je. 14. 15.

^b Zec. 13. 3.

^c spoken

^d revolt

^e against

^f the LORD.

^g Ro. 8. 16.

^h 9. 26.

ⁱ Ga. 3. 26.

^j 1 Co. 5. 13.

^k Le. 19. 28.

^l 21. 5.

^m Je. 16. 6.

ⁿ 41. 5.

^o 47. 5.

^p 1 Th. 4. 13.

^q ch. 26. 18, 19.

^r Le. 20. 26.

^s Is. 6. 13.

^t 62. 12.

^u Da. 8. 24.

^v Tit. 2. 14.

^w 1 Pe. 2. 9.

^x Je. 16. 5.

^y Pr. 5. 20.

^z Mi. 7. 5.

^a 1 Sa. 13. 1, 3.

^b 20. 17.

^c Eze. 4. 14.

^d Ac. 10. 13, 14.

^e Le. 11. 2, &c.

^f dishon, or

^g bison.

^h Pr. 1. 10.

ⁱ Ga. 1. 8, 9.

^j 1 Jno. 5. 21.

^k 1 Jno. 8. 7.

^l Ac. 7. 53.

^m bondmen.

ⁿ Le. 11. 26, 27.

^o Ne. 11. 9.

^p Jos. 22. 11,

^q &c.

^r Ju. 20. 1, 2.

^s or, naughty

^t men.

^u Ju. 19. 22.

^v 1 Sa. 2. 12.

^w 25. 17, 25.

^x 1 Ki. 21. 10, 13.

^y 2 Co. 6. 15.

^z 1 Jno. 2. 19.

^a Jude 19.

^b 2 Ki. 17. 21.

^c 1 Sa. 11. 13.

^d Ex. 22. 20.

^e Le. 27. 28.

^f Jos. 6. 17, 21.

^g Le. 11. 20, 21.

^h Jos. 8. 28.

ⁱ Is. 17. 1.

^j 25. 2.

^k Je. 49. 2.

^l 1 Co. 16. 22.

^m Le. 17. 15.

ⁿ 22. 8.

^o Eze. 4. 14.

^p or, devoted

^q Jos. 6. 96.

^r Ze. 22. 17.

^s 26. 4, 24.

^t 28. 14.

^u Ex. 23. 19.

^v 34. 26.

of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

CHAP. XIV.

YE are ^a the children of the LORD your God: ^b ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.

^c For thou ^d art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that ^e are upon the earth.

^f Thou ^g shalt not eat any abominable thing.

^h These ⁱ are the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat,

^j The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the pygarg, and the wild ox, and the chamois.

^k And every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, and cheweth the cud among the beasts, that ye shall eat.

^l Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; ^m as the camel, and the hare, and the coney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; ⁿ therefore they are unclean unto you.

^o And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor ^p touch their dead carcase.

^q These ^r ye shall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat:

^s And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it is unclean unto you.

^t Of all clean birds ye shall eat.

^u But ^v these are they of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the osprey,

^w And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind,

^x And every raven after his kind,

^y And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,

^z The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan,

^a And the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant,

^b And the stork, and the lapwing, and the bat.

^c And ^d every creeping thing that fieth is unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten.

^e But of all clean fowls ye may eat.

^f Ye ^g shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou ^h art a holy people unto the LORD thy God. ⁱ Thou shalt not see the kid in his mother's milk.

formed by legerdmain, &c. 9. kill him, i.e. legal process, when on being found guilty, the law was to cast the first stone at him. 13. men of Belial, an expression meaning 'worthless'. 15. destroying it utterly, the government was democracy, and idolatry was high treason, in every argument punishable with death.

CHAP. XIV.—1. not cut, see Lev. xix. 28, note. mess, by shaving the fore part of the head or brows, as the heathen did for the dead. 5. py-

garg, a sort of deer. wild ox, a large stag. chamois, this is not met with so far to the southward; it is therefore thought by some that the giraffe is meant, and by others, an animal of the goat kind, the giraffe being of the torrid zone. 13. glede, thought to be a small vulture. 21. which dieth of itself, the blood being in it. seethe, &c. see Exod. xxiii. 19, note. give it unto the stranger, i.e. not a proselyte, such being subject to the Jewish laws; thus practices not in themselves sinful, were disallowed, to make a broad distinction between God's people and the heathen.

22 Thou ^a shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

23 And ^c thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and ^d the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.

24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or ^e if the place be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:

25 Then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose:

26 And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul ^m lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: ⁿ and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household,

27 And the Levite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for ^p he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

28 ^q At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates:

29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the ^r stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which *are* within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that ^s the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

CHAP. XV.

AT the end of ^t every seven years thou shalt make a release.

2 And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth *ought* unto his neighbour shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD's release.

3 Of ^u a foreigner thou mayest exact it again: but *that* which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release;

4 ^v Save when there shall be no poor among you; for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it:

5 Only ^w if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.

6 For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and ^x thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and ^y thou shalt reign over many nations, they shall not reign over thee.

7 ^z If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, ^{aa} thou shalt not harden thine

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^a Le. 27. 30.

Ne. 10. 37.

^b Le. 25. 35.

Mat. 5. 42.

Lu. 6. 34, 35.

^c ch. 12. 5, 7.

17, 18.

^d word.^e ch. 15. 19, 20.^f Belial.^g Pr. 23. 6.

23. 22.

Mat. 20. 15.

^h ch. 24. 15.ⁱ Mat. 25. 41.

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^j ch. 12. 21.^k 2 Co. 9. 5, 7.^l ch. 14. 29.

Ps. 41. 1.

Pr. 22. 9.

^m Jno. 12. 8.ⁿ Ps. 106. 14.

Jno. 2. 13.

16.

1Co. 6. 12, 13.

10. 6.

^o asketh of thee.^p ch. 26. 11.

Ec. 9. 7.

^q Ex. 21. 2.

Le. 25. 39.

Je. 34. 14.

^r ch. 18. 1, 2.

Nu. 18. 20.

^s ch. 26. 12.

Am. 4. 4.

^t Pr. 10. 22.^u Job 31. 16.

22.

Lu. 14. 12.

14.

He. 13. 2.

Ja. 1. 27.

^v ch. 5. 15.^w ch. 15. 10.

Pr. 3. 9, 10.

Is. 58. 6, 12.

Mal. 3. 10.

Lu. 6. 35.

11. 41.

2Co. 9. 6, 11.

^x Ex. 21. 5, 6.^y Ex. 21. 2.

23. 10, 11.

Le. 25. 2, 4.

Je. 34. 14.

^z master of the lending of his hand^{aa} ch. 23. 20.^{ab} Is. 16. 14.

21. 16.

^{ac} or, To the end that there be no poor.^{ad} Ex. 13. 2.

Le. 27. 26.

^{ae} ch. 28. 1.^{af} ch. 16. 11, 14.^{ag} ch. 28. 12, 44.^{ah} Pr. 22. 7.^{ai} ch. 22. 20.^{aj} 1 Jno. 3. 17.

heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

8 But ^b thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.

9 Beware that there be not a ^c thought in thy ^d wicked heart, saying, The severer year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine ^e eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and ^f he unto the LORD against thee, and ^g it sin unto thee.

10 Thou shalt surely give him, as ^h thine heart shall not be grieved with thou givest unto him: because that ⁱ this thing the LORD thy God shall blot thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

11 For ^j the poor shall never cease of the land: therefore I command thee saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to the needy, in thy land.

12 ^k And ^l if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

13 And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty:

14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress: of that wherewith the LORD thy God hath ^m blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

15 And ⁿ thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt; the LORD thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to do.

16 And it shall be, ^o if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house, because he well with thee;

17 Then thou shalt take an aul, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.

18 It shall not seem hard unto thee when thou sendest him away free from thee; for he hath been worth ^p a doled hired servant to thee, in serving thee years: and the LORD thy God shall blot thee in all that thou doest.

19 ^q All ^r the firstling males that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of bullock, nor shear the firstling of thy sheep.

20 Thou ^s shalt eat it before the LORD thy God year by year in the place which the LORD shall choose, thou and thy household.

21 And ^t if there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God.

22 Thou shalt eat it within thy gates, the unclean and the clean person ^u shall

CHAP. XV.—2. *shall release it*, this appears to refer only to money lent, not to purchases, and to apply to the poor and needy. 9. *eye*, &c. an evil eye denotes a covetous disposition, Prov. xxiii. 6; Matt. xx. 15. *nought*, knowing that he would be freed from payment in the approaching year; but this release appears to refer only to money lent to the poor and needy.

12. *brother*—sold, pressed by poverty, an Hebrew might sell himself; a debtor might be sold to pay debts: a thief was sold for a slave, if he could make restitution, Exod. xxii. 3; children were so times sold, 2 Ki. iv. 1. This slavery was, however, severe and degrading: among the heathen it was cruel and perpetual. 17. *aul*, &c. see Ex. xxi. 6, 11.

alike, as the roebuck, and as the hart. Only thou shalt not eat the blood; thou shalt pour it upon the ground as water.

CHAP. XVI.

1. *Observe* the 6 month of Abib, and the passover unto the LORD thy God in the month of Abib the LORD God brought thee forth out of Egypt.

2. Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock or of the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there. Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

3. And there shall be no leavened bread with thee in all thy coast seven days; and there shall not any thing of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at the altar, remain all night until the morning. Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee:

4. But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, thou shalt sacrifice the passover at the going down of the sun, at the altar that thou camest forth out of Egypt; and thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose; and thou shalt turn in the morning and go unto thy tents.

5. And thou shalt eat unleavened bread with it seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work therein.

6. Seven weeks shalt thou number: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to reap the sickle to the corn.

7. And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God according as the LORD thy God blessed thee:

8. And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there. And thou shalt remember that thou art a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt do and do these statutes.

9. Thou shalt observe the feast of weeks seven days, after that thou hast reaped in thy corn and thy wine:

10. And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and thy wife, the stranger, and the fatherless,

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a Le. 23. 39, 40.
b Ex. 12. 2, &c.
c Ex. 23. 14, 17.
31. 23.

d Ex. 13. 4.
34. 18.

e Nu. 28. 19.
f ch. 12. 5, 26.

* according to the gift of his hand.

2 Co. 8. 12.
g ch. 1. 16.

1 Ch. 23. 4.
26. 29.

2 Ch. 19. 5, 8.
h ch. 1. 17.

Pr. 24. 23.
i Pr. 17. 23.

Ec. 7. 7.
k Ex. 34. 25.

† or, matters.
‡ Justice, justice.

§ or, kill.
Eze. 18. 5, 9.

m 1 Ki. 14. 15.
16. 33.

2 Ki. 17. 16.
21. 3.

2 Ch. 33. 3.
n Le. 26. 1.

|| or, statue, or, pillar.

o 2 Ch. 35. 13.
p 2 Ki. 23. 23.

Jno. 2. 13, 23.
11. 55.

r ch. 15. 21.
Mal. 1. 8, 13.

* or, goat.
Le. 23. 8.

† restraint.
Le. 23. 36.

‡ ch. 13. 6.
u Ex. 23. 16.

Nu. 28. 26.
Ac. 2. 1.

v Jos. 7. 11, 15.
23. 16.

Ju. 2. 20.
2 Ki. 18. 12.

Ho. 8. 1.
† or, sufficiency.

x Job 31. 26.
y 1 Co. 16. 2.

z Je. 7. 22, 23.
31.

19. 5.
32. 35.

a ch. 12. 7, 12.
18.

b Le. 24. 14, 16.
Jos. 7. 25.

c ch. 15. 15.
d Nu. 35. 30.

Mat. 18. 16.
Jno. 8. 17.

2 Co. 13. 1.
1 Th. 5. 19.

He. 10. 28.
e Le. 23. 34.

Nu. 29. 12.
§ floor, and thy winepress.

f Ac. 7. 58.
g Ne. 8. 9, &c.

and the widow, that are within thy gates.

15 Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose: because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.

16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:

17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

18 Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

19 Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.

20 That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

21 Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee.

22 Neither shalt thou set thee up any image; which the LORD thy God hateth.

CHAP. XVII.

1. Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evil-favouredness: for that is an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

2 If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant,

3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;

4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and enquired diligently, and behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel:

5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

CHAP. XVI.—1. *Abib*, part of our March and when the corn appeared in ear; it was the first of the months for ecclesiastical things, the month in which the Israelites left Egypt. *of affliction*, so called, to remind them of affliction in Egypt. 16. *three times*, &c. see

Exod. xxiii. and notes. 18. *gates*, courts of justice were held in chambers over the city gates. 19. *pervert*, the testimony of just men is perverted by the chicanery of unjust judges. 21. *not plant thee*, &c. that there might be no appearance of, nor temptation to superstition.

8 ^a If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, ^b between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, *being* matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, ^c and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose;

9 And ^d thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and ^e unto the judge that shall be in those days, and enquire; ^f and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment:

10 And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the LORD shall choose shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee:

11 According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, to the right hand, nor to the left.

12 And ^g the man that will do presumptuously, ^h and will not hearken unto the priest ⁱ that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and ^j thou shalt put away the evil from Israel.

13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14 ^k When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, ^l I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that *are* about me;

15 Thou shalt in any wise set *him* king over thee, ^m whom the LORD thy God shall choose: *one* ⁿ from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

16 But he shall not multiply ^o horses to himself, nor cause the people ^p to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as ^q the LORD hath said unto you, ^r Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that ^s his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

18 And ^t it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of ^u that which is before the priests the Levites:

19 And ^v it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he ^w turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he

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^a 2 Ch. 19. 10.

Hag. 2. 11.

Mal. 2. 7.

^b Ex. 21. 13, 20.

22. 28.

22. 2.

Nu. 35. 11,

16, 19.

^c Ps. 122. 5.

^d Nu. 18. 20.

^e Nu. 18. 8, 9.

^f Co. 9. 13.

^g Je. 18. 18.

^h ch. 19. 17.

ⁱ Eze. 44. 24.

^j Le. 7. 30. 34.

^k Ex. 22. 29.

Nu. 18. 12, 24.

^l Ex. 28. 1.

Nu. 3. 10.

^m Nu. 15. 30.

Ezr. 10. 8.

Ho. 4. 4.

ⁿ not to

hearken.

^o ch. 18. 5, 7.

^p Nu. 35. 2, 3.

^q ch. 13. 5.

^r ch. 12. 5.

^s 2 Ch. 31. 2.

^t 1 Sa. 8. 5, 19.

20.

^u Ne. 12. 44, 47.

^v his sales

by the

fathers.

^w 1 Sa. 9. 15.

10. 24.

16. 12.

1 Ch. 22. 10.

^x Je. 30. 21.

^y Le. 18. 26, 27.

30.

^z 1 Ki. 4. 26.

10. 26, 28.

Pa. 20. 7.

^a Le. 18. 21.

^b Is. 8. 19.

^c Is. 31. 1.

Eze. 17. 15.

^d Ex. 13. 17.

Nu. 14. 3, 4.

^e ch. 28. 68.

Je. 42. 15.

Ho. 11. 5.

^f 1 Sa. 28. 7.

^g 1 Ki. 11. 3, 4.

^h Le. 18. 24, 25.

ⁱ 2 Ki. 11. 12.

^j or, upright,

or, sincere.

Ge. 17. 1.

^k ch. 31. 9, 26.

2 Ki. 22. 8.

^l or, inherit.

Jcs. 1. 8.

Ps. 119. 97, 98.

^m Jno. 1. 45.

Ac. 3. 22.

7. 37.

ⁿ 1 Ki. 15. 5.

^o Ex. 20. 19.

He. 12. 19.

may prolong *his* days in his kingdom and his children, in the midst of Israel.

CHAP. XVIII.

THE priests the Levites, and all tribe of Levi, ^a shall have no part inheritance with Israel: they ^b shall the offerings of the LORD made by and his inheritance.

2 Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the LORD their inheritance, as he hath said unto thee.

3 ^c And this shall be the priest's from the people, from them that offer sacrifice, whether it *be* ox or sheep; ^d they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

4 The ^e firstfruit *also* of thy corn, of wine, and of thine oil, and the first of fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him.

5 For ^f the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him his sons for ever.

6 ^g And if a Levite come from any thy gates out of all Israel, where he ^h journeyed, and come with all the desire of his mind ⁱ unto the place which the LORD shall choose;

7 Then he shall minister in the name of the LORD his God, ^j as all his brethren the Levites do, which stand there before the LORD.

8 They shall have ^k like portions to beside ^l that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

9 ^m When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, ⁿ thou shalt not learn to do after abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you ^o any one that maketh his son or daughter ^p to pass through the fire, that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a *soothsayer*.

12 For all that do these things ^q are abomination unto the LORD: and ^r because of these abominations the LORD thy doth drive them out from before thee.

13 Thou shalt be ^s perfect with the LORD thy God.

14 For these nations, which thou ^t shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for the LORD thy God hath not suffered so to do.

15 ^u The LORD thy God will raise unto thee a Prophet from the midst thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; him ye shall hearken;

16 According to all that thou desirest of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the of the assembly, saying, ^v Let me not

CHAP. XVII.—8. *too hard*, beyond the reach of human capacity. *blood and blood*, deciding between murder and manslaughter. *plea and plea*, when both sides are plausible. *stroke and stroke*, if any, and what stripes should be inflicted. 16. *not multiply horses*, to prevent renewing intercourse with idolatrous Egypt, the mart for horses.

CHAP. XVIII.—3. *maze*, supposed to be 'tripe.' 8. *patrimony*, i. e. property left him by his father, distinguished from official dues; for though a Levite had no general landed inheritance, he might purchase lands or houses redeemable at the jubilee, see 1 Kings ii. 26; Jer. xxxii. 7, 8. 10. *fire*, see

Lev. xviii. 21, note. *divination*, discovering secrets by serpents, cups, entrails of human sacrifices. *server of times*, by dreams, planets, clouds, flight of birds. *enchanter*, see Lev. xix. 26, note. 1. *Exod. xxii. 18*, note; the word here rather means 'magician,' or 'sorcerer.' 11. *charmer*, pretending to cure diseases by charms. *familiar*, &c.—*wizard*. Lev. xix. 31, note. *necromancer*, one inquiring of the dead, to reveal the secrets of the unseen. 15. *a Prophet*, &c. Christ, see Acts iii. 22; *v* like unto me, in power and miracles; a law mediator, introducing a new dispensation, discontinue on penalty of death.

the voice of the LORD my God, nei-
t me see this great fire any more,
die not.

and the LORD said unto me, ^a They
well spoken that which they have
said.

will raise them up a Prophet from
their brethren, like unto thee, and
put my words in his mouth; ^d and
all shall speak unto them all that I shall
command him.

And ^e it shall come to pass, that
hever will not hearken unto my
voice, which he shall speak in my name,
require it of him.

But ^a the prophet, which shall pre-
tend to speak a word in my name, which
I have not commanded him to speak, or
which shall speak in the name of other
even that prophet shall die.

And if thou say in thine heart, How
we know the word which the LORD
hath spoken?

When ^a a prophet speaketh in the
name of the LORD, if the thing follow not,
I will come to pass, that is the thing which
I have not spoken, but the pro-
phet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou
shalt not be afraid of him.

CHAP. XIX.

THEN the LORD thy God hath cut
the nations, whose land the LORD thy
God giveth thee, and thou shalt succeedest
in it and dwellest in their cities, and in
their houses;

thou shalt separate three cities for
thyself in the midst of thy land, which the
LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

thou shalt prepare thee a way, and
the coast of thy land, which the
LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit,
in three parts, that every slayer may
find there.

And ^a this is the case of the slayer,
that he shall flee thither, that he may live:
he killeth his neighbour ignorantly,
his hatred not in time past;

when a man goeth into the wood
to his neighbour to hew wood, and his
axe cleaveth a stroke with the ax to cut
the tree, and the head slippeth from
the axe, and it lighteth upon his neigh-
bour, that he die; he shall flee unto one
of these cities, and live:

lest ^a the avenger of the blood pursue
the slayer, while his heart is hot, and
he smite him, because the way is long,
and he slay him; whereas he was not
worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated
not ^a in time past.

therefore I command thee, saying,
thou shalt separate three cities for thee.
And if the LORD thy God ^a enlarge
thy land, as he hath sworn unto thy
fathers, and give thee all the land which
I have promised to give unto thy fathers;
thou shalt keep all these command-
ments to do them, which I command thee
to do, to love the LORD thy God, and
to walk ever in his ways; ^b then shalt
thou add three cities more for thee, beside
these:

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^a ch. 5. 28.^b ch. 27. 24.

Ex. 21. 12.

&c.

Nu. 35. 16, 24.

Pr. 28. 17.

^c in life.

Is. 51. 16.

Jno. 17. 8.

^d Jno. 4. 25.

8. 28.

12. 49, 50.

^e Ac. 3. 23.^f ch. 25. 12.^g Nu. 35. 33, 34.

1 Ki. 2. 31.

^h Je. 14. 14, 15.

Zec. 13. 3.

ⁱ ch. 27. 17.

Job 24. 2.

Pr. 22. 28.

Ho. 5. 10.

^k ch. 13. 1, 2.

Je. 2. 5.

^l ch. 17. 6.

Nu. 35. 30.

Mat. 18. 16.

Jno. 8. 17.

2 Co. 13. 1.

1 Ti. 5. 19.

He. 10. 28.

^m Je. 28. 9.ⁿ Ps. 27. 12.

35. 11.

^o or, falling away.^p ch. 21. 5.^q inheritest, or, possessest.^r Ex. 21. 13.

Nu. 35. 10, 14.

Jos. 20. 2.

^s Pr. 19. 5, 9.

Da. 6. 24.

^t Nu. 35. 15.^u Ex. 21. 23.

Le. 24. 20.

Mat. 5. 38.

^v from yesterday the third day.^w iron.^x Ps. 20. 7.

Is. 31. 1.

^y wood.^z findeth.^a ch. 31. 6, 8.

Nu. 23. 21.

2 Ch. 13. 12.

32. 7, 8.

^b Nu. 35. 12.^c smite him in life.^d from yesterday the third day.^e Ps. 27. 1-3.

Is. 33. 3.

Mat. 10. 28, 31.

Ep. 6. 11-18.

He. 12. 12, 13.

^f be tender.^g make haste.^h Ge. 15. 18.ⁱ ch. 1. 30.

3. 22.

Jos. 23. 10.

^j Jos. 20. 7, 8.^k No. 12. 27.

Ps. 30. title

10 That innocent blood be not shed in
thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth
thee for an inheritance, and so blood be
upon thee.

11 ^a But ^b if any man hate his neighbour,
and lie in wait for him, and rise up against
him, and smite him ^c mortally that he die,
and fleeth into one of these cities:

12 Then the elders of his city shall send
and fetch him thence, and deliver him
into the hand of the avenger of blood, that
he may die.

13 Thine eye shall not pity him, ^d but
thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent
blood from Israel, that it may go well with
thee.

14 ^e Thou ^f shalt not remove thy neigh-
bour's landmark, which they of old time
have set in thine inheritance, which thou
shalt inherit in the land that the LORD
thy God giveth thee to possess it.

15 ^g One ^h witness shall not rise up
against a man for any iniquity, or for any
sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the
mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth
of three witnesses, shall the matter be
established.

16 ⁱ If a false witness ^j rise up against
any man to testify against him ^k that
which is wrong;

17 Then both the men, between whom
the controversy is, shall stand before the
LORD, ^l before the priests and the judges,
which shall be in those days;

18 And the judges shall make diligent
inquisition: and, behold, ^m if the witness ⁿ be
a false witness, and hath testified falsely
against his brother;

19 Then ^o shall ye do unto him, as he
had thought to have done unto his brother:
so shalt thou put the evil away from
among you.

20 And those which remain shall hear,
and fear, and shall henceforth commit no
more any such evil among you.

21 And thine eye shall not pity: ^p but
^q life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for
tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

CHAP. XX.

WHEN thou goest out to battle against
thine enemies, and seest ^a horses, and
chariots, and a people more than thou, be
not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God
is ^b with thee, which brought thee up out
of the land of Egypt.

2 And it shall be, when ye are come
nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall
approach and speak unto the people,

3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O
Israel, ye approach this day unto battle
against your enemies: ^c let not your hearts
be faint, fear not, and do not ^d tremble,
neither be ye terrified because of them:

4 For the LORD your God is he that
goeth with you, ^e to fight for you against
your enemies, to save you.

5 ^f And the officers shall speak unto
the people, saying, What man is there
that hath built a new house, and hath not
^g dedicated it? let him go and return to
his house, lest he die in the battle, and
another man dedicate it.

19. XIX.—2. three cities, see Numb. xxxv. and
14 landmark, this is slight and easily
in the east, to the present time consisting
distinct stones, a ridge of earth, or a small
they of old time, that is, thy forefathers.

21. eye for eye, tooth for tooth, see Exod. xxi. 24. note.

CHAP. XX.—3. horses, the Israelites had now no
cavalry. 5. dedicated, perfected, or occupied,
or enjoyed it: it may also mean, by pious feasting,
connected with prayer and praise, as the thirtieth

6 And what man *is* he that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not yet ^a eaten of it? let him *also* go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it.

7 And ^c what man *is* there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.

8 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, *d* What man *is* there that *is* fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart.

9 And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall make captains of the armies ^f to lead the people.

10 ^g When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, ^h then proclaim peace unto it.

11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, *i* that ^j all the people that *is* found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee.

12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it:

13 And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, ^k thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword:

14 But the women, and the little ones, and ^l the cattle, and all that *is* in the city, *even* all the spoil thereof, shalt thou ^m take unto thyself; and ⁿ thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities *which* are very far off from thee, *which* are not of the cities of these nations.

16 But ^o of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee *for* an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth:

17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them; *namely*, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee:

18 That ^p they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye ^q sin against the LORD your God.

19 ^r When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an ax against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (^s for the tree of the field *is* man's *life*) ^t to employ them in the siege:

20 Only the trees which thou knowest that *be* not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou

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^a 2 Ch. 26. 15.

Ec. 9. 14.

Is. 37. 33.

Je. 6. 6.

33. 4.

Eze. 17. 17.

^{*} made it

common.

ch. 28. 30.

Le. 19. 23, 24.

[†] it come

down.

^b Ps. 9. 12.

Pr. 28. 17.

Is. 26. 21.

Ac. 28. 4.

^c ch. 24. 5.

^d Ju. 7. 3.

[‡] melt.

[§] to be in the

head of the

people.

^e 1 Pe. 3. 18.

^f 2 Sa. 20. 18.

20.

^g ch. 10. 8.

1 Ch. 23. 13.

^h ch. 17. 8, 9.

ⁱ 1 Ki. 9. 21, 22

Lu. 19. 14.

^{||} mouth.

^k Job 9. 30.

Ps. 19. 12.

26. 6.

Je. 2. 22.

Mat. 27. 24.

He. 9. 10.

^l Nu. 31. 7.

^m Jos. 8. 2.

ⁿ Jon. 1. 14.

^{*} in the

midst.

[†] spoil.

^o Jos. 22. 8.

^p ch. 19. 13.

^q ch. 7. 1, 2.

^r Nu. 21. 2, 3.

35.

33. 52.

^s Jos. 11. 14.

^t make, or,

dress, or,

suffer to

grow.

^u ch. 7. 4.

12, 30, 31.

18. 9.

^v Ex. 23. 33.

^w Ps. 45. 10.

[§] or, for, O

man, the

tree of the

field *is* to

be employ-

ed in the

siege.

^{||} to go from

before thee.

^x ch. 22. 29.

Ge. 34. 2.

Ju. 19. 24.

^x Ge. 29. 33.

shalt ^a build bulwarks against the, that maketh war with thee, until thou subdued.

CHAP. XXI.

IF one ^b be found slain in the land w^h the LORD thy God giveth thee to poss^{ess} it, lying in the field, and it be not kno^{wn} who hath slain him:

2 Then thy elders and thy judges s^{hall} come forth, and they shall measure o^{ut} the cities which *are* round about him: *is* slain:

3 And it shall be, *that* the city *which* next unto the slain man, even the eld^{ers} of that city shall take an heifer, which h^{as} not been wrought with, and which h^{as} not drawn in the yoke;

4 And the elders of that city shall br^{ing} down the heifer unto a rough valley, w^h *is* neither eared nor sown, and shall st^{rike} off ^c the heifer's neck there in the valle^y:

5 And the priests the sons of Levi s^{hall} come near; for ^d them the LORD thy G^{od} hath chosen to minister unto him, and b^{less} in the name of the LORD; and ^e their w^{ord} shall every controversy *every* stroke be tried:

6 And all the elders of that city, *that* next unto the slain man, ^f shall w^{ash} their hands over the heifer that *is* headed in the valley:

7 And they shall answer and say, ^g Our hands have not shed this blood, nei^{ther} have our eyes seen it.

8 Be merciful, O LORD, unto thy peo^{ple} Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, ^h lay not innocent blood ⁱ unto thy peo^{ple} of Israel's charge. And the blood s^{hall} be forgiven them.

9 So ^j shalt thou put away the guilt innocent blood from among you, w^h thou shalt do *that which is* right in sight of the LORD.

10 ^k When thou goest forth to against thine enemies, and the LORD God hath delivered them into thine ha^{nds}, and thou hast taken them captive,

11 And seest among the captives a be^{autiful} woman, and hast a desire unto ^l that thou wouldest have her to thy wi^{fe}:

12 Then thou shalt bring her hom^e thine house; and she shall shave her h^{air} and ^m pare her nails;

13 And she shall put the raiment of captivity from off her, and shall remaiⁿ thine house, and ⁿ bewail her father her mother a full month: and after ^o thou shalt go in unto her, and be her b^{and}, and she shall be thy wife.

14 And it shall be, if thou have ne^{ed} light in her, then thou shalt let her whither she will; but thou shalt not m^{ake} her at all for money, thou shalt not m^{ake} merchandise of her, because thou ^p *hast* humbled her.

15 ^q If a man have two wives, one loved, ^r and another hated, and they b^{orn} him children, *both* the beloved

Psalm was composed on such an occasion: see its title. 10. *proclaim peace*, i. e. that life should be preserved, if the people surrendered. 17. *destroy*, see ch. vii. 2, note. Cities without the limits of the promised land might become tributary; and of those that yielded not, the women and children were spared. The reason is given in verse 18,—*that they teach you not*, &c. The Jews say that proselytes were suffered to live. 19. *the tree of the field is man's life*, 'the fruit-trees of the field are for the support of man'; as other timber could be used, these

were not wantonly to be cut down or destroyed. —CHAP. XXI.—4. *a rough valley*, 'a rapid stre^{am}.' —A. Clarke. 6. *wash their hands*, symbolic innocence. 12. *shave*, a sign of mourning. *her nails*, rather, 'suffer them to grow'; token mourning for her captivity, &c. 13. *raiment of her captivity*, this was usually splendid, and w^{as} worn by wives and daughters who followed the warrior that they might attract the conquerors, if w^{as} 14. *humbled her*, 'lien with.' —Parkhurst. 15. *h*, i. e. 'less loved,' see Gen. xxix. 31; Matt. vi. 24;

hated; and if the firstborn son be hated; that was hated:

Then it shall be, ^b when he maketh sons to inherit *that* which he hath, he may not make the son of the be- d firstborn before the son of the hated, *which is indeed* the firstborn:

But he shall acknowledge the son of hated for the firstborn, ^c by giving a double portion of all ^d that he hath: *he is* ^e the beginning of his strength; ^f right of the firstborn is his.

^g If a man have a stubborn and re- ous son, which will not obey the voice is father, or the voice of his mother, *that*, when they have chastened him, not hearken unto them:

Then shall his father and his mother old on him, and bring him out unto elders of his city, and unto the gate of place;

And they shall say unto the elders is city, This our son is stubborn and lious, he will not obey our voice; *he* glutton, and a drunkard.

And all the men of his city shall stone with stones, that he die: ^h so shalt put evil away from among you; ⁱ and srael shall hear, and fear.

^j And if a man have committed a worthy of death, and he be to be put ath, and thou hang him on a tree:

His ^k body shall not remain all night a the tree, but thou shalt in any wise him that day; (for ^l he that is banged accursed of God;) that ^m thy land be defiled, which the LORD thy God h thee for an inheritance.

CHAP. XXII.

OU ⁿ shalt not see thy brother's ox is sheep go astray, and hide thyself them: thou shalt in any case bring a gain unto thy brother.

And if thy brother be not nigh unto or if thou know him not, then thou bring it unto thine own house, and all be with thee until thy brother seek it, and thou shalt restore it to him

in like manner shalt thou do with his and so shalt thou do with his rait: and with all lost thing of thy er's, which he hath lost, and thou ound, shalt thou do likewise: thou est not hide thyself.

^o Thou shalt not see thy brother's or his ox fall down by the way, and help himself from them: ^p thou shalt y help him to lift them up again.

The woman shall not wear that h pertaineth unto a man, neither a man put on a woman's garment: ll that do so *are* abomination unto ORD thy God.

If a bird's nest chance to be before in the way in any tree, or on the nd, *whether they be* young ones, or and the dam sitting upon the young, on the eggs, ^q thou shalt not take the with the young:

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a ch. 4. 40.

b 1 Ch. 26. 10.

c 2 Ch. 11. 19.

d 1 Ch. 5. 1, 2.

e Le. 19. 19.

f that is

found with

him.

g fulness of

thy seed.

h Ge. 49. 3.

i Ge. 25. 31, 33

j 2 Co. 6. 14.

k Le. 19. 19.

l Nu. 15. 38.

m Mat. 23. 5.

n wings.

o Ge. 29. 21.

p Ju. 15. 1.

q Ep. 5. 28, 29.

r Ex. 20. 16.

s 23. 1.

t Pr. 18. 8, 21.

u 1 Ti. 5. 14.

v ch. 13. 5.

w 19, 19, 20.

x ch. 13. 11.

y ch. 22. 26.

z Ac. 23. 29.

aa 25, 11, 25.

ab 26. 31.

ac P Jos. 8. 29.

ad 10, 26, 27.

ae Jno. 19. 31.

af Ga. 3. 13.

ag the curse

of God.

ah Nu. 25. 4.

ai 2 Sa. 21. 6.

aj Le. 18. 25.

ak Nu. 35. 34.

al Ex. 23. 4, 5.

am Eze. 34. 16.

an Mat. 10. 6.

ao 18. 11.

ap Lu. 15. 4, 6.

aq 1 Pe. 2. 25.

ar Mar. 10. 11.

as 12.

at Le. 24. 16, 23.

au Nu. 15. 35, 36.

av Jos. 7. 24, 25.

aw Ge. 34. 7.

ax Ju. 20. 6, 10.

ay 2 Sa. 13. 12.

az ch. 13. 5.

ba Le. 20. 10.

bb Eze. 23. 45.

bc 48.

bd Jno. 8. 5.

be He. 13. 4.

bf a Mat. 5. 44.

bg Ro. 15. 1.

bh Ga. 6. 1, 2.

bi 1 Th. 5. 14.

bj b Mat. 1. 18, 19

bk c Le. 22. 28.

bl d ch. 21. 14.

bm c 1 Co. 5. 2, 13.

7 But thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; ^a that it may be well with thee, and *that* thou mayest prolong *thy* days.

8 ¶ When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence.

9 ¶ Thou ^d shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the ^e fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.

10 ¶ Thou ^f shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

11 ¶ Thou ^g shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together.

12 ¶ Thou shalt make thee ^h fringes upon the four ⁱ quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest *thyself*.

13 ¶ If any man take a wife, and ^k go in unto her, and hate her,

14 And ^l give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid:

15 Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the *tokens* of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate:

16 And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her;

17 And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech *against her*, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these *are* the *tokens* of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him;

19 And they shall amerce him in an hundred *shekels* of silver, and give *them* unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; ^m he may not put her away all his days.

20 But if this thing be true, and the *tokens* of virginity be not found for the damsel:

21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall ⁿ stone her with stones that she die: because she hath ^o wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: ^p so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

22 ¶ If ^q a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, *both* the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

23 ¶ If a damsel *that is* a virgin be ^r betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her;

24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, *being* in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled ^s his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt ^t put away evil from among you.

20. a *glutton*, a debauched prodigal. *ing him*, the Jews hung not by the neck, but the hands fastened together. 23. *accursed of God*, devoted by the law to destruction; so was Christ ed as the substitute of sinners, Gal. iii. 16. ap. XXII.—5. *not wear*, &c. for heathen men women did so in worshipping their idols. 6.

not take the dam, &c. a precept teaching humanity. 8. *for thy roof*, these roofs were flat, and made to walk upon, to take the air. 9. *divers seeds*, &c. see Lev. xix. 19, note. 10. *with an ox and an ass*, their steps and strength being unequal, both must suffer. 11. *of woollen*, &c. see Lev. xix. 19, note. 12. *fringes*, Num. xv. 38, note. 13. &c. *If any man*, &c. a law to

25 ¶ But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man * force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die:

26 But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; *there is* in the damsel no sin *worthy* of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so is this matter:

27 For he found her in the field, and the betrothed damsel cried, and *there was* none to save her.

28 ¶ If *b* a man find a damsel *that is* a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found;

29 Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

30 ¶ A *a* man shall not take his father's wife, nor *b* discover his father's skirt.

CHAP. XXIII.

HE that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not *a* enter into the congregation of the LORD.

2 A *k* bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

3 An *m* Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:

4 Because *t* they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and *r* because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee.

5 Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, *t* because the LORD thy God loved thee.

6 Thou *v* shalt not seek their peace nor their *** prosperity all thy days for ever.

7 ¶ Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; *** for he is thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; because *z* thou wast a stranger in his land.

8 The children that are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of the LORD in their third generation.

9 ¶ When the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing.

10 ¶ If *a* there be among you any man, that is not clean by reason of uncleanness that changeth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp:

11 But it shall be, when evening *t* cometh on, *c* he shall wash *himself* with water: and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp *again*.

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*** or, take strong hold of her.

2 Sa. 13. 14.

† sittest down.

a Le. 26. 12.

b Ex. 22. 16, 17.

‡ nakedness of any thing.

c 1 Sa. 30. 15.

§ is good for him.

d Ex. 22. 21.

e Le. 18. 8.

20. 11.

1 Co. 5. 1.

|| or, sodomites.

f Le. 19. 29.

Pr. 2. 16.

g Ru. 3. 9.

Eze. 16. 8.

h Ge. 19. 5.

2 Ki. 23. 7.

i La. 1. 10.

k Is. 57. 3.

Zec. 9. 6.

Jno. 8. 41.

He. 12. 8.

l Ex. 22. 25.

Le. 25. 36, 37.

Ne. 5. 2, 7.

Ps. 15. 5.

Lu. 6. 34, 35.

m Ru. 4. 10. 22.

Is. 56. 3, 2.

n Le. 19. 34.

o ch. 15. 10.

p ch. 2. 29.

Ge. 14. 18.

1 Sa. 25. 11.

18.

1 Ki. 18. 4.

Mat. 25. 40.

r Nu. 22. 5, 6.

s Nu. 30. 2.

Ec. 5. 4, 5.

t Ps. 73. 1.

Je. 31. 3.

Ro. 9. 13.

11. 28.

Ep. 2. 4, 5.

u Nu. 30. 2.

Ps. 66. 13, 14.

v Ezr. 9. 12.

w good.

x Ge. 25. 24.

25.

Ob. 10. 12.

y Ex. 22. 21.

23. 9.

Le. 19. 34.

z Mar. 2. 23.

a Le. 15. 16.

b Mat. 5. 31.

19. 7.

† turneth toward.

‡ matter of nakedness.

c Le. 15. 5.

§ cutting off.

12 ¶ Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad:

13 And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt do therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee:

14 For the LORD thy God *a* walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee: therefore shall thy camp be holy: that thou see no *unclean* thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

15 ¶ Thou *b* shalt not deliver unto his master the servant which is escaped from his master unto thee:

16 He shall dwell with thee, *even* among you, in that place which he shall choose: in one of thy gates, where it *§* liketh him best: *d* thou shalt not oppress him.

17 ¶ There shall be no *||* whore *f* of the daughters of Israel, nor *k* a sodomite, the sons of Israel.

18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

19 ¶ Thou *v* shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury:

20 Unto *n* a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: *o* that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

21 ¶ When *t* thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slay to pay it: for the LORD thy God surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, shall be no sin in thee.

23 That *u* which is gone out of thy mouth thou shalt keep and perform; *even* a vow will offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

24 ¶ When thou comest into thy neighbour's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put *any* in thy vessel.

25 When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbour, *z* then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing corn.

CHAP. XXIV.

WHEN A *b* man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because she hath found *†* some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of *§* divorce, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

prevent female wickedness, and protect female reputation. 20. *not take his father's wife*, which was done in Greece, Persia, Arabia, &c.

CHAP. XXIII.—1. *is wounded*, &c. 2. *a bastard*, &c. the progeny of prohibited connexions. *not enter into the congregation*, not be registered, and therefore not included in the list of those who could serve the nation in any rank, civil, political, or ecclesiastical: probably the latter is chiefly intended. 3. *tenth generation*, i. e. for ever; this law was in force in Nehemiah's time, more than ten generations after,

Neh. xiii. 1. 6. *seek their peace*, make league covenant with them. 15. *the servant which escaped*, generally understood of converted idolaters who had escaped on account of religion. 18. *his*, &c. idolatrous prostitutes dedicated a part of their gains to their gods. *a dog*, thought to mean a sordid character, hired for base purposes, comp. Rev. xxii. 24. *eat grapes*, a law to relieve the weary labourer and traveller, see Matt. xii. 1.

CHAP. XXIV.—1. *uncleanness*, loathsome diseases or moral turpitude, not amounting to adultery.

2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.

3 And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and seth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;

4 Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that isomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

5 When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

6 No man shall take the nether or the upper millstone to pledge: for he taketh a man's life to pledge.

7 If a man be found stealing any of the brethren of the children of Israel, and taketh merchandise of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die; and thou shalt put evil away from among you.

8 Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, ye shall observe to do.

9 Remember what the LORD thy God saith unto Miriam by the way, after that were come forth out of Egypt.

10 When thou dost lend thy brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge.

11 Thou shalt stand abroad, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring the pledge abroad unto thee.

12 And if the man be poor, thou shalt sleep with his pledge:

13 In any case thou shalt deliver him his pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and be blessed thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.

14 Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates:

15 At his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon thee, for he is poor, and setteth his heart on it: lest he cry against thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee.

16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, nor of the fatherless; and take the widow's raiment to pledge.

But thou shalt remember that thou

B. C. 1451.

a Le. 19. 9. 10.

b Je. 3. 1.

c Ps. 41. 1.

Pr. 19. 17.

* thou shalt not bough it after thee.

d ch. 20. 7.

† after thee.

‡ not any thing shall pass upon him.

e Pr. 5. 18.

f Ex. 21. 16.

g Eze. 44. 24.

h Pr. 17. 15.

i Le. 13. 2.

k Lu. 12. 48.

l Mat. 10. 17.

m Lu. 17. 32.

n Co. 10. 6.

o Co. 11. 24.

p Nu. 12. 10.

§ lend the loan of any thing to, &c.

p Job 18. 3.

r Pr. 12. 10.

1 Co. 9. 9.

1 Ti. 5. 18.

|| thresheth.

Ho. 10. 11.

Mar. 12. 10.

* or, next kinsman.

Ge. 38. 8.

Ru. 1. 12, 13.

t Ex. 22. 26.

u Job 29. 11, 13.

31. 20.

2 Co. 9. 13.

2 Ti. 1. 18.

v Ps. 106. 31.

112. 9.

Da. 4. 27.

x Ge. 38. 9.

y Mal. 3. 5.

z Ru. 4. 10.

† or, next kinsman's wife.

a Le. 19. 13.

Je. 22. 13.

† lifeth his soul unto it,

Ps. 25. 1.

86. 4.

b Ja. 5. 4.

c 2 Ki. 14. 6.

2 Ch. 25. 4.

Je. 31. 29, 30.

Eze. 18. 20.

d Pr. 22. 22.

Is. 1. 23.

Je. 5. 28.

22. 3.

Eze. 22. 29.

Zec. 7. 10.

Mal. 3. 5.

e Is. 20. 2.

Mar. 1. 7.

wast a bondman in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

19 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

20 When thou beatest thine olive tree * thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

CHAP. XXV.

IF there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that the judges may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

2 And it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number.

3 Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed: lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn.

5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her.

6 And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.

8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand to it, and say, I like not to take her;

9 Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.

It was death. 4. not take her again, this precluded rash divorces. defiled, only in respect to her husband, for she could marry again, ver. 2. keth a man's life, that which is necessary to its rest; two stones placed on each other and turned handle, were used in grinding corn, without which the family would want bread. 10. to fetch pledge, so the poor were left free to choose what could spare. 12. not sleep with, &c. this, the Rabbins say, prevented the debt from being released in the sabbatical year. 13. in his raiment, his hyke or upper garment, serving also as bed-clothes. 16. not be put to death, &c. which

was a law among the Egyptians, &c. 20. beatest, &c. so the fruit is still gathered in the Holy Land, being beaten down by long poles.

CHAP. XXV.—1. controversy, strife. justify, acquit. 3. forty, this was given with thirteen strokes of a lash of three thongs, which made thirty-nine lashes. vile, an outcast. 4. not muzzle the ox, &c. oxen or other cattle are driven over sheaves of corn, to tread them down in the east, instead of threshing. 9. loose his shoe, signifying that he was no better than a slave, who went barefoot. spit in, rather, 'before' his face, as the Arabs still do; a mark of disgrace.

10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

11 "When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets:

12 Then thou shalt cut off her hand, ^c thine eye shall not pity her.

13 "Thou ^d shalt not have in thy bag ^e divers weights, a great and a small.

14 Thou shalt not have in thine house ^f divers measures, a great and a small.

15 But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: ^f that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

16 For ⁱ all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

17 "Remember ^k what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt;

18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he ^l feared not God.

19 Therefore it shall be, ^m when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt ⁿ blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.

CHAP. XXVI.

AND it shall be, when thou ^o art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein;

2 That ^p thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put ^q it in a basket, and shalt ^r go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.

3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which ^s the LORD swore unto our fathers for to give us.

4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

5 And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, "A Syrian ^t ready to perish was my father, and ^u he went down unto Egypt, and sojourned there with a ^v few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:

6 And ^w the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage:

7 And ^x when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression:

8 And ^y the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an

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^a ch. 4. 31.

^b Ex. 3. 8.

^c ch. 19. 13.

^d Le. 19. 35, 36.

^e Pr. 11. 1.

^f Eze. 45. 10.

^g Mi. 6. 11.

^h ch. 12. 7, 12, 18.

ⁱ a stone and a stone.

^j an ephah and an ephah.

^k Ex. 20. 12.

^l Le. 27. 30.

^m Na. 18. 24.

ⁿ ch. 14. 28, 29.

^o Pr. 11. 1.

^p 1 Th. 4. 6.

^q Ex. 17. 8.

^r Ps. 36. 1.

^s Pr. 16. 6.

^t Ro. 3. 18.

^u 1 Sa. 15. 3.

^v Ps. 18. 21.

^w 26. 1, 3, 6.

^x Ac. 24. 16.

^y 1 Th. 2. 10.

^z 1 Jno. 3. 17.

^{aa} Ps. 119. 141.

^{ab} 153, 176.

^{ac} Le. 7. 20.

^{ad} 21. 1, 11.

^{ae} Ho. 9. 4.

^{af} Ex. 17. 14.

^{ag} Is. 63. 15.

^{ah} Zec. 2. 13.

^{ai} ch. 16. 10.

^{aj} Ex. 23. 19.

^{ak} 34. 26.

^{al} Nu. 18. 13.

^{am} Pr. 3. 9.

^{an} ch. 12. 5.

^{ao} 2 Ch. 5. 6.

^{ap} Ex. 20. 19.

^{aq} Ps. 105. 9.

^{ar} 11.

^{as} Lu. 1. 72, 73.

^{at} He. 6. 16, 18.

^{au} ch. 7. 6.

^{av} 14. 2.

^{aw} 28. 9.

^{ax} Ex. 6. 7.

^{ay} 19. 5, 6.

^{az} Ps. 148. 14.

^{ba} Ho. 12. 12.

^{bb} Ge. 43. 1, 2.

^{bc} 45. 7, 11.

^{bd} Ge. 46. 1, 6.

^{be} Ac. 7. 15.

^{bf} 1 Pe. 2. 9.

^{bg} ch. 10. 22.

^{bh} Ge. 46. 27.

^{bi} Ex. 1. 11, 14.

^{bj} Ex. 2. 23, 25.

^{bk} 3. 9.

^{bl} 4. 31.

^{bm} Jos. 1. 11.

^{bn} 4. 1, &c.

^{bo} Ex. 12. 37, 51.

^{bp} 13. 3, 14.

^{bq} Ps. 106. 7.

^{br} 10.

^{bs} Is. 63. 12.

outstretched arm, and ^c with great terrible-ness, and with signs, and with wonders.

9 And he hath brought us into this place and hath given us this land, even ^d a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt see it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:

11 And ^e thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.

12 "When thou hast made an end of tithing all the ^f tithes of thine increase the third year, which is ^g the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

13 Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: ^h "I have not transgressed thy commandments, ⁱ neither have I forgotten them:

14 I ^j have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away ^k ought thereof for any unclean use, nor given ^l ought thereof for the dead: but have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, and have done according to a that thou hast commanded me.

15 Look ^m down from thy holy habitation from heaven, and bless thy people Israel and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

16 "This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with ⁿ thy soul.

17 Thou hast ^o avouched the LORD thy God to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, as to hearken unto his voice:

18 And ^p the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldst keep all his commandments;

19 And to make thee ^q high above all nations which he hath made, in praise and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be ^r an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

CHAP. XXVII.

AND Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep the commandments which I command you this day.

2 And it shall be on the day ^s when shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee that thou shalt set thee up great stones and plaister them with plaister:

13. *divers weights*, 'a stone and a stone': stones even of the same size weighing differently, nothing is more easy than to cheat, when stones and not metal are used as weights.

CHAP. XXVI.—5. *a Syrian ready to perish*, rather, in allusion to his nomadic life, 'a wandering Syrian.'

—Boothroyd. 13. *hallowed*, devoted to holy use. 14. *in my mourning*, all bread then eaten was *leavened*, for the dead, as the heathen did in honour dead friends and heroes.

CHAP. XXVII.—2. *plaister them*, many countries are given on this passage. The Egypt

And ^a thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

Therefore it shall be when ye be gone over Jordan, that ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaster them with plaster.

And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones: ^b thou shalt not lift up any iron upon them.

Thou shalt build the altar of the LORD thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD thy God:

And thou shalt offer peace offerings, and shalt eat there, and rejoice before the LORD thy God.

And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

And Moses and the priests the Levites spake unto all Israel, saying, Take heed, and hearken, O Israel: ^c this day thou shalt become the people of the LORD thy God.

Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.

And Moses charged the people the same day, saying,

These shall stand ^d upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin:

And ^e these shall stand upon mount Ebal ^f to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

And ^g the Levites shall speak, and shall say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice,

Cursed ^h be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. ⁱ And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

Cursed ^j be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Cursed ^k be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Cursed ^l be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Cursed ^m be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

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^a 2 Co. 3. 23.

^b Le. 18. 8.

^c Le. 20. 15.

^d Le. 18. 9.

^e ch. 11. 29.

Jos. 8. 30.

33.

^f Le. 20. 14.

^g Ex. 20. 25.

^h Le. 24. 17.

ⁱ Nu. 35. 31.

^j Ex. 22. 7, 8.

^k Ex. 22. 12.

^l ch. 28. 15.

^m Ps. 119. 21.

ⁿ Je. 11. 3.

^o Ga. 3. 10.

^p Ex. 15. 26.

^q Le. 20. 3.

^r Is. 55. 2.

^s Ro. 6. 17, 18.

22.

^t Ro. 2. 7.

^u Zec. 1. 6.

^v Ju. 9. 7.

^w Ps. 128. 1, 4.

^x Ge. 39. 5.

^y Ge. 22. 17.

49. 25.

^z Ps. 107. 38.

127. 3.

^{aa} Pr. 10. 22.

^{ab} 1 Ti. 4. 8.

^{ac} ch. 11. 29.

^{ad} Jos. 8. 33.

^{ae} ^{for a cursing.}

^{af} ^{or, dough,}

^{ag} ^{or, kneading-}

^{ah} ^{trough.}

^{ai} ch. 35. 10.

^{aj} Da. 9. 11.

^{ak} Ps. 121. 8.

^{al} Ex. 20. 4, 23.

34. 17.

^{am} Le. 19. 4.

26. 1.

^{an} Is. 44. 9.

^{ao} Ho. 13. 2.

^{ap} 2 Sa. 22. 38.

41.

^{aq} Ps. 89. 23.

^{ar} Nu. 5. 22.

^{as} Je. 11. 5.

^{at} 1 Co. 14. 16.

^{au} Le. 25. 21.

^{av} Ex. 20. 12.

^{aw} Le. 19. 3.

^{ax} ^{or, barns.}

^{ay} Pr. 3. 10.

^{az} ch. 15. 10.

^{ba} Pr. 22. 28.

^{bb} Ex. 19. 5, 6.

^{bc} Le. 19. 14.

^{bd} Ex. 22. 21, 22.

^{be} Mal. 3. 5.

^{bf} Nu. 6. 27.

^{bg} 2 Ch. 7. 11.

Is. 63. 19.

^{bh} Da. 9. 18, 19.

^{bi} ch. 11. 25.

^{bj} Pr. 10. 22.

20 Cursed ^b be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen.

21 Cursed ^c be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen.

22 Cursed ^d be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

23 Cursed ^e be he that lieth with his mother in law. And all the people shall say, Amen.

24 Cursed ^f be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen.

25 Cursed ^g be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.

26 Cursed ^h be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND it shall come to pass, ^a if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe ^b and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God ^c will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and ^d overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

3 Blessed ^e shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be ^f in the field.

4 Blessed shall be ^g the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the walk of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

6 Blessed ^h shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

7 The LORD ⁱ shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

8 The LORD shall ^j command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou ^k settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

9 The ^l LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art ^m called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be ⁿ afraid of thee.

11 And ^o the LORD shall make thee

and may however help to explain it: 'The wall was covered with a thick layer of fine plaster, consisting of lime and gypsum, which was carefully smoothed and polished. Upon this a thin coat of white-wash was laid, and on it the colours were painted, which were bound fast either with animal glue, or occasionally with wax.' This plaster is new, and the colours are fresh after three thousand years. 3. the words, most probably allude to the blessings and curses, as the Jews understand it. 5. altar, the brazen altar was, in general, only to be used, but in this case, they were to renew the covenant by sacrifice. 12. these shall stand upon, or near. 13. these, &c. the priests pronounced the

blessings and curses in the valley, and the tribes responded Amen on Gerizim to the one, and on Ebal to the other. The valley dividing the two mountains is about a furlong broad, so that from hill to hill the voices could be distinctly heard. to bless, rather, for the blessings. to curse, for the curses. 15. Amen, 'so be it': signifying a solemn assent. 20. confirmeth not, rather, 'that continueth not to perform.'

CHAP. XXVIII. — 1. this day, i.e. at this time. 5. basket, may mean the travelling basket. store, or dough, having plenty of fruit and bread. 6. comest in — goest out, denote affairs at home and abroad. 7. seven ways, i.e. many ways.

plenteous * in goods, in the fruit of thy ^g body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven ^d to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and ^e to bless all the work of thine hand: and ^f thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

13 And the LORD shall make thee ^h the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

14 And ^m thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 ⁿ But it shall come to pass, ^o if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

17 Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.

18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

20 The LORD shall send upon thee ^q cursing, ^r vexation, and ^s rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto ^t for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

21 The LORD shall make ^u the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

22 The ^v LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the ^w sword, and with ^x blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

23 And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.

24 The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

25 The ^y LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and ^z shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

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^a or, for good
1 Sa. 17. 44, 46.

Ps. 79. 2.
Je. 7. 33.

^b belly.
Ex. 9. 9.

^c 1 Sa. 5. 6.
Ps. 78. 66.

^d Le. 26. 4.
e ch. 14. 29.

^f ch. 15. 6.
g Je. 4. 9.

^h Is. 9. 14, 15.
i Job 5. 14.

^j Is. 59. 10.
k Job 31. 10.

^l Je. 8. 10.
Job 31. 8.

^m Je. 12. 13.
Am. 5. 11.

ⁿ Mi. 6. 15.
Zep. 1. 13.

^o ch. 5. 32.
ch. 20. 6.

^p profane, or,
use it as common meat, as ch. 20. 6.

^q Le. 26. 14.
La. 2. 17.

^r Da. 9. 11, 13.
Mal. 2. 2.

^s shall not return to thee.
Ps. 119. 82.

^t Je. 5. 17.
Mal. 2. 2.

^u 1 Sa. 14. 20.
Zec. 14. 13.

^v Ps. 60. 17.
Is. 30. 17.

^w 51. 20.
66. 15.

^x which thou wouldst do
2 Ki. 17. 4, 6.

^y 24. 12, 14.
25. 7, 11.

^z Ch. 33. 11.
36. 20.

^a Je. 24. 10.
y Je. 16. 13.

^b 1 Ki. 9. 7, 8.
Je. 24. 9.

^c 25. 9.
Zec. 8. 13.

^d Ps. 44. 14.
b Le. 26. 16.

^e Mi. 6. 15.
Hag. 1. 6.

^f or, drought
d Am. 4. 9.

^g Joel 1. 4.
f Is. 30. 17.

^h they shall not be thine
g La. 1. 5.

ⁱ Je. 15. 4.
24. 9.

^j Eze. 23. 46.
z for a removing.

^k or, possess.

26 And ^a thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away.

27 The LORD will smite thee with ^b the botch of Egypt, and with ^c the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

28 The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and ^e astonishment of heart:

29 And thou shalt ⁱ grope at noonday as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways; and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: ^j thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: ^k thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not ^l gather the grapes thereof.

31 Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and ^m shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them.

32 Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and ^p fail with longing for them all the day long: and there shall be no might in thine hand.

33 The ^q fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed away:

34 So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

35 The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

36 The LORD shall ^r bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy father have known; and there ^s shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

37 And thou shalt become ^t an astonishment, a proverb, ^u and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.

38 Thou ^v shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for ^w the locust shall consume it.

39 Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes; for the worm shall eat them.

40 Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit.

41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters; but ^x thou shalt not enjoy them; for ^y the shall go into captivity.

42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust ^z consume.

13. head, chief of all people. tail, vassals. 20. cursing, vexation, according to the original, denote grievous calamities, by an allusion to different ulcerations on the body; and rebuke, the utter helplessness resulting from such sores. 22. consumption, rather, 'a consuming disorder.' blasting, by pestilential winds. 23. thy heaven, in Judea. brass, Lev. xxvi. 19, note. 24. powder, &c. the land in this state in the East becomes distressing, the dust rising in vast and burning clouds, and endangering human life. 26. carcase—meat, the want of burial was deemed a great calamity.

27. botch, supposed the elephantiasis, a leprosy. em-
rods, 'piles,' scab, probably a malignant scurvy. it
itch, this is very malignant in the East. 29. grope, &c.
proverbial for great perturbation of mind, not know-
ing what to do. 36. thy king, &c. fulfilled, 2 Ki.
xxiv. 15; xxv. 6, 7. 37. an astonishment, &c., the
subject of wonder, scorn, and contempt. 38. mu-
seed, &c.: see Isa. li. 19; Jer. xiv. 1—3. 41. in
captivity, 2 Kin. vii. 2; xiv. 26; xv. 37. 42. tree
&c.: see 2 Kin. vii.; xiii. 20; xxiv. 2; 2 Chron. xxvii.
5; Jer. xli. 12; xiv. 1; Joel i. 10, &c.

43 The stranger that is within thee shall
 stand up above thee very high; and thou
 shalt come down very low.
 44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt
 not lend to him: ^a he shall be the head,
 and thou shalt be the tail.
 45 Moreover all these curses shall come
 upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and
 overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; be-
 cause thou hearkenedst not unto the voice
 of the LORD thy God, to keep his com-
 mandments and his statutes which he
 commanded thee:
 46 And they shall be upon thee ^d for a
 sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed
 for ever.
 47 Because ^f thou servedst not the LORD
 thy God with joyfulness, and with glad-
 ness of heart, ^g for the abundance of all
 things;
 48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine ene-
 mies which the LORD shall send against
 thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in
 nakedness, and in want of all things:
 and he ^k shall put a yoke of iron upon thy
 neck, until he have destroyed thee.
 49 The ^l LORD shall bring a nation
 against thee from far, from the end of the
 earth, ^m as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation
 whose tongue thou shalt not understand;
 50 A nation of fierce countenance,
 which shall not regard the person of the
 old, nor shew favour to the young:
 51 And he shall ⁿ eat the fruit of thy
 field, and the fruit of thy land, until thou
 be destroyed: which also shall not leave
 thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the in-
 crease of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep,
 until he have destroyed thee.
 52 And he shall ^o besiege thee in all thy
 cities, until thy high and fenced walls come
 down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout
 all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in
 all thy gates throughout all thy land,
 which the LORD thy God hath given thee.
 53 And ^p thou shalt eat the fruit of thine
 own body, the flesh of thy sons and of
 thy daughters, which the LORD thy God
 hath given thee, in the siege, and in the
 straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall
 stress thee:
 54 So that the man that is tender among
 men, and very delicate, ^q his eye shall be
 evil toward his brother, and toward ^r the
 wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant
 of his children which he shall leave:
 55 So that he will not give to any of
 them of the flesh of his children whom he
 shall eat: because he hath nothing left
 in the siege, and in the straitness,
 wherewith thine enemies shall distress
 thee in all thy gates.
 56 The tender and ^s delicate woman
 among you, which would not adventure
 to set the sole of her foot upon the ground
 for delicateness and tenderness, her eye
 shall be evil toward the husband of her
 son, and toward her son, and toward
 her daughter,
 57 And toward her young one that
 smeth out ^t from between her feet, and
 toward her children which she shall bear:

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^a La. 1. 5.
^b Ex. 6. 3.
^c Da. 9. 12.
^d Is. 8. 18.
^e Eze. 14. 8.
^f ch. 7. 15.
^g Ne. 9. 35. 37.
^h ch. 32. 15.
ⁱ cause to ascend.
^j ch. 4. 27.
^k ch. 10. 22.
^l Ne. 9. 23.
^m Je. 23. 14.
ⁿ Je. 5. 15.
^o 6. 22, 23.
^p Lu. 19. 43.
^q ch. 30. 9.
^r Je. 32. 41.
^s Je. 48. 40.
^t 49. 22.
^u La. 4. 19.
^v Eze. 17. 3, 12.
^w Ho. 8. 1.
^x Pr. 1. 26.
^y Is. 1. 24.
^z hear.
^{aa} strong of face.
^{ab} Pr. 7. 13.
^{ac} Ec. 8. 1.
^{ad} Da. 8. 23.
^{ae} 2 Ch. 36. 17.
^{af} Is. 47. 6.
^{ag} ch. 4. 27, 28.
^{ah} Le. 26. 33.
^{ai} Ne. 1. 8.
^{aj} Je. 16. 13.
^{ak} Is. 1. 7.
^{al} 62. 8.
^{am} Ge. 8. 9.
^{an} Is. 57. 21.
^{ao} Am. 9. 4.
^{ap} 2 Ki. 25. 1.
^{aq} 2. 4.
^{ar} Le. 26. 36.
^{as} Le. 26. 16.
^{at} Le. 26. 29.
^{au} 2 Ki. 6. 28, 29.
^{av} Je. 19. 9.
^{aw} La. 2. 20.
^{ax} 4. 10.
^{ay} belly.
^{az} Job 7. 4.
^{ba} ch. 15. 9.
^{bb} ch. 13. 6.
^{bc} 2 Sa. 12. 3.
^{bd} Mi. 7. 5.
^{be} Je. 43. 7.
^{bf} Ho. 8. 13.
^{bg} 9. 3.
^{bh} ch. 17. 16.
^{bi} Is. 3. 16.
^{bj} La. 4. 3. 6.
^{bk} ch. 5. 2. 3.
^{bl} Ex. 19. 4.
^{bm} after-birth.
^{bn} Ge. 49. 10.
^{bo} ch. 4. 34.
^{bp} 7. 19.
^{bq} Ex. 9. 20, 21.
^{br} 10. 7.
^{bs} Ne. 9. 9. 11.

for she shall eat them for want of all
 things secretly in the siege and straitness,
 wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee
 in thy gates.

58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the
 words of this law that are written in this
 book, that thou mayest fear this ^b glorious
 and fearful name, THE LORD THY
 GOD;

59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues
 wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed,
 even great plagues, and of long con-
 tinuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long
 continuance.

60 Moreover he will bring upon thee all
 the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast
 afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

61 Also every sickness, and every plague,
 which is not written in the book of this
 law, them will the LORD ^c bring upon
 thee, until thou be destroyed.

62 And ye ^d shall be left few in number,
 whereas ye were ^e as the stars of heaven
 for multitude; because thou wouldest not
 obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

63 And it shall come to pass, that as
 the LORD ^f rejoiced over you to do you
 good, and to multiply you; so the LORD
 will rejoice over you to destroy you, and
 to bring you to nought; and ye shall be
 plucked from off the land whither thou
 goest to possess it.

64 And the LORD ^g shall scatter thee
 among all people, from the one end of the
 earth even unto the other; and there thou
 shalt serve other gods, which neither thou
 nor thy fathers have known, even wood
 and stone.

65 And among these nations ^h shalt
 thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of
 thy foot have rest: ⁱ but the LORD shall
 give thee there a trembling heart, and
 failing of eyes, and ^j sorrow of mind:

66 And thy life shall hang in doubt
 before thee; and thou shalt fear day and
 night, and shalt have none assurance of
 thy life:

67 In ^k the morning thou shalt say,
 Would God it were even! and at even thou
 shalt say, Would God it were morning!
 for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou
 shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes
 which thou shalt see.

68 And the LORD ^l shall bring thee
 into Egypt again with ships, by the way
 whereof I spake unto thee, ^m and Thou shalt
 see it no more again: and there ye shall be
 sold unto your enemies for bondmen and
 bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.

CHAP. XXIX.

THESE are the words of the covenant,
 which the LORD commanded Moses to
 make with the children of Israel in the
 land of Moab, beside ⁿ the covenant which
 he made with them in Horeb.

1 And Moses called unto all Israel, and
 said unto them, ^o Ye have seen all that
 the LORD did before your eyes in the land
 of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his
 servants, and unto all his land;

3 The great ^p temptations which thine

^a a nation, &c. the Romans. 52. thy fenced, &c. fulfilled by Titus. 53. eat, &c. fulfilled, 2 Kin. vi. 25, 28, & Lam. ii. 20; iv. 10. 62. left few, the Jews lost in their last wars equal to the number of men in the time of David. 68. into Egypt, might mean another state of slavery, but those above seventeen years of

age were sent thither by Titus. and no man, &c. rather, 'until there be no man to buy you.' The markets were so glutted that men would not even have them as slaves, and they perished in prison, or in making sports in the theatres.

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eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles:

4 Yet ^a the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

5 And ^c I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

6 Ye ^e have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink: that ye might know that I *am* the LORD your God.

7 And when ye came unto this place, ^f Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them:

8 And we took their land, and ^g gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh.

9 Keep ^h therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

10 ⁱ Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel,

11 Your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger that is in thy camp, from ^m the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water:

12 That thou shouldst ^t enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and ⁿ into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day:

13 That he may ^o establish thee to day for a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, ^r as he hath said unto thee, and ^s as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

14 Neither with you only ^u do I make this covenant and this oath:

15 But with *him* that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, ^v and also with *him* that is not here with us this day:

16 (For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by;

17 And ye have seen their abominations, and their ^w idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which *were* among them:)

18 Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, ^x whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; ^y lest there should be among you a root that beareth ^z gall and wormwood;

19 And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk ^{aa} in the ^{ab} imagination of mine heart, ^{ac} to add ^{ad} drunkenness to thirst:

20 The LORD will not spare him, but then ^{ae} the anger of the LORD and his

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^a Is. 6. 9. 10. 63. 17.

^b Jno. 8. 43.

^c Ac. 28. 26. 27.

^d Ep. 4. 18.

^e 2 Th. 2. 11, 12.

^f ch. 9. 14.

^g ch. 8. 2. 4.

^h Mat. 24. 51.

ⁱ ^{is written}.

^j Ex. 16. 12.

^k Ps. 78. 24, 25.

^l Nu. 21. 23, 24.

^m 33.

ⁿ ^{wherewith the LORD}

^o hath made it sick.

^p Je. 17. 6.

^q Zep. 2. 9.

^r Nu. 32. 33.

^s Ge. 19. 24, 25.

^t Je. 20. 16.

^u 1 Ki. 2. 3.

^v 1 Ki. 9. 8, 9.

^w Jos. 9. 21, 23.

^x 27.

^y ^{pass}.

^z ^{or, who}

^{aa} ^{had not}

^{ab} ^{given to}

^{ac} ^{them any}

^{ad} ^{portion}.

^{ae} ^{divided}.

^{af} ^{No. 10. 29.}

^{ag} ^{ch. 28. 9.}

^{ah} ^{Da. 9. 11, 13.}

^{ai} ^{14.}

^{aj} ^{Ex. 6. 7.}

^{ak} ^{Ge. 17. 7.}

^{al} ^{1 Ki. 14. 15.}

^{am} ^{2 Ch. 7. 20.}

^{an} ^{Pr. 2. 22.}

^{ao} ^{Je. 31. 31. 33.}

^{ap} ^{He. 8. 7. 8.}

^{aq} ^{Ac. 2. 39.}

^{ar} ^{1 Co. 7. 14.}

^{as} ^{Le. 26. 40.}

^{at} ^{ch. xxviii.}

^{au} ^{things}

^{av} ^{are}

^{aw} ^{1 Ki. 8. 47, 48.}

^{ax} ^{Is. 55. 7.}

^{ay} ^{La. 3. 40.}

^{az} ^{Joel 2. 12, 13.}

^{ba} ^{ch. 11. 16.}

^{bb} ^{Ac. 8. 23.}

^{bc} ^{He. 12. 15.}

^{bd} ^{or, a}

^{be} ^{poisonful}

^{bf} ^{herb.}

^{bg} ^{Ps. 106. 45.}

^{bh} ^{126. 1. A.}

^{bi} ^{Je. 29. 14.}

^{bj} ^{La. 3. 22, 32.}

^{bk} ^{Ps. 147. 2.}

^{bl} ^{Ec. 11. 9.}

^{bm} ^{or, stub-}

^{bn} ^{bornness.}

^{bo} ^{Je. 3. 17.}

^{bp} ^{7. 24.}

^{bq} ^{Is. 30. 1.}

^{br} ^{the drunk-}

^{bs} ^{en to the}

^{bt} ^{thirsty.}

^{bu} ^{Ne. 1. 9.}

^{bv} ^{Ps. 74. 1.}

^{bw} ^{1.}

jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him. and the LORD ^b shall blot out his name from under heaven.

21 And the LORD shall ^d separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that ^e are written in this book of the law:

22 So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses ^f which the LORD hath laid upon it;

23 And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, ^g and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, ⁱ like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath:

24 Even all nations shall say, ^j Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what *meaneth* the heat of this great anger?

25 Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt:

26 For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and ^k whom he had not ^l given unto them:

27 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, ^p to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book:

28 And the LORD ^r rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.

29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

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AND ^a it shall come to pass, when ^b all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and ^c thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

2 And shalt ^d return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

3 That ^e then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and ^f gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

4 If ^g any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

this was the same covenant, but renewed. 4. *not given you*. &c. permitted them to continue in stupidity and blindness of heart. 5. *your clothes*, &c., chap. viii. 4, note. 6. *bread*, &c. supplied in a common way, but manna. 11. *the hewer*, &c. the meanest servant, Josh. ix. 27. 15. *not here*, thy posterity. 18. *a roof*, &c. means one tainted with evil principles. *gall and wormwood*, emblems of error and wickedness. 19. *add drunkenness*, &c. proverbial for unrestrained

indulgence of the appetites and passions. 20. *shall smoke*, a figure of great indignation. Ps. lxxiv. 1. 23. *brimstone*, &c. terms expressive of barrenness: see Isa. xxvii. 9; Jer. xvii. 6. 28. *another land*, the ten tribes were cast into Assyria; the two tribes into Chaldaea. 29. *secret things*, &c. this was a prohibition against curiosity as to the time and circumstances here predicted, and an exhortation to avoid the evils by obedience to God's laws.

5 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

6 And ^g the LORD thy God will circumscribe thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

8 And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.

9 And ^h the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, and in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:

10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, ⁱ to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

11 ^j For this commandment which I command thee this day, ^k it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

12 It ^l is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

15 ^m See, ⁿ I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them:

18 I ^o denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

19 I ^p call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

20 That thou mayest ^q love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto

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^a Ps. 27. 1.

66. 9.

Jno. 11. 25.

^b ch. 10. 16.

Je. 32. 39.

Eze. 11. 19.

36. 26.

Jno. 3. 3. 7.

Ro. 2. 28. 29.

2 Co. 5. 17.

Col. 2. 11.

^c ch. 34. 7.

Ex. 7. 7.

^d Nu. 27. 17.

1 Ki. 3. 7.

^e ch. 3. 27.

Nu. 20. 12.

27. 13.

^f ch. 9. 3.^g ch. 23. 11.^h ch. 3. 28.

Nu. 27. 21.

ⁱ ch. 3. 21.^k Nu. 21. 24. 33.^l ch. 23. 63.

Je. 32. 41.

^m ch. 7. 2.ⁿ 1 Co. 7. 19.^o Jos. 10. 25.

1 Ch. 22. 13.

^p ch. 1. 29.

7. 18.

^q ch. 20. 4.^r Jos. 1. 5.

He. 13. 5.

^s Is. 45. 19.^t Jno. 3. 13.

Ro. 10. 6. &c.

^u ch. 1. 38.

3. 28.

^v Jos. 1. 6.^w ch. 9. 3.

Ex. 13. 21. 22.

33. 14.

^y Jos. 1. 5. 9.

1 Ch. 23. 20.

^z ch. 17. 18.^a ch. 11. 26.

Jno. 3. 16.

Ga. 3. 13. 14.

5. 6.

^b Nu. 4. 15.

Jos. 3. 3.

1 Ch. 15. 12.

15.

^c ch. 15. 1.^d Le. 23. 34.^e ch. 16. 16.^f Jos. 8. 21. 35.

2 Ki. 23. 2.

Ne. 8. 1. 3.

&c.

^g ch. 4. 10.^h ch. 8. 19.

Jos. 23. 15. 16.

ⁱ ch. 4. 26.

31. 28.

^k ch. 11. 2.^l Ps. 78. 6. 7.^m Mat. 22. 37.

Ro. 8. 28.

1 Co. 8. 3.

Ja. 1. 12.

2. 5.

1 Jno. 4. 7.

16. 19.

5. 3. 4.

ⁿ Nu. 27. 13.

him: for he is thy ^a life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

CHAP. XXXI.

AND Moses went and spake these words unto all Israel.

2 And he said unto them, I ^a am an hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more ^b go out and come in: also the LORD hath said unto me, ^c Thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

3 The LORD thy God, ^d he will go over before thee, and he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them: and Joshua, he shall go over before thee, ^e as the LORD hath said.

4 And ^f the LORD shall do unto thee ^g as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them, whom he destroyed.

5 And ^h the LORD shall give them up before your face, that ye may do unto them according unto all the commandments which I have commanded you.

6 Be ⁱ strong and of a good courage, ^j fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, ^k he it is that doth go with thee; ^l he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

7 ^m And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, ⁿ Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.

8 And the LORD, ^o he it is that doth go before thee; ^p he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

9 ^q And Moses wrote this law, ^r and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, ^s which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel.

10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of ^t every seven years, in the solemnity of the ^u year of release, ^v in the feast of tabernacles,

11 When all Israel is come to ^w appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, ^x thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

12 Gather ^y the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:

13 And ^z that their children, ^a which have not known any thing, ^b may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

14 ^c And the LORD said unto Moses, ^d Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present your-

above thy comprehension. 14. word, commandment. ^e high, easily attained and understood. In thy mouth, familiar enough to be a subject of conversation. 18. denounce, solemnly proclaim. 19. life and death, the consequence of obedience and disobedience.

CHAP. XXXI.—2. I can no more, not owing to physical incapacity, but he was shortly to leave the world. 9. this law, the five books of Moses, or

CHAP. XXX.—5. bring thee into the land, some think this was fulfilled by Cyrus; others imagine that it yet remains completely to be fulfilled, for as the threatenings were literally accomplished, so also will the promises be; and others conceive that the land is heaven or the church, and that the words are a prophecy of the final restoration of the Jews, or their conversion to the Messiah. 11. this commandment, the revelation they had received. not hidden, not

selves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And ^b the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.

16 ^c And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt ^d sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and ^e go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will ^f forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and ^g I will forsake them, and I will ^h hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall ⁱ befall them; so that they will say in that day, ^j Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is ^k not among us?

18 And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.

19 Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel.

20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swear unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, ^l and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.

21 And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify ^m against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for ⁿ I know their imagination ^o which they ^p go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swear.

22 ^q Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.

23 And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, ^r Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swear unto them: and I will be with thee.

24 ^s And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished,

25 That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

26 Take this book of the law, ^t and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of

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^a Ex. 32. 9.

^b Ex. 33. 9.

^c *lie down.*

^d Sa. 7. 12.

^e Ju. 2. 17.

^f Ho. 9. 9.

^g Ju. 10. 6, 13.

^h Ge. 49. 1.

ⁱ 2 Ch. 15. 2.

^j Ps. 104. 29.

^k Is. 8. 17.

^l 64. 7.

^m Eze. 39. 23.

ⁿ *And them.*

^o Ju. 6. 13.

^p Nu. 14. 42.

^q Ps. 50. 4.

^r Is. 1. 2.

^s Je. 2. 12.

^t Is. 55. 10, 11.

^u 1 Co. 3. 6. 8.

^v Ps. 72. 6.

^w Mi. 5. 7.

^x 1 Ch. 29. 11.

^y 2 Sa. 22. 3.

^z Ps. 18. 246.

^{aa} Hab. 1. 12.

^{ab} Je. 10. 10.

^{ac} Job 34. 10.

^{ad} Ps. 92. 15.

^{ae} Ne. 9. 25, 26.

^{af} *He hath corrupted to himself.*

^{ag} *or, that they are not his children, that is their blot.*

^{ah} *Mat. 17. 17.*

^{ai} *Phi. 2. 15.*

^{aj} *Ps. 116. 12.*

^{ak} *before.*

^{al} *Is. 63. 16.*

^{am} *Ps. 74. 2.*

^{an} *Ho. 5. 3.*

^{ao} *13. 5. 6.*

^{ap} *a Is. 27. 11.*

^{aq} *Am. 5. 25, 26.*

^{ar} *do.*

^{as} *generation and generation.*

^{at} *Ps. 44. 1.*

^{au} *Zec. 9. 2.*

^{av} *Ac. 17. 28.*

^{aw} *Ge. 11. 8.*

^{ax} *f Jos. 1. 6.*

^{ay} *1 Sa. 10. 1.*

^{az} *cord.*

^{ba} *Je. 2. 6.*

^{bb} *or, compassed him about.*

^{bc} *Ps. 17. 8.*

^{bd} *Pr. 7. 2.*

^{be} *Zec. 2. 8.*

^{bf} *Is. 46. 4.*

^{bg} *Ho. 11. 3.*

^{bh} *2 Ki. 22. 8.*

the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy ^a stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?

28 ^b Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them.

29 For I know that after my death ye will utterly ^c corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

30 And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

CHAP. XXXII.

GIVE ^d ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

2 My ^e doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, ^f as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

3 Because ^g I will publish the name of the LORD: ^h ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 *He is* ⁱ the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: ^j a God of truth and ^k without iniquity, just and right is he.

5 ^l They have corrupted themselves, ^m their spot is not the spot of his children: ⁿ they are a ^o perverse and crooked generation.

6 Do ye thus ^p requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? ^q is not he ^r thy father that hath ^s bought thee? hath he not ^t made thee, and established thee?

7 ^u Remember the days of old, consider the years of ^v many generations: ^w ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

8 When the Most High ^x divided to the nations their inheritance, when he ^y separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

9 For ^z the LORD's portion ^{aa} is his people; Jacob is the ^{ab} lot of his inheritance.

10 He found him ^{ac} in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he ^{ad} led him about, he instructed him, he ^{ae} kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 As ^{af} an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:

perhaps their summary in Deuteronomy. 19. song, contained in the next chapter. 23. And he gave Joshua, &c. seems misplaced; might read after ver. 15. 26. in the side, rather, 'by the side,' for it contained but the stone tables, 1 Kin. viii. 9; 2 Chron. v. 10.

CHAP. XXXII.—2. doctrine, sentiment founded in eternal truth. speech, alludes to the admirable quality of the words. small rain, properly, sudden showers. profuse or continual rain; the doctrine should be refreshing and profitable as showers to the parched ground. 5. they have corrupted, &c. literally, 'his own children have corrupted themselves, by their pollution.'—Boothroyd.

spot, Dr. A. Clarke thinks this alludes to the marks of their gods, borne by idolaters. 6. father, owner. bought, redeemed from Egyptian bondage. made, i. e. advanced thee. 7. consider, &c. consult the most ancient records. 8. he separated, &c. as related Gen. x. 11. according to the number, he allotted a land large enough for Israel. 9. Lord's portion, &c. chosen as his inheritance and treasure from other nations, Exod. xix. 5; his portion out of the whole earth. 10. found, rather, 'sustained,' 'acquired,' by covenant in the wilderness. led him about, 'compassed him about,' i. e. protected him, instructed him, in his law. 11. an eagle, &c. so the black eagle provokes her young to fly, and catches them on her outstretched wings when their

So the LORD alone did lead him, and was no strange god with him.

He ^a made him ride on the high tops of the earth, that he might eat the flesh of the fields; and he made him suck ^b honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;

Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Ashan, and goats, ^c with the fat of ears of wheat; and thou didst drink pure blood of the grape.

But ^d Jeshurun waxed fat, and he ^e said: I thou art waxen fat, thou art thick, thou art covered with fat; then he ^f forsook God which ^g made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

They ^h provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations which they him to anger.

They ⁱ sacrificed unto devils, ^j not to gods; to gods whom they knew not, to gods which came newly up, whom their fathers feared not.

Of ^k the Rock that begat thee thou art mindful, and hast ^l forgotten God formed thee.

And when the LORD saw it, he was wroth, ^m because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.

And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.

They have moved me to jealousy, that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger ⁿ with their vanities, and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

For ^o a fire is kindled in mine anger, I shall burn unto the lowest hell, and will consume the earth with her iniquity, and set on fire the foundations of mountains.

I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them.

They shall be burnt with hunger, devoured with burning heat, and with destruction: I will also send the breath of beasts upon them, with the venom of serpents of the dust.

The ^p sword without, and terror within, shall ^q destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with him of gray hairs.

I said, I would scatter them into

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^a Is. 58. 14.

^b Je. 19. 4.

^c Job 29. 6.

^d or, Our

high hand,

and not

the LORD,

hath done.

^e Is. 27. 11.

^f Ps. 147. 14.

^g Lu. 19. 42.

^h Is. 47. 7.

ⁱ Is. 44. 2.

^j 1 Sa. 2. 29.

^k Je. 5. 7, 28.

^l Is. 1. 4.

^m Is. 51. 13.

ⁿ Ps. 44. 12.

^o 1 Sa. 2. 2.

^p 1 Ki. 14. 23.

^q 1 Sa. 4. 8.

^r or, worse

than, &c.

^s 1 Co. 10. 20.

^t or, which

were not

God, ver. 21

^u Is. 17. 10.

^v Ro. 3. 13.

^w Je. 2. 32.

^x Ro. 2. 5.

^y He. 10. 30.

^z or, despised

La. 2. 6.

^{aa} Is. 1. 2.

^{ab} Ps. 135. 14.

^{ac} Is. 30. 9.

^{ad} Mat. 17. 17.

^{ae} Joel 2. 14.

^{af} hand.

^{ag} Ac. 14. 15.

^{ah} Ro. 10. 19.

^{ai} Je. 15. 14.

^{aj} an hiding

for you.

^{ak} or, hath

burned.

^{al} Is. 41. 4.

^{am} or, hath

consumed.

^{an} Job 5. 18.

^{ao} burning

coals.

^{ap} Hab. 3. 5.

^{aq} Is. 1. 24.

^{ar} Je. 46. 10.

^{as} 2 Co. 7. 5.

^{at} from the

chambers.

^{au} bereave.

^{av} or, Praise

his people,

ye nations:

or, Sing ye.

^{aw} Ro. 15. 10.

corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men:

27 Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries ^b should behave themselves strangely, and lest they should say, ^c Our hand is high, and the LORD hath not done all this.

28 For they are a nation void of counsel, ^d neither is there any understanding in them.

29 O ^e that they were wise, that they understood this, ^f that they would consider their latter end!

30 How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock ^g had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

31 For ^h their rock is not as our Rock, ⁱ even our enemies themselves being judges.

32 For their vine is ^j of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter:

33 Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel ^k venom of asps.

34 Is not this ^l laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures?

35 To ^m me belongeth vengeance, and recompense; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

36 For ⁿ the LORD shall judge his people, ^o and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that ^p their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

37 And he shall say, Where are their gods, ^q their rock in whom they trusted,

38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be ^r your protection.

39 See now that ^s I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: ^t I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

40 For I lit up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; ^u I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

42 I will make mine arrows ^v drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

43 ^w Rejoice, O ye nations, with his

with fails them. 13. on the high places, gave paupers possession of a country full of fruitful

13. honey—oil—rock, even the rocky parts filled with wild bees and olive trees, whence honey and oil. 15. Jeshurun, a poetical name; the Arabic means 'one who prospers.' ^a fat, grew rich and prosperous. ^b kicked—lightly esteemed, rather, 'despised'; the rock is to a high-fed, ungovernable animal. ^c rock salvation, rocks were places of shelter and safety.

16. with strange, 'by others,' other sins, &c. 17. devils, demons. 19. abhorred, indignant.—Boothroyd. because of the provoking, &c. of the provocation of his children. 20. I &c. &c. take care that their end be such as their actions deserve. froward, perverse. faith, fidelity. 21. not a people, a people of no faith, sunk in ignorance and vice. a foolish man, serving idols, Rom. i. 21, 22. 22. fire, the element of wrath. the lowest hell, the deepest damnation. 23. arrows, judgments, Ps. xxxviii. 2,

&c. 27. were it not that I feared, were apprehensive the enemy in their pride would ascribe their ruin to their own power. 29. latter end, latter times, when judgment should come. 30. how should, 'how could.'—Boothroyd. 31. their rock, their confidence in their false gods. 32, 33. for their vine, &c. figurative, to describe Israel's wickedness. vine of Sodom, nightshade abounding round the sea of Sodom.—Michaelis. dragons, probably the lizards called gekko. 34. this, this vengeance, verse 35. sealed up, as records of importance, Jer. xxxii. 11. 36. shall judge, &c. some think that it means God will take vengeance, and act as one repenting that he ever chose such unfaithful servants; others think that it means he will appear for Israel when he has fully abused them. shut up, i. e. in their garrisons for defence. 38. which did eat, i. e. to which you offered. 39. make, 'preserve.'—Boothroyd. 40. lit up my hand, Gen. xiv. 22, note. 42. from the beginning of revenges, 'with flesh, from the hairy crown of the enemy.'—Boothroyd.

people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and ^a will be merciful unto his land, *and to his people.*

44 ^a And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and ^a Hoshea the son of Nun.

45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel:

46 And he said unto them, ^d Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.

47 For it is not a vain thing for you; ^a because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong *your* days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

48 And ~~the~~ LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying,

49 Get thee up into this ⁱ mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho: and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession:

50 And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as ^a Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people:

51 Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel.

52 Yet ^a thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXXIII.

AND this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

2 And he said, ^a The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ^a ten thousands of saints: from his right hand *went* ^a a fiery law for them.

3 Yea, ^a he loved the people; ^a all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; *every one* shall ^a receive of thy words.

4 Moses ^b commanded us a law, *even* the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

5 And he was ^a king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people and the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

6 ^a Let ^a Reuben live, and not die; and let not his men be few.

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^a Ps. 85. 1.

^b Ex. 28. 30.

^c or, Joshua.

^c Ex. 17. 7.

^d Ps. 81. 7.

^d Eze. 40. 4.

^e Ch. 17. 17.

^f Job 37. 24.

^f Ex. 32. 26.

^g Ge. 18. 18.

^h Mal. 2. 5, 6.

^h Ro. 10. 5.

ⁱ or, Let them teach, &c.

ⁱ Eze. 44. 23.

^j Mal. 2. 7.

^k or, let them put incense

^l at thy nose

^m Ps. 51. 19.

ⁿ 2 Sa. 24. 23.

^o Ps. 20. 3.

^p Eze. 20. 40, 41.

^q Nu. 33. 47, 48.

^r Nu. 20. 25, 28.

^s Ge. 27. 28.

^t or, strife at Kadesh.

^u thrust.

^v moons.

^w Nu. 27. 12.

^x Hab. 3. 6.

^y Ex. 3. 2. 4.

^z Ac. 7. 30, 35.

^{aa} Ju. 5. 4, 5.

^{ab} Hab. 3. 3.

^{ac} 1 Ch. 5. 1.

^{ad} Na. 23. 22.

^{ae} Ps. 92. 10.

^{af} Ps. 68. 17.

^{ag} Da. 7. 10.

^{ah} Ac. 7. 53.

^{ai} Ga. 3. 19.

^{aj} He. 2. 2.

^{ak} ^a an unicorn

^{al} 1 Ki. 22. 11.

^{am} Ps. 44. 5.

^{an} ^a a fire of law.

^{ao} Ho. 11. 1.

^{ap} Mal. 1. 2.

^{aq} 1 Sa. 2. 9.

^{ar} Ps. 50. 5.

^{as} Pr. 2. 1.

^{at} Jno. 1. 17.

^{au} 7. 19.

^{av} Is. 2. 3.

^{aw} Ps. 4. 5.

^{ax} Ja. 9. 2.

^{ay} Ge. 49. 3. 27.

^{az} 1 Ch. 12. 8.

^{ba} &c.

7 ^a And this is the blessing of Judah, and he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and let him have an help to him from his enemies.

8 ^a And of Levi he said, ^b Let the Thummim and the Urim be with thy beloved, ^c whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah;

9 Who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not ^a seen him: neither did he acknowledge his brethren, neither knew his own children: for ^a they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant.

10 ^a They shall ^a teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: ^a they shall put incense ^a before thee, and who burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.

11 Bless, LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands: smite through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

12 ^a And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the LORD shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

13 ^a And of Joseph he said, Blessed be the LORD be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for ^a the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,

14 And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things ^a put forth by the ^a moon,

15 And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills,

16 And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of ^a him that dwelt in the bush: let thy blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him ^a the was separated from his brethren.

17 His glory is like the ^a firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like ^a the horns of unicorns: with them ^a he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth, and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasse.

18 ^a And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice Zebulun, in thy going out; and, Issachar in thy tents.

19 They shall ^a call the people unto the mountain; there ^a they shall offer sacrifice of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand.

20 ^a And of Gad he said, Blessed be he that ^a enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion

CHAP. XXXIII.—2. *came from Sinai*, manifested his glory there. Exod. xix. 18, 20; Hab. iii. 3. *from Paran*, as appears from Judg. v. 4. *ten thousands of saints*, the Holy One came with multitudes.—*Boothroyd*, a most excellent rendering.—Ed. 3. *all his saints*, &c. *Boothroyd* renders this from the versions, 'all his hallowed ones he blessed: they sat down at his feet, and they received of his words.' 5. *king*, chief, leader, guide. 6. *live, and not die*, i. e. truly live and prosper. *let not his men*, *Boothroyd* reads from the versions, 'and Simson, let not his men be few.' 7. *bring him*, &c. from battle bring him back in safety. 8. *Thummim*, &c.: see Exod. xxviii. 30, note. Let the high priest ever be upright and of understanding. *holy one*, consecrated to his office. *prove at Massah*, &c. where the Lord suffered the children of Israel to murmur against him and Moses—or prophetically, Messiah the Holy One, with whom Levi and the tribes strove, &c.: compare Exod. xvii. 7, with 1 Cor. x. 9.

9. *Who said*, &c.—*I have not seen him*, 'I regard the not,' *Boothroyd*; this refers to what the Levites did to the worshippers of the golden calf. Exod. xxxii. 26–28. 12. *shoulders*, or borders, so translate Numb. xxvii. 11. 13. *for the precious things of heaven*, 'with the precious dew of the heavens.' *Boothroyd*, deep, springs. 14. *put forth by the moon*, produced by the moisture of the night. 15. *chief things*, &c. perhaps precious ore. 16. *things of the earth*, its oaks, pasturage, and cattle fed on it. 17. *like the firstling*, &c. or the strongest bull, an emblem of the most powerful unicorns, 'the rhinoceros and they are,' these are, &c. 18. *thy going on*, 'thy commerce.'—*Boothroyd*. *in thy tents*, Issachar followed agriculture and manufactures at home. 19. *call*, invite. *people*, Gentiles. *mountain*, of God's house. *suck*, &c. grow rich by trading. *treasures hid*, &c. some think allude to the vitreous sand, the mouth of the Belus, of which was made glass. 20.

teareth the arm with the crown of steel.

And he provided the first part for self, because there, *in a portion of the river, was he* seated; and *he* came to the heads of the people, he executed justice of the LORD, and his judgments Israel.

And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's up: he shall leap from Bashan.

And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favour, and full with blessing of the LORD: *possess thou west and the south.*

And of Asher he said, *Let Asher be satisfied with children; let him be accepted to his brethren, and let him dip his in oil.*

Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

There is none like unto the God of Huron, who rideth upon the heaven in help, and in his excellency on the sky.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and shall thrust out the enemy from before; and shall say, Destroy them.

Israel *then* shall dwell in safety: he: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon and of corn and wine; also his *be* shall drop down dew.

Happy art thou, O Israel: who ke unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; thou shalt tread upon their high places.

CHAP. XXXIV.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho.

lion, secure and fearless. *teareth the arm the crown*, subdues the strength of his foes and chiefs. 21. *provided the first part*, &c. he gave a prime part, or first chose his portion, Numb. 31. 1. *in a portion of the laughing*, bestowed by him; the other portions were divided by Joshua. 22. *with, &c. over Jordan* to aid in conquering Canaan. 22. *lion's whelp*, active and courageous. *leap, spring like a lion* on his prey, 'like such leap from Bashan;' the inheritance of this tribe not in Bashan, though near it. 23. *full with blessing*, &c. having a fertile and plentiful territory. *the west and the south*, 'the sea coast and south.' Their inheritance was bounded by the Red Sea of Merom and Chinnereth, and lay to the south

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a Ge. 14. 14.
e cieled.
b Jos. 4. 12.
c Ge. 12. 7.
d ch. 3. 27.
e Jos. 19. 32.
f Jos. 1. 1, 2.
g Job 29. 6.

† or, Under thy shoes shall be iron.
h Jude 9.
i Ps. 86. 8.
j Je. 10. 6.
k Ps. 68. 4, 23, 34.
l Hab. 3. 8.
m Jos. 14. 10, 11.
n Ps. 90. 1.
o moisture.
p fed.
q Ge. 50. 3, 10.
r Nu. 20. 29.
s Nu. 23. 9.
t Je. 23. 6.
u Ps. 33. 16.
v Ge. 27. 28.
w Is. 11. 2.
x Da. 6. 3.
y Nu. 27. 18, 23.
z Ps. 144. 15.
aa 2 Sa. 7. 23.
ab Ps. 115. 9.

ac Ex. 33. 11.
ad or, shall be subdued.
ae 2 Sa. 22. 45.
af Ps. 18. 44.
ag 66. 3.
ah 81. 15.
ai ch. 32. 13.
aj or, the hill.

ak 104. 3.
al Hab. 3. 8.
am Jos. 14. 10, 11.
an Ps. 90. 1.
ao moisture.
ap fed.
aq Ge. 50. 3, 10.
ar Nu. 20. 29.
as Nu. 23. 9.
at Je. 23. 6.
au Ps. 33. 16.
av Ge. 27. 28.
aw Is. 11. 2.
ax Da. 6. 3.
ay Nu. 27. 18, 23.
az Ps. 144. 15.
ba 2 Sa. 7. 23.
bb Ps. 115. 9.

bc Ex. 33. 11.
bd or, shall be subdued.
be 2 Sa. 22. 45.
bf Ps. 18. 44.
bg 66. 3.
bh 81. 15.
bi ch. 32. 13.
bj or, the hill.

And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,

2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea.

3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.

4 And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: *i* I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

7 And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

9 And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

11 In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

of the northern Danites. 24. *children*, a numerous offspring; and it had 53,400 men of war, Numb. xxvi. 47. *in oil*, a country of olives. 25. *thy shoes*, &c. Boothroyd reads 'thy bars, &c.' expressing security in well-fortified places. 26. *in thy help*, 'for thy help.' 28. *alone*, separate from all other people. *fountain, or issue*. 29. *shield of thy help*, a protector ready to help. *excellency, or glory*. *be found liars*, deceived in their vain boastings. *high places*, strongest holds.

CHAP. XXXIV. — 1. *Nebo — Pisgah*: see Numb. xxvii. 12, note. 5. *according to the word*, chap. xxvii. 50. 6. *and he buried him*, may read, 'and he was buried.' This was secret, that no idolatrous honours should be paid to his body.

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CHAP. I.

NOW after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

Moses' my servant is dead; now before arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I give to them, even to the children of Israel.

Every place that the sole of your

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a Ac. 13. 36.
b Ro. 1. 1.
c Ge. 15. 18.
d Ex. 23. 31.
e Ex. 24. 13.
f De. 34. 5.
g De. 7. 24.
h Ex. 3. 12.
i Is. 43. 2, 5.
j He. 13. 5.

foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

CHAP. I. — 1. *spake*, probably through the high priest, see Numb. xxvii. 21. *Moses' minister*, being employed by him. 4. *wilderness*, this was the desert

of Arabia Petraea, lying to the south; *Lebanon*, north; *Euphrates*, on the east; *great sea*, the Mediterranean, west. 5. *stand before*, resist.

6 Be ^a strong and of a good courage: for ^b unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, ^b which Moses my servant commanded thee: ^c turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest ^d prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This ^e book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but ^f thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt ^g have good success.

9 Have ^h not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; ⁱ be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 ^j Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for ^k within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

12 ^l And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying,

13 Remember ^m the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren ⁿ armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;

15 Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as ^o he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: ^p then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.

16 ^q And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.

17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God ^r be with thee, as he was with Moses.

18 Whosoever ^s he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

CHAP. II.

AND Joshua the son of Nun ^t sent ^u out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an ^v harlot's house, named ^w Rahab, and ^x lodged there.

2 And ^y it was told the king of Jericho,

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^a De. 31. 23.

^b or, thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land, &c.

^c ch. 11. 15.

^d Nu. 27. 23.

^e De. 31. 7.

^f De. 5. 32.

^g 28. 14.

^h 2 Sa. 17. 19.

ⁱ 20.

^j or, do wisely.

^k De. 29. 9.

^l De. 17. 13, 19.

^m Ps. 1. 2.

ⁿ or, do wisely.

^o ver. 7.

^p De. 31. 7, 8.

^q 23.

^r Ex. 1. 17.

^s 1 Ki. 18. 4.

^t 2 Ki. 11. 2.

^u Je. 36. 26.

^v He. 11. 23.

^w Ps. 27. 1.

^x Je. 1. 8.

^y ch. 3. 2.

^z De. 9. 1.

^{aa} 11. 31.

^{ab} He. 11. 1.

^{ac} Ge. 35. 5.

^{ad} Ex. 23. 27.

^{ae} De. 2. 25.

^{af} 11. 25.

^{ag} § melt.

^{ah} Ex. 15. 15.

^{ai} ch. 4. 23.

^{aj} Ex. 14. 21.

^{ak} ch. 22. 2, 4.

^{al} Nu. 32. 20.

^{am} 28.

^{an} Nu. 21. 24.

^{ao} 34, 35.

^{ap} Ex. 15. 14, 15.

^{aq} ch. 5. 1.

^{ar} 7. 5.

^{as} Is. 13. 7.

^{at} || rose up.

^{au} * marshalled

^{av} by five: as

^{aw} Ex. 13. 18.

^{ax} De. 4. 39.

^{ay} § De. 4. 39.

^{az} 1 Sa. 20. 14.

^{ba} 15, 17.

^{bb} ch. 22. 4, &c.

^{bc} Ro. 1. 31.

^{bd} 1 Ti. 5. 8.

^{be} † instead of

^{bf} you to die.

^{bg} y Ju. 1. 24.

^{bh} Mat. 5. 7.

^{bi} ver. 5.

^{bj} 1 Sa. 20. 13.

^{bk} 1 Ki. 1. 37.

^{bl} a Ac. 9. 25.

^{bm} † or, had sent

^{bn} b Nu. 25. 1.

^{bo} c Ex. 20. 7.

^{bp} d Mat. 20. 16.

^{bq} 21. 31.

^{br} e Mat. 1. 5.

^{bs} He. 11. 31.

^{bt} Ja. 2. 25.

^{bu} § lay.

^{bv} f Ps. 127. 1.

^{bw} Pr. 21. 30.

^{bx} Da. 4. 35.

saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.

3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.

4 And ^a the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were:

5 And it came to pass ^b about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly, for ye shall overtake them.

6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and ^c hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 ^d And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof:

9 And she said unto the men, ^e I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that ^f your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land ^g faint because of you.

10 For we have heard how the LORD ^h dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and ⁱ what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

11 And as soon as we had ^j heard these things, ^k our hearts did melt, neither ^l did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for ^m the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

12 Now, therefore, I pray you, ⁿ swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto ^o my father's house, and give me a true token:

13 And ^p that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

14 And the men answered her, Our life ^q for your's, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that ^r we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

15 Then she ^s let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

17 And the men said unto her, We will be ^t blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.

18 Behold, ^u when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread

8. shall not depart, &c. implies constant meditation on, and speaking of the law. 10. officers, here mean subordinate officers. 11. victuals, provision within, rather, 'after.' 14. armed, in military order

CHAP. II.—1. an harlot, 'an innkeeper,' as some render it, or a woman who had been a harlot. 5. I wot not, certainly an equivocation. 6. flax, laid on the flat roof, as usual, to dry. 9. your terror, i. e. the dread of you. 13. line, 'cord,' or 'rope.'

the window which thou didst let us
 go by: ^b and thou shalt ^a bring thy
 father, and thy mother, and thy brethren,
 and all thy father's household, home unto
 thee. And it shall be, that whosoever shall
 go out of the doors of thy house into the
 street, his blood shall be upon his head,
 and we will be guiltless: and whosoever
 shall be with thee in the house, ^c his
 blood shall be on our head, if any hand
 shall be upon him.
 And if thou utter this our business,
 we will be ^e quit of thine oath which
 thou hast made us to swear.
 And she said, According unto your
 words, so be it. And she sent them
 away, and they departed: and she bound
 a scarlet line in the window.
 And they went, and came unto the
 mountain, and abode there three days,
 until the pursuers were returned: and the
 pursuers sought them throughout all the
 land, ^d but found them not.
 So the two men returned, and de-
 scended from the mountain, and passed
 over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun,
 and told him all things that befell them:
 and they said unto Joshua, Truly
 the LORD hath delivered into our hands
 the land; for even all the inhabitants
 of the country do ^f faint because of us.

CHAP. III.

AND Joshua rose ^a early in the morn-
 ing; and they removed ^b from Shittim,
 and came to Jordan, he and all the child-
 ren of Israel, and lodged there before they
 passed over.
 And it came to pass ^c after three days,
 that the officers went through the host;
 and they commanded the people, say-
 ing, ^d When ye see the ark of the covenant
 of the LORD your God, ^e and the priests
 of the Levites bearing it, then ye shall re-
 move from your place, and go after it.
 Yet ^f there shall be a space between
 you and it, about two thousand cubits by
 measure: come not near unto it, that ye
 may know the way by which ye must go:
 for ye have not passed this way theretofore.
 And Joshua said unto the people,
 Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the
 LORD will do wonders among you.
 And Joshua spake unto the priests,
 saying, ^g Take up the ark of the covenant,
 and pass over before the people. And
 they took up the ark of the covenant, and
 went before the people.
 And the LORD said unto Joshua,
 This day will I begin to ^h magnify thee in
 the sight of all Israel, that they may know
 that, as I was with Moses, so I will be
 with thee.
 And thou shalt command the priests
 that bear the ark of the covenant, say-
 ing, When ye are come to the brink of the water
 of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.
 And Joshua said unto the children
 of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words
 of the LORD your God.
 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall
 know that ⁱ the living God is among

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^a Ex. 33. 2.
^b De. 7. 1.
^c Ps. 44. 2.
^d ch. 6. 23.
^e gather.
^f Mi. 4. 13.
^g Zec. 4. 14.
^h 6. 5.
ⁱ ch. 4. 2.
^j Mat. 27. 25.
^k Pr. 11. 13.
^l Ge. 24. 3. 8.
^m Le. 19. 11, 12.
ⁿ Nu. 30. 2.
^o 2 Sa. 21. 1, 2, 7.
^p Ps. 78. 13.
^q 114. 3.
^r Ac. 7. 45.
^s 1 Sa. 19. 10.
^t 12.
^u 2 Sa. 17. 20.
^v Ps. 143. 9.
^w 1 Ch. 12. 15.
^x Je. 12. 5.
^y 49. 19.
^z ch. 5. 10, 12.
^{aa} ch. 6. 2.
^{ab} 21. 44.
^{ac} Ex. 23. 31.
^{ad} Pr. 25. 13.
^{ae} 1 Ki. 4. 12.
^{af} 7. 46.
^{ag} melt.
^{ah} ver. 9.
^{ai} De. 3. 17.
^{aj} Ge. 14. 3.
^{ak} Nu. 34. 3.
^{al} Ps. 22. 3.
^{am} Ps. 119. 60.
^{an} Je. 7. 13.
^{ao} Mar. 1. 35.
^{ap} Mi. 6. 5.
^{aq} Ex. 14. 29.
^{ar} ch. 1. 10, 11.
^{as} Nu. 10. 33.
^{at} De. 31. 9, 25.
^{au} De. 27. 2.
^{av} Ex. 19. 12.
^{aw} ch. 3. 12, &c.
^{ax} since yes-
 terday, and
 the third
 day.
^{ay} Ge. 23. 18, 22.
^{az} Ps. 103. 2.
^{ba} De. 20. 7.
^{bb} Nu. 11. 18.
^{bc} 1 Sa. 16. 5.
^{bd} Joel 2. 16.
^{be} ver. 19, 20.
^{bf} Nu. 4. 15.
^{bg} Mat. 10. 1, 4.
^{bh} 1 Ch. 29. 25.
^{bi} 2 Ch. 1. 1.
^{bj} Ex. 12. 26.
^{bk} 13. 14.
^{bl} De. 6. 20.
^{bm} Ps. 44. 1.
^{bn} 78. 3, 6.
^{bo} Is. 38. 19.
^{bp} Ac. 2. 39.
^{bq} to morrow.
^{br} ch. 3. 13, 16.
^{bs} De. 5. 26.
^{bt} 1 Sa. 17. 26.
^{bu} 2 Ki. 19. 4.
^{bv} Ho. 1. 10.
^{bw} Mar. 16. 16.
^{bx} 1 Th. 1. 9.

you, and that he will without fail ^a drive
 out from before you the Canaanites, and
 the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the
 Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the
 Amorites, and the Jebusites.
 Behold, the ark of the covenant of
 the LORD of all the earth passeth over
 before you into Jordan.
 Now therefore ^c take you twelve men
 out of the tribes of Israel, out of every
 tribe a man.
 And it shall come to pass, as soon as
 the soles of the feet of the priests that bear
 the ark of the LORD, the LORD of all the
 earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan,
 that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off
 from the waters that come down from
 above; and they ^d shall stand upon an heap.
 And it came to pass, when the
 people removed from their tents, to pass
 over Jordan, and the priests bearing the
 ark of the covenant before the people;
 And as they that bare the ark were
 come unto Jordan, and the feet of the
 priests that bare the ark were dipped in the
 brim of the water, (for ^e Jordan overfloweth
 all his banks ^f all the time of harvest,)
 That the waters which came down
 from above stood and rose up upon an
 heap very far from the city Adam, that
 is beside ^g Zaretan: and those that came
 down ^h toward the sea of the plain, even
 the salt sea, failed, and were cut off:
 and the people passed over right against
 Jericho.
 And the priests that bare the ark of
 the covenant of the LORD stood firm on
 dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and
 all the Israelites passed over on dry
 ground, until all the people were passed
 clean over Jordan.
 CHAP. IV.
 And it came to pass, when all the people
 were clean passed ^a over Jordan, that the
 LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,
 Take ^b you twelve men out of the
 people, out of every tribe a man,
 and command ye them, saying, Take
 you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out
 of the place where the priests' feet stood
 firm, ^c twelve stones, and ye shall carry
 them over with you, and leave them in
 the lodging place, where ye shall lodge
 this night.
 Then Joshua called the twelve men,
 whom he had ^d prepared of the children
 of Israel, out of every tribe a man:
 And Joshua said unto them, Pass over
 before the ark of the LORD your God into
 the midst of Jordan, and take ye up every
 man of you a stone upon his shoulder,
 according unto the number of the tribes
 of the children of Israel:
 That this may be a sign among you,
 that ^e when your children ask their fa-
 thers ^f in time to come, saying, What
 mean ye by these stones?
 Then ye shall answer them, That ^g the
 waters of Jordan were cut off before the
 ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it
 passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan
 were cut off: and these stones shall be for

CHAP. III.—1. morning, after the spies had re-
 turned. 3. the priests the Levites, those of the
 tribe of Levi who were priests. 4. two thousand
 cubits, about three quarters of a mile. 9. unto
 the children, unto their heads and rulers. 13.

Jordan, rapid, twenty yards wide, sixty in flood time,
 and six feet deep. 15. overfloweth, from the melting
 of the snows on Lebanon. 16. upon an heap, as if
 congealed.

a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

8 And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

10 For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hastened and passed over.

11 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.

12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them:

13 About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.

14 On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel: and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15 And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,

16 Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.

17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan.

18 And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before.

19 And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.

20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.

21 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones?

22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until

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Ex. 12. 14.

Nu. 16. 40.

Ex. 14. 21.

1 Ki. 8. 42, 43.

2 Ki. 19. 19.

Ps. 106. 8.

Ex. 15. 16.

1 Ch. 28. 12.

Ps. 89. 13.

Ex. 14. 31.

De. 6. 2.

Ps. 86. 7.

Je. 10. 7.

32. 40.

all days.

Nu. 12. 29.

Ex. 15. 14, 15.

Ps. 48. 6.

Eze. 21. 7.

1 Ki. 10. 5.

Ps. 95. 7.

Pr. 27. 1.

Ec. 9. 10.

2 Co. 6. 2.

or, knives of flints.

Ex. 4. 25.

or, Gibeah haauraloth.

No. 32. 20.

27. 28.

26. 64, 65.

De. 2. 16.

or, ready armed.

ch. 3. 7.

Nu. 14. 33.

De. 1. 3.

2. 7, 14.

Ps. 95. 10, 11.

Ex. 25. 16, 22.

Re. 11. 19.

Nu. 14. 23.

Re. 3. 11.

Ex. 3. 8.

Nu. 14. 31.

De. 1. 39.

plucked up

went.

when the people had made an end to be circumcised.

Ge. 34. 25.

ch. 5. 9.

ch. 24. 14.

Ge. 34. 14.

La. 18. 3.

1 Sa. 14. 6.

Eze. 20. 7.

23. 38.

i. e. rolling.

ch. 4. 19.

ver. 6.

to morrow.

Ex. 12. 6.

Nu. 9. 5.

Ex. 16. 35.

ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over.

24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.

CHAP. V.

AND it came to pass, when all the king of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, their heart melted, neither was their spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

2 At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel a second time.

3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

4 And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

5 Now all the people that came on were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way, as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised.

6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD, unto whom the LORD swore that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD swore unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.

9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day.

12 And the manna ceased on the

CHAP. IV.—7. a memorial; 9. set up twelve stones, the most ancient monuments were formed of large stones: many such are still found about Palestine.

CHAP. V.—1. Amorites—westward, those eastward Moses had subdued, the sea, Mediterranean. 2. sharp knives, see marg. The Egyptians used flint knives for embalming. the second time, i. e. the second circumcision of the people as a body, for the Israelites born in the wilderness had not been circumcised,

ver. 5. 3. hill of the foreskins, so called from this circumstance. 6. that were men of war, then twenty years old: see Numb. xiv. 29. 9. reproach of Egypt, degradation of Egyptian bondage: for now they bore the marks of the free sons of Abraham.

10. the passover, this was the third: one in Egypt, two at mount Sinai, and now having been omitted thirty-nine years, the people being uncircumcised, perhaps no unleavened bread, &c. 11. old corn, left in the

now after they had eaten of the old man of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

¶ And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou an us, or for our adversaries?

¶ And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come.

¶ And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

¶ And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

CHAP. VI.

NOW Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.

¶ And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city seven times. Thus shalt thou do six days.

¶ And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

¶ And it shall come to pass, that when ye make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall come up every man straight before him.

¶ And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD.

¶ And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the LORD.

¶ And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

¶ And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rereward came after the ark, the priests going on and blowing with the trumpets.

¶ And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.

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a Je. 25. 3.
26. 5.

Mar. 1. 35.

b De. 31. 25.

c Ge. 18. 2.

32. 21.

Ex. 23. 23.

Zec. 1. 8.

Ac. 1. 10.

d Nu. 22. 23.

1 Ch. 15. 25.

Mat. 24. 13.

Ga. 6. 9.

* or, prince.

Ex. 23. 20.

Da. 10. 13, 21.

12. 1.

Re. 12. 7.

19. 11, 14.

f Ge. 17. 3.

Ex. 3. 5.

Ac. 7. 33.

h Ps. 119. 147.

Mar. 16. 2.

2 Pe. 1. 19.

† did shut up, and was shut up.

ch. 2. 9, 24.

8. 1.

‡ or, devoted.

Le. 27. 28.

Mt. 4. 13.

1 Co. 16. 22.

Ga. 3. 10, 13.

k De. 7. 24.

l 1 Co. 1. 21, 25.

2 Co. 4. 7.

m ch. 2. 4.

n ch. 7. 1, 11, 12.

De. 7. 26.

13. 17.

o Ju. 7. 16, 22.

p Nu. 10. 8.

ch. 7. 25.

1 Ki. 18. 17.

13.

Jon. 1. 12.

§ holiness.

¶ under it.

ver. 5.

He. 11. 30.

* under it.

† De. 7. 2.

ch. 2. 14.

He. 11. 31.

v Nu. 10. 25.

Is. 52. 11.

58. 8.

† gathering host.

‡ families.

§ make your voice to be heard.

z Is. 42. 2.

Mat. 12. 19.

y 2 Sa. 5. 23, 24.

Is. 28. 16.

Lu. 24. 49.

Ac. 1. 7.

11 So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about it once; and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 ¶ And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rereward came after the ark of the LORD, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

17 ¶ And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

21 And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

22 But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her.

23 And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

arms by the late inhabitants. 13. a man, Jehovah himself in human form, being Captain or 'Prince' of the LORD's host.—receiving worship,—requiring the homage paid by Moses at the bush,—called The Lord, ch. v. 2, 27. Art thou for us, taking him for a prophet, the captain of the host, of Israel.

CHAP. VI.—2. the Lord, same Person as ch. v. 14. not thine hand, we are to suppose they had refused arms, Deut. xx. 10. 4. trumpets, properly signify jubilee trumpets. 5. flat, 'under itself,' crum-

bling to its foundations. This implies a great breach, since Rahab's part remained. 9. rereward, the Hebrew word means: to gather, and seems to imply all the remnant of the people. 17. accursed, i.e. 'devoted' to destruction. 18. accursed thing, that which is devoted to destruction. 21. destroyed all, being idolaters; infants also suffered as the subjects of original sin, whose Creator had a right to shorten their days as he pleased, and still often does, by accident or disease. 23. without the camp,

25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 ^a And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, "Cursed be the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it."

27 So ^e the LORD was with Joshua; and ^h his fame was noised throughout all the country.

CHAP. VII.

BUT the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for ^k Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of ^l Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Beth-el, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

3 And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let [†] about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; and make not all the people to labour thither; for they are but few.

4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: [‡] and they fell before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them ^{from} before the gate even unto Shebarim, and smote them [†] in the going down: wherefore [‡] the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

6 [¶] And Joshua ^{*} rent his clothes and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and ^{*} put dust upon their heads.

7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord God, ^{*} wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!

8 O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies!

9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and [‡] cut off our name from the earth: and [‡] what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

10 [¶] And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore [†] liest thou thus upon thy face?

11 Israel [‡] hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: [‡] for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and [‡] dissembled also, and have put it even among their own stuff.

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^a Nu. 14. 45.

Ju. 2. 14.

^b Mat. 1. 5.^c De. 7. 26.^d Ex. 19. 10.

La. 3. 40, 41.

Joel 2. 16, 17.

Zen. 2. 1, 2.

^e 1 Ki. 16. 34.^f 2 Ch. 28. 10.^g Mat. 7. 5.^h Ac. 15. 9, 10.ⁱ ch. 9. 1, 3.^j Pr. 16. 33.^k ch. 22. 20.^l 1 Ch. 2. 7.^m Achar.ⁿ or, Zimri.^o 1 Ch. 2. 6.^p 1 Sa. 14. 38.^q 39.^r Ge. 34. 7.^s Ju. 20. 6.^t 1 Sa. 26. 21.^u 2 Sa. 13. 13.^v * or, wickedness.^w † about 2000 men, or about 3000 men.^x Ge. 38. 30.^y Le. 26. 17.^z De. 28. 25.^{aa} Nu. 32. 23.^{ab} 1 Sa. 14. 42.^{ac} Pr. 13. 21.^{ad} Je. 2. 26.^{ae} 1 Sa. 6. 5.^{af} Je. 13. 16.^{ag} Lu. 17. 18.^{ah} Jno. 9. 24.^{ai} † Nu. 5. 6, 7.^{aj} 2 Ch. 30. 22.^{ak} Ps. 32. 5.^{al} 51. 3.^{am} Pr. 28. 13.^{an} Je. 3. 12, 13.^{ao} Da. 9. 4.^{ap} Ro. 10. 10.^{aq} 1 Jno. 1. 8, 10.^{ar} † or, in.^{as} Moral.^{at} 1 Sa. 14. 43.^{au} Le. 26. 36.^{av} Ps. 22. 14.^{aw} Ge. 37. 29, 34.^{ax} † Ge. 42. 21.^{ay} Ps. 23. 18.^{az} 1 Sa. 4. 12.^{ba} 2 Sa. 1. 2.^{bb} 13. 19.^{bc} Ne. 9. 1.^{bd} Job 2. 12.^{be} S. tongue.^{bf} Ex. 5. 22.^{bg} 2 Ki. 3. 10.^{bh} || necks.^{bi} Ps. 83. 4.^{bj} * poured.^{bk} Ex. 32. 12.^{bl} Nu. 14. 13.^{bm} † fullest.^{bn} ver. 1.^{bo} ch. 15. 7.^{bp} f ch. 6. 17, 18.^{bq} 1 Ch. 2. 7.^{br} Ga. 5. 12.^{bs} h Ac. 5. 1, 2.^{bt} i De. 17. 5.

12 Therefore ^{*} the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned ^{their} backs before their enemies because ^{*} they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except [†] you destroy the accursed from among you.

13 Up, [‡] sanctify the people, and sanctify yourselves against to-morrow for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, [‡] There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

14 In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and [†] shall be, that [†] the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families thereof; and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man.

15 And [¶] it shall be, that he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he [‡] hath wrought ^{*} folly in Israel.

16 [¶] So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken.

17 And he brought the family of Judah, and he took the family of the ^o Zarahites, and he brought the family of the Zarahite man by man; and Zabdi was taken:

18 And he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, [‡] was taken.

19 And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, ^{*} give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel; ^{*} and make confession unto him; and ^{*} tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.

20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, [‡] Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:

21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a [‡] wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

22 [¶] So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, [†] it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it.

23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and ^{*} laid them out before the LORD.

24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had; and they brought them unto the ^{*} valley of Achor.

25 And Joshua said, [¶] Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. ^{*} And all Israel stoned him with

being heathen, not ceremonially cleansed. 26. *adjured*, bound the people by a solemn oath. *in his firstborn*, &c. he would lose by death his oldest and youngest son; fulfilled 1 Kin. xvi. 34.

CHAP. VII.—1. the children of Israel, being one body, the sin of one affected the whole. 2. Ai

distant from Jericho three miles. 6. *rent*: see Gen. xxxvii. 34. *fell—put dust*, usual signs of deep affliction among ancient nations. 9. *unto*, 'for,' or 'on account of.' 19. *give—glory*, i.e. *revere*. 21. *Babylonish*, &c. Babylonish mantles and robes were famous and worn by kings. 24. *his sons*, &c. who

and burned them with fire, after
y had stoned them with stones.
5 And they ^b raised over him a great
up of stones unto this day. So ^c the
RD turned from the fierceness of his
er. Wherefore the name of that place
s called, * The valley of * Achor, unto
s day.

CHAP. VIII.

ND the LORD said unto Joshua,
ear not, neither be thou dismayed;
e all the people of war with thee, and
e, go up to Ai: see, ^d I have given into
hand the king of Ai, and his people,
his city, and his land:

And thou shalt do to Ai and her king
hou didst unto J Jericho and her king:
y ^e the spoil thereof, and the cattle
ref, shall ye take for a prey unto your-
es: lay thee an ambush for the city
and it.

So Joshua arose, and all the people
ar, to go up against Ai: and Joshua
se out thirty thousand mighty men of
our, and sent them away by night.

And he commanded them, saying,
hold, ^f ye shall lie in wait against the
even behind the city: go not very far
n the city, but be ye all ready:

And I, and all the people that are with
y will approach unto the city: and it
ll come to pass, when they come out
inst us, as at the first, that ^g we will
before them.

(For they will come out after us) till
have ^h drawn them from the city: for
y will say, They flee before us, as at the
t: therefore we will flee before them.

Then ye shall rise up from the ambush,
and seize upon the city: for ⁱ the LORD
r God will deliver it into your hand.

And it shall be, when ye have taken
city, that ye shall set the city on fire:
ording to the commandment of the
RD shall ye do. ^j See, I have com-
anded you.

Joshua therefore sent them forth:
they went to lie in ambush, and
de between Beth-el and Ai, on the
t side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that
at among the people.

And Joshua rose up early in the
ning, and numbered the people, and
at up, he and the elders of Israel, be-
the people to Ai.

And all the people, even the people
war that were with him, went up, and
y night, and came before the city, and
ied on the north side of Ai: now there
s a valley between them and Ai.

And he took about five thousand
n, and set them to lie in ambush be-
en Beth-el and Ai, on the west side
the city.

And when they had set the people,
e all the host that was on the north
the city, and ^k their liers in wait on the
t of the city, Joshua went that night
the midst of the valley.

And it came to pass, when the
g of Ai saw it, that they hasted and
up early, and the men of the city
t out against Israel to battle, he and
his people, at a time appointed, before

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^a Ju. 20. 34.
Ec. 9. 12.
Is. 19. 11, 13.
Da. 4. 31.
Mat. 24. 39,
50.

1 Th. 5. 1..3.

^b ch. 8. 29.
2 Sa. 18. 17.
La. 3. 53.

^c De. 13. 17.
2 Sa. 21. 14.

^d Ju. 20. 36,
&c.

^e Is. 65. 10.
Ho. 2. 15.

* i. e. trouble.

^f Ps. 9. 16.
^g ch. 1. 9.
De. 1. 21.

7. 18.
31. 8.

^h ch. 6. 2.

ⁱ Ex. 8. 5.
17. 11.

^j ch. 6. 21.

^k De. 20. 14.
Job 27. 16,
17.

Ps. 39. 6.
Pr. 13. 22.
28. 30

Je. 17. 11.
Lu. 12. 20, 21

^l Ge. 19. 28.
Is. 34. 10.
Re. 19. 3.

^m Ju. 20. 29.
1 Sa. 15. 2, 5.

Ac. 23. 21.
ⁿ Job 11. 20.

Ps. 48. 5, 6.
76. 5.

Am. 2. 14..
16.

Re. 6. 15..17

+ hand.

^o Ju. 20. 32.

+ pulled.

^p De. 7. 2.
Job 20. 5.
Lu. 17. 26..

30.
1 Th. 5. 3.

^q 2 Ki. 5. 1.
Pr. 21. 30, 31.

^r Ju. 4. 6.
2 Sa. 13. 28.

^s Nu. 31. 22, 26

^t ver. 2.

^u De. 13. 16.
Mi. 3. 12.

§ or, of Ai.

^v ch. 10. 26, 27

Ps. 107. 40.
110. 5.

Ac. 12. 23.
^x De. 21. 23.

|| their lying
in wait.
ver. 4.

^y ch. 7. 26.
^z De. 27. 4, 5.

the plain; but he ^a wist not that *there*
were liers in ambush against him behind
the city.

15 And Joshua and all Israel ^d made as
if they were beaten before them, and fled
by the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people that were in Ai
were called together to pursue after them:
and they pursued after Joshua, and were
f drawn away from the city.

17 And there was not a man left in Ai
or Beth-el, that went not out after Israel:
and they left the city open, and pursued
after Israel.

18 And the LORD said unto Joshua,
Stretch ⁱ out the spear that is in thy hand
toward Ai; for I will give it into thine
hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear
that he had in his hand toward the city.

19 And the ambush arose quickly out
of their place, and they ran as soon as he
had stretched out his hand: and they
entered into the city, and took it, and
hasted and set the city on fire.

20 And when the men of Ai looked
behind them, they saw, and, behold, ^l the
smoke of the city ascended up to heaven,
and ^m they had no ⁿ power to flee this way
or that way: and the people that fled to the
wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.

21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw
that the ambush had taken the city, and
that the smoke of the city ascended, then
they turned again, and slew the men of Ai.

22 And the other issued out of the city
against them; so they were in the midst
of Israel, some on this side, and some on
that side: and they smote them, so that
they ^p left none of them remain or escape.

23 And the king of Ai they took alive,
and brought him to Joshua.

24 And it came to pass, when Israel had
made an end of slaying all the inhabitants
of Ai in the field, in the wilderness
wherein they chased them, and when they
were all fallen on the edge of the sword,
until they were consumed, that all the
Israelites returned unto Ai, and smote it
with the edge of the sword.

25 And so it was, that all that fell that
day, both of men and women, were twelve
thousand, even all the men of Ai.

26 For Joshua drew not his hand back,
wherewith he stretched out the spear,
until he had utterly destroyed all the in-
habitants of Ai.

27 Only ^s the cattle and the spoil of that
city Israel took for a prey unto themselves,
according unto the word of the LORD
which he ^t commanded Joshua.

28 And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it
an heap for ever, even a desolation unto
this day.

29 And ^v the king of Ai he hanged on a
tree until eventide: ^w and as soon as the
sun was down, Joshua commanded that
they should take his carcase down from
the tree, and cast it at the entering of the
gate of the city, and ^y raise thereon a great
heap of stones, that remaineth unto this
day.

30 ^z Then Joshua built an altar unto
the LORD God of Israel ^z in mount Ebal,

31 As Moses the servant of the LORD

probably accessories. 25. burned them, his
is, say some: his children, say others.
chap. VIII.—3. thirty, some learned critics read
“thirty” considering “thirty” an error; and that num-

ber unnecessary for an ambush. 18. stretched, &c.
the preconcerted signal for attack. 28. burnt Ai,
part of which had first been burnt, as a signal, ver. 21.
30. altar—in mount Ebal, some time after, this being
N

commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the ^a book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lit up ^{any} iron: and ^b they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.

32 [†] And ^c he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, ^d which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well ^e the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; ^f as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

34 And afterward [†] he read all the words of the law, ^g the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, ^h with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that [†] were conversant among them.

CHAP. IX.

AND it came to pass, when all the kings which [†] were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of ⁱ the great sea over against Lebanon, ^j the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard ^{thereof};

2 That they ^k gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one ^l accord.

3 [†] And when the inhabitants of ^m Gibeon ⁿ heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,

4 They did ^o work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up; 5 And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy.

6 And they went to Joshua ^a unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

7 And the men of Israel said unto the ^b Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and ^c how shall we make a league with you?

8 And they said unto Joshua, ^d We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye?

9 And they said unto him, ^e From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have ^f heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

10 And [†] all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that [†] were beyond Jordan,

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^a De. 27. 5, 6.

^b Ex. 20. 24.

^c [†] in your hand.

^d De. 27. 2, 8.

^e De. 31. 9, 25.

^f De. 31. 12.

[†] or, they received the men by reason of their victuals.

^g De. 11. 29.

^h De. 27. 12.

ⁱ Nu. 27. 21.

^j Ju. 1. 1.

^k 1 Sa. 22. 10.

^l 23. 10, 11.

^m 30. 8.

ⁿ 2 Sa. 2. 1.

^o 5. 19.

^p Pr. 3. 5, 6.

^q Is. 30. 1, 2.

^r Ja. 1. 5.

^s 2 Sa. 21. 2.

^t 1 Ne. 8. 3.

^u k De. 28. 2, 15.

^v 29. 20, 21.

^w 30. 19.

^x 1 Ac. 21. 5.

^y [†] walked.

^z m ch. 18. 25, 26.

^{aa} Ezr. 2. 25.

^{ab} Ps. 15. 4.

^{ac} Ec. 5. 2.

^{ad} Nu. 34. 6.

^{ae} P Ex. 3. 17.

^{af} 23. 23.

^{ag} r Ec. 8. 2.

^{ah} 9. 2.

^{ai} Je. 4. 2.

^{aj} s Ps. 83. 3, 5.

^{ak} [†] mouth.

^{al} t 2 Sa. 21. 1, 2.

^{am} u 2 Sa. 21. 1, 6.

^{an} v 2 Ch. 36. 13.

^{ao} Pr. 20. 25.

^{ap} Eze. 17. 13.

^{aq} 19.

^{ar} Zee. 5. 3, 4.

^{as} Mal. 3. 5.

^{at} Ro. 1. 31.

^{au} 1 Ti. 1. 10.

^{av} [†] ch. 6. 27.

^{aw} x Ge. 34. 13.

^{ax} 1 Ki. 20. 31.

^{ay} ...23.

^{az} Mat. 10. 16.

^{ba} Lu. 16. 8.

^{bb} z De. 29. 11.

^{bc} 2 Ch. 2. 17, 18.

^{bd} a ch. 5. 10.

^{be} b Ge. 9. 25.

^{bf} [†] not be cut off from you.

^{bg} c ch. 11. 19.

^{bh} d Ex. 23. 32.

^{bi} De. 7. 2.

^{bj} 20. 16.

^{bk} Ju. 2. 2.

^{bl} c Ex. 23. 32.

^{bm} f 2 Ki. 10. 5.

^{bn} g Ex. 15. 14.

^{bo} h De. 20. 15.

^{bp} i Ex. 16. 6.

^{bq} k Ex. 15. 14.

^{br} l Nu. 21. 24, 33.

to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which [†] was at Ashtaroth.

11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals [†] with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We [†] are your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us.

12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:

13 And these bottles of wine, which we filled, [†] were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

14 And [†] the men took of their victuals, [†] and asked not ^{counsel} at the mouth of the LORD.

15 And Joshua [†] made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

16 [†] And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they [†] were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them.

17 And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities [†] were ^m Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kijath-jearim.

18 And the children of Israel smote them not, ⁿ because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, [†] We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.

20 This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest [†] "wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them.

21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be [†] hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

22 [†] And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us?

23 Now therefore ye [†] are ^b cursed, and there shall [†] none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God [†] commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you: therefore [†] we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 And now, behold, we are [†] in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not.

5. clouted, patched. 7. how shall we, being for bidden by Deut. vii. 2. 14. the men, i. e. the chief of Israel. 21. unto all the congregation, i. e. to tabernacle service. 23. cursed, warriors being reduced to the work of women and children.

far. off from Ai: see the command, Deut. xxvii. 5. 31. any iron, Exod. xx. 25; Deut. xxvii. 5, 6.

CHAP. IX. — 1. great sea, Mediterranean. 3. Gibeon, nine miles distant. 4. took old sacks, travellers carried their provisions with them. wine bottles of goat skins, still in use among the Arabs.

And Joshua *made them that day
drawers of wood and drawers of water
the congregation, and for the altar of
LORD, even unto this day, ^d in the
which he should choose.

CHAP. X.

OW it came to pass, when Adoni-zedec
king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua
had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed
it, as he had done to Jericho and her
king; so he had done to Ai and her king;
how the inhabitants of Gibeon had
made peace with Israel, and were among
them;

That they ^m feared greatly, because
Jerusalem was a great city, as one of the
royal cities, and because it was greater
than Ai, and all the men thereof were
mighty.

Wherefore Adoni-zedec king of Jeru-
salem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron,
unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and
unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto
their king of Eglon, saying,

Come up unto me, and help me, that
I may smite Gibeon: ^r for it hath made
peace with Joshua and with the children
of Israel.

Therefore the five kings of the Amor-
ites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of
Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king
of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered
themselves together, and went up, they
and all their hosts, and encamped before
Gibeon, and made war against it.

And the men of Gibeon sent unto
Joshua ⁿ to the camp to Gilgal, saying,
Look not thy hand from thy servants;
come up to us quickly, and save us, and
help us: for all the kings of the Amorites
that dwell in the mountains are gathered
together against us.

So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he
and ^a all the people of war with him, and
the mighty men of valour.

And the LORD said unto Joshua,
Fear them not: for I have delivered
them into thine hand; ^y there shall not a
man of them stand before thee.

Joshua therefore came unto them
privily, and went up from Gilgal all
that night.

And the LORD ^a discomfited them
before Israel, and slew them with a great
slayer at Gibeon, and chased them
along the way that goeth up ^c to Beth-
ron, and smote them ^a to Azekah, and
to Makkedah.

And it came to pass, as they fled
before Israel, and were in the going
down to Bethron, ^s that the LORD
sent down great stones from heaven upon
them unto Azekah, and they died: ^{they}
were more which died with hailstones
than they whom the children of Israel
slew with the sword.

Then spake Joshua to the LORD
the day when the LORD delivered up
the Amorites before the children of Israel,

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* gave, or,
delivered
to be.
1 Ch. 9. 2.
Ezr. 8. 20.

a Is. 28. 21.
Hab. 3. 11.
b ver. 21, 23.

† be silent.
c Ju. 12. 12.
d De. 12. 5.
e 2 Sa. 1. 18

† or, the
upright?
f Is. 38. 9.
g ch. 6. 21.

h ch. 6. 22, 26.
i ch. 23. 3.
De. 1. 30.

l ch. 9. 15.
m Ex. 15. 15, 16
De. 11. 25.

n Ps. 48. 4, 6.
139. 7, 12.
Is. 2. 10, 12.

Am. 9. 2.
Re. 6. 15.
o Ju. 6. 2.

1 Sa. 13. 6.
Is. 24. 21, 22.
Mic. 7. 17.

s cities of the
kingdom.
p Job 21. 29, 30
Am. 5. 19.

Mat. 27. 66.
q cut off the
tail.
r ch. 9. 15.

s 2 Sa. 20. 6.
Je. 8. 14.
t Ex. 11. 7.

Is. 54. 17.
u ch. 5. 4.
v ch. 5. 10.

w ch. 8. 1.
x Ju. 4. 14.
y ch. 1. 5.

z Ps. 107. 40.
110. 5.
149. 8, 9.

Is. 26. 5, 6.
Mal. 4. 3.
a Ju. 4. 15.

1 Sa. 7. 10, 12.
Ps. 18. 14.
Is. 28. 21.

b De. 31. 6, 8.
1 Sa. 17. 37.
Ac. 23. 11.

c 2 Ti. 4. 17, 18
ch. 16. 3, 5.
d De. 3. 21.

7. 19.
e ch. 15. 35.
f ch. 8. 29.

g Ps. 18. 13, 14.
77. 17.
Is. 30. 30.

Re. 16. 21.
h ch. 8. 29.
De. 21. 23.

2 Sa. 18. 17.
i ch. 15. 41.

and he said in the sight of Israel, ^a Sun,
stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou,
Moon, in the valley of ^c Ajalon.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon
stayed, until the people had avenged them-
selves upon their enemies. ^e Is not this
written in the book of ^f Jasher? So the
sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and
hasted not to go down about a whole day.

14 And there was ^f no day like that
before it or after it, that the LORD heark-
ened unto the voice of a man: for ⁱ the
LORD fought for Israel.

15 [†] And Joshua returned, and all
Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

16 But these five kings fled, ⁿ and hid
themselves ^o in a cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The
five kings are found hid in a cave at
Makkedah.

18 And Joshua said, ^p Roll great stones
upon the mouth of the cave, and set men
by it for to keep them:

19 And stay ye not, ^{but} pursue after
your enemies, and ^q smite the hindmost
of them; suffer them not to enter into
their cities: for the LORD your God hath
delivered them into your hand.

20 And it came to pass, when Joshua
and the children of Israel had made an
end of slaying them with a very great
slaughter, till they were consumed, that
the rest ^{which} remained of them entered
into ^r fenced cities.

21 And all the people returned to the
camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace:
^t none moved his tongue against any of
the children of Israel.

22 Then said Joshua, Open the mouth
of the cave, and bring out those five kings
unto me out of the cave.

23 And they did so, and brought forth
those five kings unto him out of the cave,
the king of Jerusalem, the king of He-
bron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of
Lachish, and the king of Eglon.

24 And it came to pass, when they
brought out those kings unto Joshua,
that Joshua called for all the men of Is-
rael, and said unto the captains of the
men of war which went with him, Come
near, ^u put your feet upon the necks of
these kings. And they came near, and
put their feet upon the necks of them.

25 And Joshua said unto them, ^b Fear
not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of
good courage: for ^d thus shall the LORD do
to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

26 And afterward Joshua smote them,
and slew them, and hanged them on five
trees: and they ^f were hanging upon the
trees until the evening.

27 And it came to pass at the time of
the going down of the sun, ^{that} Joshua
commanded, and they ^h took them down
off the trees, and cast them into the cave
wherein they had been hid, and laid great
stones in the cave's mouth, ^{which} remain
until this very day.

28 [†] And that day Joshua took ⁱ Mak-

CHAP. X.—2. as one of the royal cities, in greatness,
wealth, and splendour. 11. great stones, thought to
have been meteoric. 12. sun — moon. 13. sun
and, some critics think the solar and lunar light
meant, the words used not generally denoting
sun and moon; others take the words in the sense
the translators. book of Jasher, or 'the upright,'
thought to mean a register of events kept by Joshua:

mentioned also. 2 Sam. i. 18. in the midst, or in the
division, i. e. upon the horizon. 14. the Lord
hearkened, hence Joshua's words were a prayer, and
not a command. 15. Joshua returned, rather, was
about to return. 16. a cave, a common place of
retreat in the East. 21. moved his tongue, proverb,
none left to injure them. 24. put your feet, &c.,
a symbol of triumph, and a common custom of

kedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, ^a and all the souls that were therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah ^c as he did unto the king of Jericho.

29 Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto ^e Libnah, and fought against Libnah:

30 And the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein; he let none remain in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.

31 [¶] And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto ^m Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it:

32 And the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 [¶] Then Horam king of ^o Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 [¶] And from Lachish Joshua passed unto Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it.

35 And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein he utterly [¶] destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto ^v Hebron; and they fought against it:

37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that were therein.

38 [¶] And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to ^y Debir; and fought against it:

39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that were therein; [¶] he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.

40 [¶] So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, ^b but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel ^c commanded.

41 And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea even unto ^a Gaza, ^e and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon.

42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, ^g because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

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^a Ps. 21. 8, 9.

110. 1.

^b Lu. 19. 27.

^c ch. 10. 3.

^d ch. 6. 21.

^e ch. 19. 15.

^f Nu. 33. 20.

^g 2 Ki. 8. 22.

^h Je. 52. 1.

ⁱ Nu. 34. 11.

^j ch. 17. 11.

^k Ju. 1. 27.

^l 1 Ki. 4. 11.

^m Ju. 3. 3.

ⁿ ch. 13. 11.

^o Ge. 31. 49.

^p Ge. 22. 17.

^q 32. 12.

^r Ju. 7. 12.

^s 1 Sa. 13. 5.

^t 2 Ki. 19. 8.

^u 2 Ch. 11. 9.

^v Is. 37. 8.

^w Mi. 1. 13.

^x [¶] assembled by appointment.

^y ch. 10. 8.

^z Ju. 1. 29.

^a 1 Ki. 9. 16, 17.

^b 1 Ch. 6. 67.

^c 20. 4.

^d 2 Sa. 8. 4.

^e Is. 30. 16.

^f 31. 1.

^g Ho. 14. 3.

^h Lu. 21. 34.

ⁱ 1 Th. 5. 2, 3.

^j [†] or, Zidon-rabbah.

^k Job 19. 10.

^l [†] burnings, or, salt pits

^m ch. 13. 6.

ⁿ ch. 14. 13.

^o 15. 13.

^p Ge. 13. 18.

^q Nu. 13. 22.

^r Ju. 1. 10.

^s 2 Sa. 5. 1, 5.

^t 15. 9, 10.

^u 1 Ch. 12. 23.

^v 28.

^w x Ju. 4. 2.

^x y ch. 15. 15.

^y Ju. 1. 11.

^z [§] any breath

^a De. 3. 3.

^b 2 Ki. 10. 11.

^c Ob. 18.

^d Nu. 33. 52.

^e De. 7. 2.

^f 20. 16, 17.

^g [¶] on their heap.

^h b 1 Ki. 15. 29.

ⁱ Ps. 9. 17.

^j 2 Th. 1. 7, 9.

^k c De. 20. 16, 17

^l d Ge. 10. 19.

^m e ch. 11. 16.

ⁿ f Ex. 34. 11, 12.

^o g ver. 14.

^p h De. 7. 2.

^q i ch. 1. 7.

^r [¶] he removed nothing.

^s k 1 Sa. 15. 1.

^t &c.

^u Lu. 11. 42.

^v Ac. 20. 27

CHAP. XI.

AND it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard *those things*, that he ^b sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king ^d of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,

2 And to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of ^f Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders ^g of Dor on the west,

3 And to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, ^h and to the Hivite under ⁱ Hermon ^k in the land of Mizpeh.

4 And they went out, they, and all their hosts with them, much people, ^l even as the sand that is upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.

5 And when all these kings were ^{*} met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

6 [¶] And the LORD said unto Joshua, "Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt ^p hough their ^r horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom [¶] suddenly; and they fell upon them.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto [†] great Zidon, and unto [†] Misrephoth-maim, [¶] and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

9 And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 [¶] And Joshua at that time turned back, and took ^{*} Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms.

11 And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them: there was not [§] any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire.

12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed them, [¶] as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded.

13 But as for the cities that stood still [¶] in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; that did Joshua burn.

14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.

15 [¶] As [¶] the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so ^a did Moses command Joshua, and ⁱ so did Joshua; ^{*} he left ^k nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

conquerors. 40. as the Lord—commanded, this was their warrant, Deut. xx. 16; they were God's executioners of an idolatrous and wicked people.

CHAP. XI.—2. mountains, of Lebanon. Chinneroth,

Gennesaret. 4. chariots, such were armed with scythes, see Exod. xiv. 7.

6. hough, 'hamstring,' burn, to show that they were not to depend on horses or chariots. 13. in their strength, 'upon their hills,

16 So Joshua took all that land, ^a the hills, and all the south country, ^b and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;

17 ^c Even ^d from the ^e mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and ^f all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.

18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all other they took in battle.

20 For ^g it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

21 ^h And at that time came Joshua, and cut off ⁱ the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.

22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in ^j Gath, and in ^k Ashdod, there remained.

23 So Joshua took the whole land, ^l according to all that the LORD said unto Moses: and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel ^m according to their divisions by their tribes. ⁿ And the land rested from war.

CHAP. XII.

NOW these are the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, ^o from the river Arnon ^p unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east:

2 Sihon ^q king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Arer, which is upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon;

3 And from the plain to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, even the salt sea on the east, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and from the south, under ^r Ashdod-pisgah: ^s

4 ^t And ^u the coast of Og king of Bashan, which was of ^v the remnant of the giants, ^w that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

5 And reigned in ^x mount Hermon, and in Salekah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Maathathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6 Then ^y did Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel smite: and ^z Moses the servant of the LORD gave ^{aa} for a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

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^a ch. 12. 8.
^b ch. 10. 41.
^c ch. 11. 17.
^d ch. 12. 7.

^e or, smooth mountain.

^f Ge. 14. 6.
32. 3.

^g De. 2. 1. 4.
^h ch. 11. 23.

ⁱ Ge. 7. 24.
^j ch. 10. 40.

^k Ex. 3. 8.
23. 23.

^l ch. 9. 3. 7.
^m ch. 6. 2.

ⁿ ch. 8. 29.
^o Ju. 14. 4.

^p 1 Sa. 2. 25.
^q 1 Ki. 12. 15.

^r Ro. 9. 18.
^s ch. 10. 23. 38.

^t De. 20. 16. 17.
^u Nu. 13. 22. 33.

^v De. 1. 28.
^w Ju. 1. 22.

^x 1 Ki. 4. 10.
^y 1 Sa. 17. 4.

^z ch. 15. 46.
^{aa} Nu. 34. 2, &c.

^a or, Sharon.
Is. 33. 9.

^b ch. XIV.
XIX.

^c Nu. 26. 53.
^d ch. 19. 15.

^e ch. 23. 1.
^f ch. 19. 37.

^g Ge. 14. 1. 2.
Is. 9. 1.

^h Nu. 21. 24.
ⁱ De. 3. 8. 9.

^j Nu. 21. 24.
De. 2. 33. 36.

^k 3. 6. 16.
^l ch. 14. 10.

^m 23. 1.
ⁿ to possess it

De. 31. 3.

^o Ju. 3. 1.
^p Joel 3. 4.

^q 2 Sa. 3. 3.
13. 37. 38.

^r ch. 13. 20.
^s Je. 2. 18.

^t or, Teman.

^u or, the springs of Pisgah, or, the hill.

^v De. 4. 49.
^w De. 3. 4. 10.

^x ch. 13. 12.
^y Ju. 3. 3.

^z 1 Sa. 6. 4. 16.
^{aa} Zep. 2. 5.

^a De. 1. 4.
^b Ps. 133. 3.

^c De. 2. 23.
^d or, the cave

ch. 19. 30.
^e Ju. 1. 34.

^f Nu. 21. 24. 33.
^g 1 Ki. 5. 18.

^h Ps. 83. 7.
ⁱ Eze. 27. 9.

^j ch. 12. 7.
^k Nu. 32. 29. 33

7 ^l And these are the kings of the country ^m which Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even unto the mount Halak, that goeth up to ⁿ Seir: which Joshua ^o gave unto the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions;

8 In ^p the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country; ^q the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites:

9 ^r The ^s king of Jericho, one; ^t the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one;

10 The ^u king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

11 The king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

12 The king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;

13 The king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

14 The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;

15 The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;

16 The king of Makkedah, one; ^v the king of Beth-el, one;

17 The king of Tappuah, one; ^w the king of Hephher, one;

18 The king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;

19 The king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

20 The king of ^x Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;

21 The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

22 The ^y king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one;

23 The king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of ^z the nations of Gilgal, one;

24 The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

CHAP. XIII.

NOW Joshua ^a was old and stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land ^b to be possessed.

2 This ^c is the land that yet remaineth: ^d all the borders of the Philistines, and all ^e Geshuri.

3 From ^f Sihor, which is before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Canaanites: ^g five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdodites, the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also ^h the Avites:

4 From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and ⁱ Mearah that is beside the Sidonians, ^j unto Aphek, to the borders of ^k the Amorites:

5 And the land of ^l the Gileadites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, ^m from Baal-gad under mount Hermon unto the entering into Hamath.

6 All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto Misrephoth-maim,

and eminences. 18. a long time, seven years, measured by the life of Caleb. 20. to harden, they were judicially left to blindness.

CHAP. XII.—24. kings, these were only petty

princes, the name king having been then given to every lord of a city or small district

CHAP. XIII.—1 old, about a hundred years.

and all the Sidonians, them ^a will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only ^c divide thou it by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.

7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh,

8 With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, ^e which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, *even* as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them;

9 From Aroer, that *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midst of the river, ^h and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon;

10 And ⁱ all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon;

11 And Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan unto Salcah;

12 All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of ^m the remnant of the giants: ⁿ for these did Moses smite, and cast them out.

13 Nevertheless the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites: but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day.

14 Only ^r unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire *are* their inheritance, as he said unto them.

15 ^u And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben *inheritance* according to their families.

16 And their coast was ^t from Aroer, that *is* on the bank of the river Arnon, ^v and the city that *is* in the midst of the river, ^w and all the plain by Medeba;

17 Heshbon, and all her cities that *are* in the plain; Dibon, and ^x Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,

18 And ^y Jahaza, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

19 And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zareth-shahar in the mount of the valley,

20 And Beth-peor, and ^z Ashdod-pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth,

21 And ^{aa} all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, ^{ab} whom Moses smote ^{ac} with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, *which were* dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the country.

22 ^{ad} Balaam ^{ae} also the son of Beor, the ^{af} soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.

23 And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border *thereof*. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

24 And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the tribe of Gad, *even* unto the children of Gad according to their families.

25 And their coast was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, ^{ag} and half the land of

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^a ch. 23. 13.

^b 2 Sa. 11. 1.

^c ch. 14. 1. 2.

^d Nu. 32. 36.

^e Ge. 33. 17.

^f Nu. 34. 11.

^g ch. 22. 4.

^h Nu. 32. 33.

ⁱ ch. 12. 13.

^j Nu. 21. 30.

^k Nu. 21. 24, 25.

^l Nu. 32. 41.

^m 1 Ch. 2. 23.

ⁿ ch. 12. 4.

^o De. 3. 11.

^p Ps. 18. 32.

^q ch. 18. 7.

^r Nu. 18. 20.

^s De. 10. 9.

^t Nu. 18. 20, 23.

^u ch. 34. 17, 18.

^v ch. 12. 2.

^w Nu. 21. 28.

^x Nu. 26. 55.

^y Nu. 33. 54.

^z ch. 34. 13.

^{aa} ver. 9.

^{ab} Nu. 21. 30.

^{ac} or, the high places of

^{ad} Baal, and

^{ae} house of

^{af} Baal-meon

^{ag} Nu. 32. 38.

^{ah} ch. 13. 8, 32.

^{ai} Nu. 21. 23.

^{aj} Ge. 48. 5.

^{ak} 1 Ch. 5. 1, 2.

^{al} or, springs of

^{am} Pisgah, or, the hill.

^{an} De. 3. 10.

^{ao} ch. 21. 2.

^{ap} Nu. 35. 2.

^{aq} Nu. 21. 24.

^{ar} Nu. 31. 8.

^{as} Nu. 22. 5.

^{at} 2 Pe. 2. 15.

^{au} Jude 11.

^{av} Re. 2. 14.

^{aw} 19. 20.

^{ax} ch. 15. 17.

^{ay} Nu. 32. 12.

^{az} or, divider.

^{ba} Nu. 14. 21, 30.

^{bb} De. 1. 36, 38.

^{bc} Nu. 13. 26.

^{bd} Nu. 13. 6.

^{be} 14. 6.

^{bf} Nu. 13. 31, 32.

^{bg} De. 1. 28.

^{bh} 2 Ch. 15. 15.

^{bi} Ps. 119. 10.

^{bj} Compare

^{bk} Nu. 21. 26,

^{bl} 28, 29, with

^{bm} De. 2. 19,

^{bn} Ju. 11. 13,

^{bo} &c.

the children of Ammon, unto Aroer that *is* before ^b Rabbah;

26 And from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir;

27 And in the valley, ^d Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, ^e and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and *his* border, *even* unto the edge of ^f the sea of Chinnereth on the other side Jordan eastward.

28 This *is* the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages.

29 ^g And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the half tribe of Manasseh: and *this was* the possession of the half tribe of the children of Manasseh by their families.

30 And their coast was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and ^h all the towns of Jair, which *are* in Bashan, threescore cities:

31 And half Gilead, and ⁱ Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were pertaining* unto the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, *even* to the one half of the children of Machir by their families.

32 These *are* the countries which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan, by Jericho, eastward.

33 But ^j unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not *any* inheritance: the LORD God of Israel *was* their inheritance, ^k as he said unto them.

CHAP. XIV.

AND these *are* the countries which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, ^l which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them.

2 By ^m lot *was* their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and *for* the half tribe.

3 For ⁿ Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and an half tribe on the other side Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them.

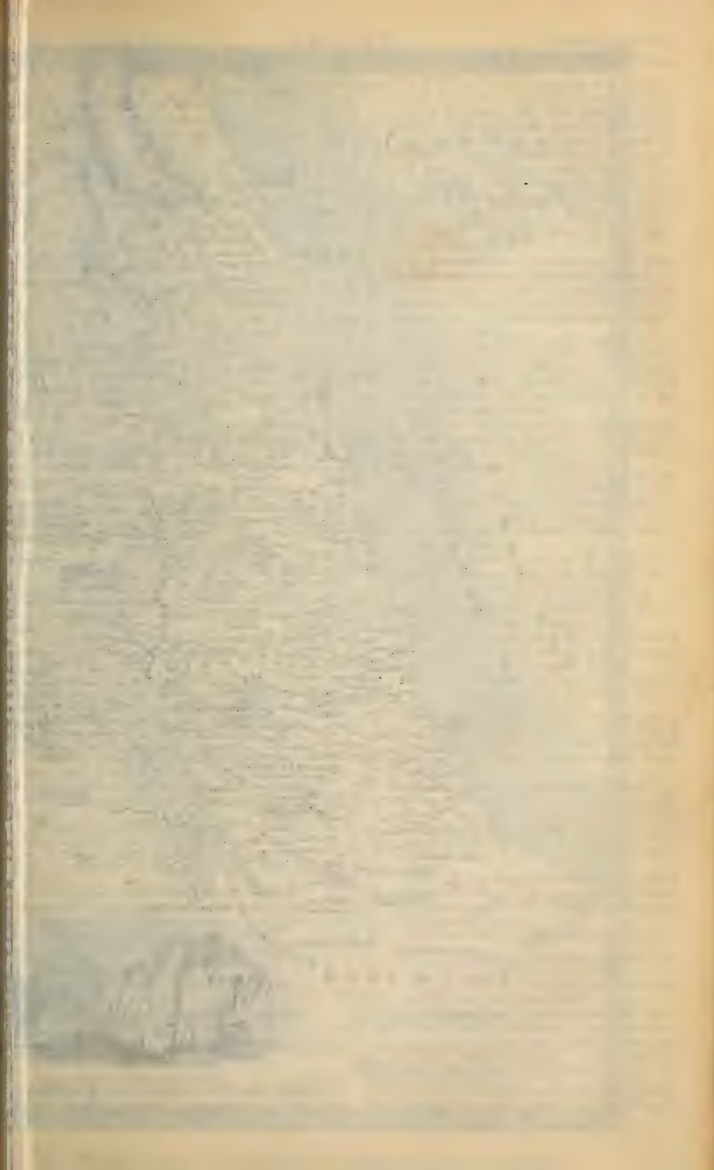
4 For ^o the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell *in*, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance.

5 As ^p the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

6 ^q Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the ^r Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest ^s the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee ^t in Kadesh-barnea.

7 Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the LORD ^u sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless ^v my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly ^w followed the LORD my God.

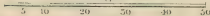


(CANAAN)
in Possession of the
Twelve Tribes
OF
ISRAEL



LAND OF EDOM

Scale of English Miles



EXPLANATION

The 12 cities of the Levites thus & the
6 cities of Refuge & other cities &c.



RUINS OF PETRA EDOM

9 And Moses swore on that day, saying, *a* Surely the land *b* whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, *f* as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel *g* wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this fourscore and five years old.

11 As *h* yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both *i* to go out, and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how *j* the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: *k* if so be the LORD will be with me, then *l* I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

13 And Joshua *m* blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

14 Hebron *n* therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenazite unto this day, because that he *o* wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

15 And *p* the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-arba; which *q* Arba was a great man among the Anakims. *r* And the land had rest from war.

CHAP. XV.

THIS then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families; *s* even to the border of Edom the *t* wilderness of Zin southward was the uttermost part of the south coast.

2 And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the *u* bay that looketh southward:

3 And it went out to the south side *v* to Maaleh-acrabbin, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto *w* Kadesh-barnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compass to Karkaa:

4 From thence it passed *x* toward Azmon, and went out unto *y* the river of Egypt: and the goings out of that coast were at the sea: this shall be your south coast.

5 And the east border was the salt sea, even unto the end of Jordan. And their border in the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jordan:

6 And the border went up to *z* Beth-hogla, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up *a* to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben:

7 And the border went up toward Debir from *b* the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward *c* Gilead, that is before the going up to Adummim, which is on the south side of the river: and the border passed toward the waters

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a Nu. 14. 23, 24

De. 1. 36.

b Nu. 13. 22.*c* 2 Sa. 17. 17.*d* 1 Ki. 1. 9.*e* 2 Ki. 23. 10.*f* 2 Co. 28. 3.

Je. 7. 31, 32.

19. 2, 6.

g Ju. 1. 21.

19. 10.

h Nu. 14. 30.*i* 2 Sa. 5. 15.*j* Is. 17. 5.*k* walked.*l* ch. 18. 15.*m* De. 34. 7.*n* 2 Sa. 6. 2.*o* 1 Ch. 13. 6.*p* Ju. 18. 12.*q* De. 31. 2.*r* Nu. 13. 25, 33*s* 1 Sa. 6. 19, 21*t* Ge. 38. 13.*u* Ju. 14. 1.*v* Ps. 18. 32, 34.

60. 12.

w Ro. 8. 31.*x* Ju. 1. 26.*y* ch. 19. 43.*z* ch. 22. 6.*a* ch. 21. 11, 12.*b* 1 Ch. 6. 55, 56*c* ch. 21. 12.*d* Nu. 34. 6, 7.*e* 1 Co. 15. 58.*f* ch. 14. 13.*g* Ge. 23. 2.*h* ch. 11. 23.*i* or, Kirjath-arba.*j* ch. 14. 15.*k* Ju. 1. 10, 20.*l* Nu. 13. 22.*m* Nu. 34. 3.*n* Nu. 33. 36.*o* Ju. 1. 11.*p* Ju. 1. 12, 13.*q* tongue.*r* Nu. 34. 4.*s* Ju. 3. 9.*t* Nu. 32. 12.*u* or, the going up to Acra-

bin.

v Ju. 1. 36.*w* Ge. 14. 7.*x* Nu. 20. 1.

32. 8.

y Ju. 1. 14.*z* Ge. 24. 64.*a* 1 Sa. 25. 23.*b* Nu. 34. 5.*c* Ex. 28. 31.*d* Ge. 33. 11.*e* 2 Co. 9. 5.*f* ch. 18. 10.*g* Ne. 11. 25.*h* ch. 18. 17.*i* Ge. 35. 21.*j* ch. 7. 26.*k* Is. 65. 19.*l* Ho. 2. 15.*m* 1 Sa. 10. 8.

11, 14, 15.

15. 33.

of En-shemesh, and the goings out thereof were at *n* En-rogel:

8 And the border went up *o* by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of the *p* Jebusite; the same is Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that *q* lieth before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end *r* of the valley of the giants northward:

9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto *s* the fountain of the water of Nephtoth, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron: and the border was drawn *t* to Baalah, which is *u* Kirjath-jearim:

10 And the border compassed from Baalah westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Jearim, which is Chesalon, on the north side, and went down to *v* Beth-shemesh, and passed on to *w* Timnah:

11 And the border went out unto the side of *x* Ekron northward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out unto Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.

12 And the west border was *y* to the great sea, and the coast thereof. This is the coast of the children of Judah round about according to their families.

13 *z* And *a* unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, even *b* the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron.

14 And Caleb drove thence *c* the three sons of Anak, *d* Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.

15 And *e* he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before was Kirjath-sepher.

16 *f* And *g* Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achishai my daughter to wife.

17 And *h* Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achishai his daughter to wife.

18 And *i* it came to pass, as she came unto him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and *j* she lighted off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou?

19 Who answered, Give me a *k* blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.

20 This *l* is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coast of Edom southward were *m* Kazeel, and *n* Eder, and Jazur.

22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,

23 And Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithman,

24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

25 And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, and Hezron, which is Hazor,

26 Anum, and Shema, and Moladah,

CHAP. XIV.—11. to go out, and to come in, to perform all the duties of war and business.

CHAP. XV.—1. by, according to. 6. stone, some border mark or monument. 16. will I give, it was then usual to promise a daughter to a hero: see

1 Sam. xvi. 25. 17. Othniel, Caleb's nephew, and son of Kenaz, Caleb's brother.

18. as she came unto him, rather, when she was going home: she moved, she persuaded him. 19. a south land, a dry land, exposed to sun and scorching winds. springs, land in which they were. upper—nether, high and

The cities of Judah.

27 And Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and ^b Beth-palet,
28 And ^c Hazar-shual, and ^d Beer-sheba, and Bizjithjah,
29 Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,
30 And Eitolid, and Chesil, and ^e Hor mah,
31 And ^f Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,
32 And Lebaoth, and Shilim, and Ain, and ^g Rimmon: all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages:
33 And in the valley, ^h Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah,
34 And Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam,
35 Jarmuth, and ⁱ Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,
36 And ^j Sharsim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages:
37 Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad,
38 And Dilean, and Mizpeh, ^k and Jok-theel,
39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,
40 And Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish,
41 And Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Mukkedah; sixteen cities with their villages:
42 Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan,
43 And Jiphthah, and Ashnah, and Nezib,
44 And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mare-shah; nine cities with their villages:
45 Ekron, with her towns and her villages:
46 From Ekron even unto the sea, all that lay ^l near Ashdod, with their villages:
47 Ashdod with her towns and her villages, unto ^m the river of Egypt, and ⁿ the great sea, and the border thereof:
48 ^o And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,
49 And Dannah, and Kirjath-sannah, which is Debir,
50 And Anab, and Eshtemoah, and Anim,
51 And ^p Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages:
52 Arab, and Dunah, and Eshean,
53 And ^q Janum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah,
54 And Humtah, and ^r Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages:
55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,
56 And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah.
57 Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages:
58 Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor,
59 And Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages:
60 Kirjath-baal, ^s which is Kirjath-jearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages:
61 In the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Mid-din, and Secacah,
62 And Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and En-gedi; six cities with their villages.
63 ^t As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, ^u the children of Judah could

JOSHUA.

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^a Ju. 1. 21.
^b Ne. 11. 26.
^c 1 Ch. 4. 25.
^d Ge. 21. 14, 31..33.
26.23,33
^e De. 1. 44.
^f went forth.
^g 1 Sa. 27. 6.
30. 1.
^h 1 Ch. 12. 1.
ⁱ Ne. 11. 29.
^j ch. 18. 13.
Ju. 1. 26.
^k Nu. 13. 23.
Ju. 13. 25.
16. 31.
^l ch. 18. 13.
2 Ch. 8. 5.
^m 1 Ch. 7. 28.
1 Ki. 9. 15.
ⁿ 1 Sa. 22. 1.
Mi. 1. 15.
^o ch. 17. 14.
^p 1 Sa. 17. 52.
^q or, or.
^r ch. 18. 13.
^s 2 Ki. 14. 7.
^t 2 Ch. 8. 5.
^u ch. 17. 7.
^v 1 Ch. 7. 28.
^w ch. 17. 9.
^x by the place of.
^y Ju. 1. 29.
1 Ki. 9. 16.
^z ver. 4.
^a Nu. 34. 6.
^b Ge. 41. 51.
46. 20.
48. 18.
^c ch. 10. 41.
11. 16.
^d Ge. 50. 23.
Nu. 26. 29.
32,39,40.
1 Ch. 7. 14.
^e or, Janus.
^f De. 3. 15.
^g Nu. 26. 29.
32.
^h ver. 13.
ch. 14. 15.
ⁱ Nu. 26. 30.
Jezzer.
1 Ch. 7. 18.
^j Nu. 26.31,32
^k Nu. 36. 2.
^l ch. 18. 14.
^m ch. 14. 1.
ⁿ Nu. 27. 6, 7.
Ga. 3. 28.
^o Ju. 1. 8, 21.
2 Sa. 5. 6.

The lot of Joseph and Manasseh.

not drive them out: ^a but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.
CHAP. XVI.
AND the lot of the children of Joseph ^b fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Beth-el,
2 And goeth out from Beth-el to ^c Luz, and passeth along unto the borders of Archi to Ataroth,
3 And goeth down westward to the coast of Japhleti, ^d unto the coast of Beth-horon the nether, and to ^e Gezer: and the goings out thereof are at the sea.
4 So ^f the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.
5 ^g And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was ^h thus: even the border of their inheritance on the east side was ⁱ Ataroth-addar, ^j unto Beth-horon the upper;
6 And the border went out toward the sea to ^k Michmethah on the north side; and the border went about eastward unto Taanath-shiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah;
7 And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, ^l and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan.
8 The border went out from Tappuah westward unto the ^m river Kanah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This ⁿ is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families.
9 And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim ^o were among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.
10 And ^p they drave not out the Canaanites that dwell in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.
CHAP. XVII.
THERE was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the ^a firstborn of Joseph; ^b to wit, for ^c Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead: because he was a man of war, therefore he had ^d Gilead and Bashan.
2 There was also a lot for ^e the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of ^f Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, ^g and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hephher, and for the children of Shemida: these ^h were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.
3 ⁱ But ^j Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these ^k are the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.
4 And they came near before ^l Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, ^m The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren.

low land, both well watered. 32. twenty and nine, thirty-eight are mentioned; the rest were perhaps minor places. 36. fourteen, fifteen are named; the two last are thought to be one divided.

CHAP. XVI.—1. the children of Joseph, i. e. the 184

tribe of Ephraim and half tribe of Manasseh, which had as yet received no inheritance. 10. serve under tribute, so they spared them out of covetousness.

CHAP. XVII.—1. the firstborn of Joseph, and therefore ought to have his part in the lot of the children

Therefore according to the commandment of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.

5 And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which were on the other side Jordan;

6 Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons: and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.

7 And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that lieth before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah.

8 Now Manasseh had the land of Tappuah: but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim;

9 And the coast descended unto the river Kanah, southward of the river: these cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manasseh: the coast of Manasseh also was on the north side of the river, and the outgoings of it were at the sea:

10 Southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea is his border; and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east.

11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, even three countries.

12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

13 Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?

15 And Joshua answered them, If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.

16 And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are of Beth-shean and her towns, and they who are of the valley of Jezreel.

17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot only:

18 But the mountain shall be thine; for it is a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Ca-

B. C. 1444.

a Je. 7. 12.

b Ju. 18. 31.

1 Sa. 13. 24.

4. 3. 4.

Ps. 78. 60.

Je. 26. 6.

c ch. 16. 6.

d Ge. 37. 12, 14

Ju. 9. 1.

1 Ki. 12. 1, 25.

1 Ch. 6. 67.

e Ju. 18. 9.

Pr. 13. 4.

Ee. 9. 10.

Is. 64. 5.

Zep. 3. 16.

Mat. 20. 6.

Jno. 6. 27.

Phi. 3. 13, 14

2 Pe. 1. 10, 11

f ch. 16. 8.

g Nu. 1. 4.

13. 2.

* or, brook

of reeds.

i ch. 16. 9.

k ch. 15. 1.

l ch. 16. 1. 4.

m Nu. 26. 54, 55

Ps. 105. 11.

Pr. 16. 33.

18. 18.

n Ac. 13. 19.

o ch. 13. 33.

p 1 Ch. 7. 29.

q Ps. 16. 5.

r 1 Sa. 31. 10.

s 1 Ki. 4. 12.

t Nu. 18. 20.

De. 10. 9.

u 15. 1, 2.

v Ju. 1. 27, 28.

w Ge. 13. 17.

x ch. 7. 16, &c.

1 Sa. 14. 41.

Ac. 1. 24. 26

Ro. 14. 19.

y ch. 16. 10.

z ch. 16. 4.

1 Eze. 47. 22.

48. 29.

Mat. 27. 35.

a Ge. 48. 22.

b Ps. 47. 4.

61. 5.

Jno. 17. 2.

Ac. 26. 18.

Col. 1. 12.

c Nu. 26. 34, 37

d or, Re-

phaim.

Ge. 14. 5.

15. 20.

e ch. 16. 1.

f Ju. 1. 19.

4. 3.

g Ho. 4. 15.

10. 5.

h 1 Ki. 4. 13.

i Ge. 28. 19.

Ju. 1. 23.

j ch. 16. 3.

k Ps. 27. 1, 2.

Is. 41. 10. 16

51. 12, 13.

Ro. 8. 31, 37.

l 1 Sa. 7. 1, 2

naanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they be strong.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

2 And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?

4 Give out from among you three men for each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come again to me.

5 And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north.

6 Ye shall therefore describe the land into seven parts, and bring the description hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

7 But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.

8 And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh.

9 And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came again to Joshua to the host at Shiloh.

10 And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

11 And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

12 And their border on the north side was from Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven.

13 And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which is Beth-el, southward; and the border descended to Ataroth-adar, near the hill that lieth on the south side of the nether Beth-horon.

14 And the border was drawn thence, and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that lieth before Beth-horon southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-baal, which is

of Joseph, though Ephraim was preferred before him in the blessing of Jacob. 5. portions, Heb. 'cords,' or 'cables,' so called because the land was measured by these.

CHAP. XVIII.—1. Shiloh, in the tribe of Ephraim.

Davidson says it was the name of a district, and not a town, but the latter is the prevailing opinion. set up the tabernacle, which Usher reckons remained there three hundred and twenty-eight years. 9. in a book, composed of seven maps. 14. corner, 'side,'

Kirjath-jearim, a city of the children of Judah: this was the west quarter.

15 And the south quarter was from the end of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoiah:

16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lieth before^b the valley of the son of Hinnom, and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of^c Jebusi on the south, and descended to^d En-rogel,

17 And was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-shemesh, and went forth toward Gellioth, which is over against the going up of Adummim, and descended to^e the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben,

18 And passed along toward the side over against^f Arabah northward, and went down unto Arabah:

19 And the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward: and the outgoings of the border were at the north bay of the^g salt sea at the south end of Jordan: this was the south coast.

20 And Jordan was the border of it on the east side. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were^h Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keiz,

22 And Beth-arabah, andⁱ Zemaraim, and Beth-el,

23 And Avim, and Parah, and^j Ophrah,

24 And Chephar-haammonai, and Ophni, and^k Gaba; twelve cities with their villages:

25 Gibeon,^l and^m Ramah, and Beeroth, 26 Andⁿ Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah,

27 And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah, 28 And Zelah, Eleph, and^o Jebusi, which is Jerusalem,^p Gibeath, and Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

CHAP. XIX.

AND the second lot came forth to Simeon,^q even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.

2 And^r they had in their inheritance Beer-sheba, and Sheba, and Moladah,

3 And Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Azem,

4 And Eitlad, and Bethul, and^s Hormah,

5 And^t Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and^u Hazar-susah,

6 And Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhin; thirteen cities and their villages:

7 Ain,^v Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages:

8 And all the villages that were round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

B. C. 1444.

^a Ex. 16. 8.

^b 2 Co. 8. 14. 15

^c 2 Ki. 23. 10.

^d 2 Ch. 28. 3.

^e 33. 6.

^f Is. 30. 33.

^g Je. 7. 31, 32.

^h 19. 26, 11.

ⁱ De. 33. 18. 19

^j Ge. 49. 13.

^k Ju. 1. 8. 21.

^l 19. 10.

^m 2 Sa. 17. 17.

ⁿ 1 Ki. 1. 9.

^o 1 Ki. 4. 12.

^p Ju. 4. 6, 12.

^q Ps. 89. 12.

^r i ch. 15. 6.

^s * or, the plain.

^t 2 Ki. 14. 12.

^u † or, which is drawn.

^v * tongue.

^w Is. 11. 15.

^x Ge. 14. 3.

^y 19. 25.

^z m Ju. 1. 30.

^{aa} n Lu. 10. 30.

^{ab} * Ge. 10. 18.

^{ac} 2 Ch. 13. 4.

^{ad} p 1 Ki. 21. 1.

^{ae} 2 Ki. 8. 29.

^{af} 9. 15, 30.

^{ag} r 1 Sa. 28. 4.

^{ah} 1 Ki. 1. 3.

^{ai} 2. 17, 21.

^{aj} s 1 Sa. 13. 17.

^{ak} e Ezr. 2. 26.

^{al} Ne. 7. 30.

^{am} u 1 Ki. 3. 4, 5.

^{an} Is. 28. 21.

^{ao} v Je. 31. 15.

^{ap} Mat. 27. 57.

^{aq} r Armathea.

^{ar} a Ge. 31. 49.

^{as} y Ju. 4. 6.

^{at} Je. 46. 18.

^{au} s 1 Sa. 6. 9, &c.

^{av} a ch. 15. 8.

^{aw} b Ju. 19. 12.

^{ax} &c.

^{ay} 1 Sa. 10. 26.

^{az} 13. 15, 16.

^{ba} Is. 10. 29.

^{bb} Ho. 10. 9.

^{bc} c De. 33. 24, 25.

^{bd} Lu. 2. 36, 57.

^{be} d 2 Sa. 2. 16.

^{bf} e Ge. 49. 5. 7.

^{bg} f 1 Ch. 6. 74.

^{bh} 1 Sa. 15. 12.

^{bi} Ca. 7. 5.

^{bj} Is. 33. 9.

^{bk} h 1 Ch. 4. 28.

^{bl} i 1 Sa. 5. 2.

^{bm} f Nu. 21. 3.

^{bn} Ju. 1. 17.

^{bo} k 1 Ki. 9. 13.

^{bp} l 1 Sa. 27. 6.

^{bq} 30. 1.

^{br} m ch. 11. 8.

^{bs} Ju. 1. 31.

^{bt} Is. 23. 2, 4, 12.

^{bu} n 1 Ch. 4. 31.

^{bv} s Tzor.

^{bw} 2 Sa. 5. 11.

^{bx} o Nu. 33. 19, 20.

^{by} p Ge. 38. 5.

^{bz} Ju. 1. 31.

^{ca} Mt. 1. 14.

9 Out of the portion of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too^a much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

10 * And the third lot came up for the children of^b Zebulun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid:

11 And^c their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the river that is before^d Jokneam;

12 And turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of^e Chisioth-tabor, and then goeth out to Daberath, and goeth up to Japhia,

13 And from thence passeth on along on the east to^f Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goeth out to Remmon-† methoar to Neah;

14 And the border compasseth it on the north side to Hannathon: and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Jiphthah-el:

15 And Kattath, and^g Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages.

16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 † And the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families.

18 And their border was toward^h Jezreel, and Chesulloth, andⁱ Shunem,

19 And Haphraim, and Shihon, and Anaharath,

20 And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez,

21 And Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez;

22 And the coast reacheth to^j Tabor, and Shahazimah, and^k Beth-shemesh; and the outgoings of their border were at Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages.

23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

24 † And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of^l Asher according to their families.

25 And their border was^m Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph,

26 And Alammelech, andⁿ Amad, and^o Misheal; and reacheth to^p Camel westward, and to Shihor-libnath;

27 And turneth toward the sunrising to^q Beth-dagon, and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthah-el toward the north side of Beth-emek, and Neiel, and goeth out to^r Cabul on the left hand,

28 And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah,^s even unto great Zidon;

29 And then the coast turneth to Ramah, and to the strong city^t Tyre; and the coast turneth to Hosah; and the outgoings thereof are at the sea from the coast to^u Achzib:

30 Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their villages.

31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

or rather 'west quarter.' 21. Jericho, this, though not rebuilt as a city, was yet inhabited.

CHAP. XIX.—1. within—Judah, thus shut up, it was dispersed in Israel, as Jacob had foretold, Gen.

xlix. 6, 7; while their brethren the Levites were scattered throughout all the tribes. 25. Tyre thought to have been a strong rock, as the Hebrew signifies, and not the ancient city.

32 ^g The sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, *even* for the children of Naphtali according to their families.

33 And their coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakum; and the outgoings thereof were at Jordan:

34 And *then* ^h the coast turneth westward to Aznoth-tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the south side, and reacheth to Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the sunrising.

35 And the fenced cities are Ziddim, Zer, and ⁱ Hammath, Rakkath, and ^j Chinnereth,

36 And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

37 And Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor,

38 And Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

40 ^k And the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.

41 And the coast of their inheritance was ^l Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh,

42 And ^m Shaaiabbin, and ⁿ Ajaion, and Jethlah,

43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,

44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

45 And Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon,

46 And Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border ^o before ^p Japho.

47 And ^q the coast of the children of Dan went out *too little* for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, ^r Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 ^s When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coats, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them:

50 According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, *even* ^t Timnath-serah ^u in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

51 These ^v are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot ^w in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

CHAP. XX.

THE LORD also spake unto Joshua, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, ^x Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses:

B. C. 1444.

^a Ru. 4. 1, 2.

Job 5. 4.

29. 7.

Pr. 31. 23.

Je. 35. 7.

^b De. 33. 23.

^c Nu. 35. 12.

^d Ge. 10. 18.

1 Ki. 8. 65.

^e Mat. 14. 34.

Gennesaret

^f Nu. 35. 25.

He. 9. 26.

^g sanctified.

^h ch. 21. 32.

1 Ch. 6. 76.

ⁱ ch. 21. 21.

2 Ch. 10. 1.

^j ch. 14. 15.

21. 11, 13.

^k Lu. 1. 39.

^l Ju. 13. 25.

16. 31.

2 Ch. 11. 10.

^m ch. 21. 33.

De. 4. 43.

1 Ch. 6. 78.

ⁿ Ju. 1. 35.

1 Sa. 14. 31.

^o ch. 21. 33.

1 Ki. 22. 3.

^p ch. 21. 27.

^q Nu. 35. 15.

^r or, over

against.

^s or, Joppa,

Ac. 9. 36.

^t Ju. xviii.

^u ch. 14. 1.

17. 4.

^v Ju. 18. 29.

^w ch. 18. 1.

^x Nu. 35. 2.

^y ch. 24. 30.

^z 1 Ch. 7. 24.

^a ver. 8, 19.

1 Ch. 6. 57,

&c.

^b ch. 14. 1.

Nu. 34. 17.

^c ch. 24. 33.

^d ver. 20, &c.

Nu. 3. 17, &c.

^e ch. 18. 1, 10.

Ps. 78. 60.

Je. 7. 12. 14.

^f ver. 27, &c.

^g Ex. 21. 13.

Nu. 35. 6, 11,

14.

De. 4. 41. 43.

19. 2. 9.

Ro. 8. 33, 34.

He. 6. 18, 19.

^h ver. 24, &c.

3 That the slayer that killeth *any* person unawares *and* unwittingly may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of ⁱ the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.

5 And ^j if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand; because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime.

6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, ^k and until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

7 ^l And they ^m appointed ⁿ Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and ^o Shechem in mount Ephraim, and ^p Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron, in ^q the mountain of Judah.

8 And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned ^r Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and ^s Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and ^t Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

9 These ^u were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth *any* person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

CHAP. XXI.

THEN came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto ^v Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel;

2 And they spake unto them at ^w Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, ^x The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle.

3 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and ^y the children of Aaron the priest, *which were* of the Levites, ^z had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

5 And ^a the rest of the children of Kohath *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

6 And ^b the children of Gershon *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

7 The ^c children of Merari by their families *had* out of the tribe of Reuben, and

out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

8 And ^a the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, ^b as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

9 ^c And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are ^d here * mentioned by name,

10 Which ^e the children of Aaron, *being* of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the children of Levi, had: for their's was the first lot.

11 And ^f they gave them [†] the city of Arba the father of [§] Anak, which city is Hebron, [‡] in the hill country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it.

12 But [§] the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

13 [¶] Thus [¶] they gave to the children of Aaron the priest ^m Hebron with her suburbs, ^o to be a city of refuge for the slayer; ^p and Libnah with her suburbs,

14 And ^q Jattir with her suburbs, ^t and Eshtemoa with her suburbs,

15 And ^u Holon with her suburbs, ^v and Debir with her suburbs,

16 And ^x Ain with her suburbs, ^y and Juttah with her suburbs, *and* ^z Beth-she-mesh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, ^b Gibeon with her suburbs, ^c Geba with her suburbs,

18 Anathoth ^d with her suburbs, and ^e Almon with her suburbs; four cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 [¶] And [§] the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21 For they gave them [‡] Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gezer with her suburbs,

22 And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs; four cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her suburbs,

24 Aijalon with her suburbs, Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; four cities.

25 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; two cities.

26 All the cities *were* ten with their suburbs for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.

27 [¶] And [¶] unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the other half tribe of Manasseh *they gave* ^p Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Beeshterah with her suburbs; two cities.

28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her suburbs,

29 Jarmuth with her suburbs, En-gan-nim with her suburbs; four cities.

30 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal

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^a Pr. 16. 33.

^b Nu. 35. 2.

^c ch. 20. 7.

* called.

^d ver. 4.

^e 1 Ch. 6. 77.

^f 1 Ch. 6. 55.

[†] or, Kirjath-arba.

Ge. 23. 2.

[§] ch. 15. 13, 14.

[‡] ch. 20. 7.

Lu. 1. 39.

ⁱ ch. 14. 14.

1 Ch. 6. 56.

^k ch. 20. 8.

^l 1 Ch. 6. 57.

&c.

^m ch. 20. 7.

ⁿ 1 Ki. 22. 3.

^o Nu. 35. 6.

^p Is. 37. 8.

^q Ge. 32. 2.

^r 2 Sa. 17. 24.

19. 32.

^s 1 Sa. 30. 27.

^t ch. 15. 50.

^u 1 Ch. 6. 58.

Hilen.

^v ch. 15. 49.

^x ch. 15. 42.

Ashan.

^y ch. 15. 55.

^z 1 Sa. 6. 9, 12.

^b Nu. 35. 7.

^c Is. 28. 21.

^d ch. 18. 24.

Gaba.

^e 1 Sa. 10. 30.

Je. 1. 1.

^f 1 Ch. 6. 60.

Alemeth.

^g Ge. 13. 15.

28. 13.

^h Ps. 44. 1. 3.

106. 42.

45.

ⁱ ver. 5.

^j ch. 11. 23.

22. 4.

2Sa. 7. 23, 24.

^k De. 7. 24.

^l ch. 20. 7.

Ge. 37. 12, 13.

Ac. 7. 16.

^m Sychem.

ⁿ ch. 23. 14.

1 Ki. 8. 56.

1 Co. 1. 9.

1 Th. 5. 24.

^o Tit. 1. 2.

He. 6. 18.

^p Nu. 32. 20.

De. 3. 18.

^q ch. 1. 16, 17.

^r 1 Ch. 6. 71.

^s ch. 20. 8.

ch. 13. 8.

Nu. 32. 33.

De. 29. 8.

^t De. 6. 6, 17.

Ps. 119. 4. 6.

Pr. 4. 23.

Is. 55. 2.

Je. 12. 16.

He. 6. 11, 12.

12. 15.

2Pe. 1. 5. 11.

with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs, 31 Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities.

32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, ^c Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hammoth-dor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

34 [¶] And [¶] unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs, 35 Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities.

36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, ^b Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahazah with her suburbs,

37 Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs; four cities.

38 And out of the tribe of Gad, ^p Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and ^r Mahanaim with her suburbs,

39 Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all.

40 So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, *were* by their lot twelve cities.

41 All ^a the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel *were* forty and eight cities with their suburbs.

42 These cities *were* every one with their suburbs round about them: thus *were* all these cities.

43 [¶] And the LORD gave unto Israel ^f all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.

44 And [‡] the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers; and [‡] there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.

45 There [‡] failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

CHAP. XXII.

THEN Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh,

2 And said unto them, Ye have kept ^m all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, ⁿ and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you:

3 Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.

4 And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, and unto the land of your possession, ^r which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side Jordan.

5 But [‡] take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you,

CHAP. XXI.—42. *with their suburbs*, which extended two thousand cubits on every side, for the use of the cattle.

CHAP. XXII.—3. *many days*, they had now been about seven years absent from their families. 4. *now return ye*, the war being concluded, the land divided,

^a to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

6 So Joshua ^b blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents.

7 ¶ Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given possession in Bashan: ^c but unto the other half thereof gave Joshua among their brethren on this side Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also unto their tents, then he blessed them,

8 And he spake unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: ^d divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.

9 ¶ And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go unto ^e the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

10 ¶ And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that are in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to.

11 ¶ And the children of Israel ^f heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel.

12 And when the children of Israel heard of it, ^g the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them.

13 And the children of Israel ^h sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, ⁱ Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,

14 And with him ten princes, of each ^j chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and ^k each one was an head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel.

15 ¶ And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying,

16 Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, ^l that ye might rebel this day against the LORD?

17 Is the iniquity ^m of Peor too little for us, ⁿ from which we are not cleansed

B. C. 1444.

^a De. 10. 12.
Mat. 22. 37.
Jno. 14. 15,
21. 23.
21. 15.. 17.

Ja. 1. 12.
2. 5.

1 Jno. 5. 2, 3.

^b ch. 14. 13.
Ge. 47. 7.
Ex. 39. 43.
2 Sa. 6. 18.
Lu. 2. 34.
24. 50.

He. 7. 6, 7.
^c Nu. 16. 22.

^d ch. 17. 5.

^e ch. 18. 1.

^f ch. 7. 1, 5.

^g Nu. 31. 27.

1 Sa. 30. 14.

^h Pr. 15. 1.

16. 1.

18. 13.

24. 26.

Ac. 11. 4.

Ja. 1. 19.

1 Pe. 3. 15.

ⁱ De. 10. 17.

^j 1 Ki. 8. 39.

Job 10. 7.

23. 10.

Ps. 44. 21.

139. 1, 2.

Je. 12. 3.

2 Co. 11. 11,

31.

^k Nu. 32. 1, 26,

29.

^l De. 18. 19.

1 Sa. 20. 16.

Ps. 10. 13, 14.

^m To-morrow

ⁿ De. 13. 12,

&c.

Ju. 20. 12.

^o Ju. 20. 1.

Ac. 11. 2, 3.

Ro. 10. 2.

Ga. 4. 17, 18.

^p De. 13. 14.

Pr. 20. 18.

Mat. 18. 15.

^q ver. 34.

ch. 24. 27.

Ge. 31. 48.

^r De. 12. 5, &c.

^s Ex. 6. 25.

Nu. 25. 7.

^t house of the

father.

^u Nu. 1. 4.

^v 2 Ki. 16. 10.

He. 8. 5.

^w De. 12. 13, 14

^x Le. 17. 8, 9.

De. 12. 13, 14

1 Sa. 15. 23.

Ps. 78. 8.

Is. 63. 10.

^y Nu. 25. 3, 4.

De. 4. 3.

^z Ezr. 9. 13, 14

1 Co. 10. 8, 11.

until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD,

18 But that ye must turn away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, seeing ye rebel to day against the LORD, that to-morrow ^a he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel.

19 Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession be unclean, then pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, ^b wherein the LORD's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar beside the altar of the LORD our God.

20 Did I not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

21 ¶ Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh ^c answered, and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel,

22 The LORD ^d God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he ^e knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if ^f it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,)

23 That we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let the LORD himself ^g require it;

24 And if we have not ^h rather done it for fear of this thing, saying, * In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the LORD God of Israel?

25 For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ye have no part in the LORD: so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD.

26 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice:

27 But that it may be ⁱ a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might ^j do the service of the LORD before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD.

28 Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say again, ^k Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it is a witness between us and you.

29 God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD, ^l to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the altar of the LORD our God that is before his tabernacle.

30 ¶ And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation and

and their brethren settled, the warriors are sent home with commendations. 6. tents, from their long sojourning in the wilderness, 'tents' seem to have become a common name for habitations. 8. divide the spoil, i. e. with those left to protect their homes. 9. Gilead, put for the whole country on the other

side Jordan, as Jazer and Bashan. 10. borders, 'banks,' so Boothroyd. in the land, 'opposite the land,' so Boothroyd. to see to, not for use, but to look at as a monument. 11. over against, or upon the edge of, and on the east side of Jordan, in their own territory. 23. require it, avenge it.

heads of the thousands of Israel which were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, * it pleased them.

31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the LORD is ^e among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD: ^f now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.

32 ^g And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again.

33 And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel ^h blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar ⁱ Ed: for it shall be a witness between us that the LORD is God.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND it came to pass a long time after that the LORD ^m had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua ⁿ waxed old and ^o stricken in age.

2 And Joshua ^p called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age:

3 And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the ^q LORD your God is he that hath fought for you.

4 Behold, ^r I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea ^s westward.

5 And the LORD your God, ^t he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, ^u as the LORD your God hath promised unto you.

6 Be ^v ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, ^w that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left;

7 That ^x ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither ^y make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:

8 ^z But ^{aa} ye cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.

9 ^{ab} For ^{ac} the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong; but as ^{ad} for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.

B. C. 1444.

a Ju. 3. 31.

15. 15.

2 Sa. 23. 8.

b Ex. 14. 14.

* it was good

in their

eyes.

c Ep. 5. 15.

He. 12. 15.

† your souls.

d He. 10. 38, 39.

2 Pe. 2. 20, 21.

e 2 Ch. 15. 2.

Is. 12. 6.

Zec. 8. 23.

Mat. 1. 23.

1 Co. 14. 25.

† then.

f Ju. 2. 3.

g Nu. 33. 55.

1 Ki. 11. 4.

h 1 Ki. 2. 2.

He. 9. 27.

i 1 Ch. 29. 20.

Ne. 8. 6.

Da. 2. 19.

Lu. 2. 28.

k Lu. 21. 33.

§ i. e. a witness:

so

ch. 24. 27.

l De. 28. 63.

m ch. 21. 44.

n Le. 26. 16.

De. 28. 15.

16. &c.

o ch. 13. 1.

|| come into

days.

p De. 31. 28.

1 Ch. 28. 1.

r Ex. 14. 14.

s ch. 13. 2, 6.

t Ge. 35. 4.

* at the sun-

set.

u 1 Sa. 10. 19.

v Ex. 23. 30.

34. 11.

x Ge. 11. 26, 31.

y Nu. 33. 53.

z ch. 1. 7.

a Ge. 31. 53.

b Ge. 12. 1.

c Ac. 7. 2, 3.

d De. 5. 32.

28. 14.

e Ge. 21. 2, 3.

Ps. 127. 3.

f Ex. 23. 33.

Pr. 4. 14.

Ep. 5. 11.

g Nu. 32. 38.

Ps. 16. 4.

h Je. 5. 7.

i Zep. 1. 5.

j Ge. 36. 8.

De. 2. 5.

k Ge. 46. 1, 6.

l Ex. 3. 10.

m or, For if

ye will

cleave, &c.

n Ac. 11. 23.

† or, Then

the LORD

will drive.

i De. 11. 23.

m Ex. 12. 37, 51.

n Ex. 14. 2, &c.

10 One ^a man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he ^b it is that fighteth for you, ^c as he hath promised you.

11 Take ^d good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God.

12 Else if ye do in any wise ^e go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, ^f even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:

13 Know for a certainty that ^g the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; ^h but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

14 And, behold, this day ⁱ I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that ^j not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

15 Therefore ^k it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you ^l all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

16 When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to ^a Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they ^b presented themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, ^c Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, ^d even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and ^e they served other gods.

3 And ^f I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and ^g gave him Isaac.

4 And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto ^h Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but ⁱ Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

5 I ^j sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out.

6 And ^k I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ^l ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers

CHAP. XXIII.—2. all Israel, and for their elders, 'even for their elders,' those possessed of authority. heads, chiefs of the tribes. judges, perhaps the seventy elders. officers, inferior magistrates. 7. neither make mention, i. e. with respect. 13. snares and traps, to inveigle to sin and idolatry. scourges,

signifies literally, 'the prickles of the acacia thorn.'

CHAP. XXIV.—1. Shechem, built at the foot of mount Gerizim. before God, i. e. before his tabernacle; the tabernacle was consequently removed from Shiloh to Shechem on this occasion, or Shiloh is called Shechem, as being in its territory. 2. the

with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea.

7 And when they cried unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and ^e your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness ^f a long season.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwell on the other side Jordan; ^g and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.

9 Then ^h Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and ⁱ sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:

10 But I would not hearken unto Balaam; ^j therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.

11 And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand.

12 And ^k I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites; *but* ^l not with thy sword, nor with thy bow.

13 And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and ^m cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

14 ⁿ Now ^o therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in ^p sincerity and in truth: and ^q put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and ^r in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, ^s choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or ^t the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: ^u but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;

17 For the LORD our God, he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

18 And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, *even* the Amorites which dwell in the land: *therefore* will we

B. C. 1427.

^a Mat. 6. 24.

^b 1 Sa. 6. 20.

^c Ps. 99. 5, 9.

^d Is. 5. 16.

^e Ex. 20. 5.

^f Ex. 23. 21.

^g De. 4. 34.

^h 29. 2.

ⁱ 1 Ch. 28. 9.

^j 2 Ch. 15. 2.

^k Ezr. 8. 22.

^l Is. 1. 28.

^m 65. 11, 12.

ⁿ Je. 17. 13.

^o ch. 5. 6.

^p Is. 63. 10.

^q Ac. 7. 42.

^r Nu. 21. 21, 33.

^s Ps. 119. 173.

^t Ju. 11. 25.

^u Ge. 35. 2.

^v Ju. 10. 16.

^w 1 Sa. 7. 3.

^x Nu. 22. 5.

^y Nu. 23. 11, 20.

^z Ex. 15. 25.

^a 2 Ki. 11. 17.

^b De. 31. 24.

^c Ju. 9. 6.

^d Ge. 28. 13.

^e De. 7. 20.

^f Ge. 35. 4.

^g Ps. 44. 3, 6.

^h Ge. 31. 48, 52.

ⁱ De. 32. 1.

^j De. 6. 10, 11.

^k Ju. 2. 6.

^l De. 10. 12.

^m 1 Sa. 12. 24.

ⁿ Ge. 17. 1.

^o 20. 5.

^p De. 18. 13.

^q Ps. 119. 1.

^r 2 Co. 1. 12.

^s Ep. 6. 24.

^t Ju. 2. 8.

^u Eze. 20. 18.

^v Eze. 23. 3.

^w Ru. 1. 15.

^x 1 Ki. 18. 21.

^y Eze. 20. 39.

^z Jno. 6. 67.

^a Ex. 34. 15.

^b De. 13. 7.

^c 29. 18.

^d Ju. 6. 10.

^e Ju. 2. 7.

^f Ge. 18. 19.

^g *prolonged their days after Joshua.*

^h De. 11. 2.

ⁱ 31. 13.

^j Ge. 50. 25.

^k Ex. 13. 19.

^l *or, lambs.*

^m Ex. 6. 25.

ⁿ Ju. 20. 28.

also serve the LORD; for he *is* our God.

19 And Joshua said unto the people, ^a Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he *is* an ^b holy God; he *is* ^c a jealous God; ^d he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20 If ^e ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, ^f then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against yourselves that ^g ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, *We are witnesses.*

23 Now therefore ^h put away, *said he*, the strange gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

24 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Joshua ⁱ made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 ^j And Joshua ^k wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took ^l a great stone, and ^m set it up there under ⁿ an oak, that *was* by the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be ^o a witness unto us; for ^p it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

28 So ^q Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

29 ^r And ^s it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred and ten years old.

30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which *is* in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

31 And ^t Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that ^u overlived Joshua, and which had ^v known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.

32 ^w And ^x the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill that *pertained* to ^y Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

good, or river Euphrates. 12. *the hornet*, thought to mean the zimb or dog-fly of Abyssinia, drawn thither to execute God's will; and the puncture of whose proboscis produced the most dire effects. Joshua here states a fact, fulfilling Exod. xxiii. 27, 28; Deut. vii. 20. 14. *gods*, of the Chaldeans, Egyptians, and Canaanites: it should seem some had private idols. 19. *Ye cannot serve*, an elliptical expression, implying, unless you do as you enquire. 31. *days of the elders*, thought to have ruled thirty years after Joshua.

The Book of JUDGES.

Recording the deeds of the judges or rulers of Israel who succeeded Joshua.

CHAP. I.

NOW after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel ^c asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

2 And the LORD said, *f* Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and ^e I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.

4 And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in ^m Bezek ten thousand men.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

7 And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having ^f their thumbs and their great toes cut off; ⁱ gathered *their meat* under my table: ^e as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

8 Now ^f the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

9 [¶] And ^{*} afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwell in the mountain, and in the south, and in the ^g valley.

10 And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwell in Hebron: (now the name of Hebron before *was* ^z Kirjath-arba:) and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.

11 And ^a from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher:

12 And ^c Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, ^d Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

14 And it came to pass, when she came to him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou?

15 And she said unto him, ^f Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

B. C. 1425.

^a ch. 4. 11. 17.

¹ Sa. 15. 6.

¹ Ch. 2. 55.

^{Je.} 35. 2.

^b De. 34. 3.

^c ch. 20. 18.

^{Nu.} 27. 21.

^d Nu. 21. 1.

^e Nu. 10. 32.

^f Ge. 49. 8.

^{Ps.} 78. 68..

^{70.}

^{He.} 7. 14.

^{Re.} 5. 5.

^g ver. 3.

^h Nu. 21. 3.

^{Jos.} 19. 4.

ⁱ Jos. 11. 22.

^k ver. 17.

^l ver. 2.

² Ki. 18. 7.

^{*} or, he possessed the mountain.

^m 1 Sa. 11. 8.

ⁿ Jos. 17. 16.

^{18.}

^o Nu. 14. 21.

^{De.} 1. 36.

^{Jos.} 14. 9, 13.

^{15, 13, 14.}

^p Jos. 15. 63.

^{18. 28.}

[†] the thumbs of their hands and of their feet.

[‡] or, gleaned

^r Le. 21. 19.

¹ Sa. 15. 33.

^{Ja.} 2. 13.

^s ver. 19.

^t Jos. 15. 63.

^u ch. 18. 2.

^v Jos. 2. 1.

^{7. 2.}

^w Ge. 28. 19.

^x Jos. 10. 36.

^{11. 21.}

^{15. 13.}

^y Jos. 2. 12, 14.

^g or, low country.

^z Jos. 14. 15.

^{15, 13, 14.}

^a Jos. 15. 15.

^{&c.}

^b Jos. 17. 11..

^{13.}

^c 1 Sa. 17. 25.

^{18. 23.}

^d ch. 3. 9.

^e Jos. 16. 10.

¹ Ki. 9. 16.

^f Ge. 33. 11.

^g Jos. 19. 15.

16 [¶] And ^a the children of the Kenite, Moses' father in law, went up out ^b of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which *lieth* in the south of ^d Arad; and ^e they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And ^g Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called ^h Hormah.

18 Also Judah took ⁱ Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof.

19 And ⁱ the LORD was with Judah; and ^k he drave out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had ⁿ chariots of iron.

20 And ^o they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak.

21 And ^p the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

22 [¶] And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth-el: ^q and the LORD was with them.

23 And the house of Joseph ^r sent to descry Beth-el. (Now the name of the city before *was* ^v Luz.)

24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and ^s we will shew thee mercy.

25 And when he shewed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword, but they let go the man and all his family.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which is the name thereof unto this day.

27 [¶] Neither ^b did Manasseh drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

28 And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

29 [¶] Neither ^c did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwell in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwell in Gezer among them.

30 [¶] Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the ^e inhabit-

CHAP. I.—1. *asked*, by the high priest, see Num. xxvii. 21. *Who*, what tribe. *up*, to the mountainous parts. 5. *found*, met with. 7. *kings*, or chiefs of hordes. *gathered their meat*, &c. proverbial, as if they were dogs. 8. *Jerusalem*, the king had been smitten, Jos. xii. 10; the city had been taken, but not the citadel. 12—16. *Caleb said*, see Jos. xv. 16—19, and notes; related here in order of time, and in Joshua to explain the division of the land. 16. *city of palm*, i. e. Jericho, Deut. xxxiv. 3, now destroyed, 192

but retaining its name. 18. *Gaza*, &c. afterwards recovered by the Philistines, comp. ch. iii. 31; 1 Sam. iv. 17. 19. *could not drive*, through indolence, weariness, or similar causes. *because*, &c. intimates distrust on the part of Judah. 21. *that inhabited* its south part, where they had a strong fortress, see Jos. xv. 63. 27. *would dwell*, 'continued to dwell,' so *Boothroyd*. 28. *to tribute*, this was an act of avarice and disobedience.

ants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

31 ^a Neither ^a did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Acco, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Heibah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob:

32 But the Asherites ^d dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

33 ^f Neither ^f did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath ⁱ became tributaries unto them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley:

35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres ⁱ in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph ^e prevailed, so that they became tributaries.

36 And the coast of the Amorites was ^r from ⁱ the going up to Akkrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

CHAP. II.

AND an [§] angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and [†] I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

2 And [†] ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; [†] ye shall throw down their altars: [†] but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?

3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be [†] as thorns in your sides, and [†] their gods shall be a [†] snare unto you.

4 And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place [†] Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

6 [†] And when [†] Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land.

7 And [†] the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that [†] outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.

8 And [†] Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in [†] Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which [†] knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

11 [†] And the children of Israel did evil

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^a Jos. 19.24..

^b De. 31. 16.

^c De. 6. 14.

^d Ps. 103.34,35

^e Ex. 20. 5.

^f ch. 3. 7.

^g 10. 6.

^h Ps. 106. 36.

ⁱ Jos. 19. 58.

^j Ps. 106.40..

^k 42.

^l 2 Ki. 17.20.

^m ch. 4. 2.

ⁿ Ps. 44. 12.

^o Is. 50. 1.

^p Ps. 18. 44.

^q Le. 26. 37.

^r Jos. 7.12,13.

^s Le. xxvi.

^t De. xxviii.

^u Jos. 19. 42.

^v ch. 3. 9, 10.

^w 15.

^x 1 Sa. 12.11.

^y Ac. 13. 20.

^z was heavy.

^{aa} saved.

^{ab} Nu. 34. 4.

^{ac} Jos. 15. 3.

^{ad} or, Maaleh-

^{ae} akkrabbim.

^{af} Ex.34.15,16

^{ag} Le. 17. 7.

^{ah} or, messenger.

^{ai} Ge. 17. 7.

^{aj} Jos. 1. 5.

^{ak} De. 7. 2.

^{al} De. 12. 3.

^{am} Ge. 6. 6.

^{an} De. 32. 36.

^{ao} Ps. 106. 44.

^{ap} 45.

^{aq} Ps. 106. 34.

^{ar} or, were

^{as} corrupt.

^{at} Jos. 23. 13.

^{au} ch. 3. 6.

^{av} Ex. 23. 33.

^{aw} 34. 12.

^{ax} De. 7. 16.

^{ay} Ps. 106. 36.

^{az} they let

^{ba} nothing fall

^{bb} of their.

^{bc} 1. e. weep-

^{bd} ers.

^{be} d Jos. 23. 16.

^{bf} Jos. 22. 6.

^{bg} 24. 28.

^{bh} Jos. 23. 13.

^{bi} Jos. 24. 31.

^{bj} De. 8. 2,16.

^{bk} 13. 3.

^{bl} prolonged

^{bm} days after

^{bn} Joshua.

^{bo} i Jos.24.29,30

^{bp} or, suffered

^{bq} Jos. 19. 50.

^{br} Timnath-

^{bs} serah.

^{bt} Ex. 5. 2.

^{bu} 1 Sa. 2. 12.

^{bv} 1 Ch. 28. 9.

^{bw} Je. 9. 3.

^{bx} 22. 16.

^{by} Ga. 4. 8.

^{bz} 2 Th. 1. 8.

in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim:

12 And they ^b forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt and followed ^c other gods, of the gods of the people that ^c were round about them, and ^c bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forsook the LORD, ^f and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

14 [†] And [†] the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he [†] delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and [†] he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they [†] could not any longer stand before their enemies.

15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and [†] as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

16 [†] Nevertheless [†] the LORD raised up judges, which [†] delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they [†] went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; [†] but they did not so.

18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then [†] the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: [†] for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, [†] that they returned, and [†] corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; [†] they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

20 [†] And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath [†] transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice;

21 [†] I [†] also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died:

22 That through them I may [†] prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not.

23 Therefore the LORD [†] left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

CHAP. III.

NOW these [†] are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, [†] even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

CHAP. II.—1. an angel, i. e. the Angel of the covenant. from Gilgal, near which he had spoken to Joshua, Jos. v. 2. I made, this decides the speaker to be Divine. 13. Baal, the image of the sun. Ashtaroth, the image of the moon. 14. spoilers, marauding parties of Canaanites. 16. hand, power.

17. whoring, the sin of idolatry. Gen. vi. 6.

18. repented, see

CHAP. III.—1. not known all the wars, born after them. 2. might know, &c. might learn war for their protection, or know what the misery of war was.

3 Namely, ^a five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwell in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entering in of Hamath.

4 And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 [†] And ^b the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites:

6 And ^c they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baalim and ^d the groves.

8 [†] Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and ^e he sold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of ^f Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years.

9 And when the children of Israel ^g cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a ^h deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, even ⁱ Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

10 And ^j the Spirit of the LORD ^k came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of ^l Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim.

11 And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

12 [†] And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened ^m Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.

13 And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and ⁿ Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed ^o the city of palm trees.

14 So the children of Israel ^p served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But when the children of Israel ^q cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, ^r a Benjamite, a man ^s left-handed: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab.

16 But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length: and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh.

17 And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon ^t was a very fat man.

18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present.

19 But he himself turned again ^u from the ^v quarries that were by Gual, and

B. C. 1406.

^a Jos. 13. 3.

^{*} a parlour of cooling.

Am. 3. 15.

^b Ps. 106. 35.

^c Ex. 34. 16.

De. 7. 3.

[†] or, it came out at the

fundament

^d Ex. 34. 13.

De. 16. 21.

[†] or, doeth his ease-

ment.

1 Sa. 24. 3.

^e Is. 50. 1.

[†] Aram-na-

haraim.

^f 1 Sa. 12. 10.

No. 9. 27.

Ps. 22. 5.

107. 13, 19.

[†] saviour.

^g ch. 1. 13.

^h Nu. 27. 18.

1 Sa. 11. 6.

2 Ch. 15. 1.

^{*} was.

ⁱ 1 Sa. 13. 3.

^j Jos. 17. 15.

[†] Aram.

^l 1 Sa. 17. 47.

^m Jos. 2. 7.

ⁿ 1 Sa. 12. 9.

[†] fat.

^o ch. 5. 14.

^p ch. 1. 16.

^r De. 28. 40.

^s 1 Sa. 13. 19.

^t 1 Sa. 17. 47.

50.

^u Ps. 78. 84.

^v ch. 2. 16.

^z So part is called Is-

rael. It

seems to

concern

only the

country

next to the

Philistines

ch. 4. 1, 3, &c

[†] or, the son

of Jemini.

[†] shut of his

right hand.

ch. 20. 16.

^y ch. 2. 19.

^z ch. 2. 14.

It seems to

concern

only North

Israel.

^a Jos. 11. 1, 10.

^b 1 Sa. 12. 9.

Ps. 83. 9.

^c ch. 1. 19.

^d Jos. 4. 20.

^{*} or, graven

images.

said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.

20 And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in ^{*} a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat.

21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly:

22 And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly: and [†] the dirt came out.

23 Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.

24 When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he [†] covereth his feet in his summer chamber.

25 And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened them: and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth.

26 And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath.

27 And it came to pass, when he was come, that [†] he blew a trumpet in the [†] mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them.

28 And he said unto them, Follow after me: for [†] the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took ^m the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over.

29 And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all [†] lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man.

30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.

31 [†] And after him was ^{*} Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men [†] with an ox goad: ^v and he also delivered ^{*} Israel.

CHAP. IV.

AND [†] the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead.

2 And the LORD [†] sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in [†] Hazor; the captain of whose host was ^b Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred ^c chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 [†] And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

7. groves, Ashtaroths, so Boothroyd. See ch. ii. 13, note. 8. Mesopotamia, or Syria, it lying, as the word means, between two rivers. 10. Spirit, &c. a Divine impulse of zeal, fortitude, and resolution. 12. did evil, fell into idolatry. 13. palm, ch. i. 16, note. 15. left-handed, 'both handed.'—Sept. 16. cubit, length from elbow to tip of middle finger. 19. quarries, 'carved idols,' (Boothroyd,) which perhaps kindled Ehud's zeal. 20. summer parlour,

see marg. 22. the dirt, excrement. 24. covereth, see marg. 25. ashamed, patience exhausted. 28. took the fords, to prevent the escape of Moabites among them. 29. lusty, 'out,' men of valour.—Boothroyd. 31. which slew, doubtless with such aid as he could hastily procure. or goad, equal to a spear, and an offensive weapon.

CHAP. IV.—2. sold, the original means a transfer of property to a purchaser. 4. a prophetess, as

5 And ^a she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 And she sent and called ^b Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

7 And ^c I will draw unto thee to the ^d river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go; but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall ^e sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 ^f And Barak called ^g Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men ^h at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

11 Now Heber ⁱ the Kenite, which was of the children of ^j Hobab the father in law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh.

12 And they shewed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor.

13 And Sisera ^k gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

14 And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: ^l is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

15 And ^m the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet.

16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left.

17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 ⁿ And Jael went out to meet Sisera,

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^a Ge. 35. 8.

^{*} or, rug, or, blanket.

^b He. 11. 32.

^c Jos. 19. 37.

^d ch. 5. 25, 26.

^e Ex. 14. 4.

^f ch. 5. 21.

^g 1 Ki. 18. 40.

^h Ps. 83. 9, 10.

ⁱ put.

^j ch. 2. 14.

^k Ps. 18. 47.

^l ch. 5. 18.

^m Ex. 11. 8.

ⁿ 1 Ki. 20. 10.

^o going west and was hard.

^p ch. 1. 16.

^q Nu. 10. 29.

^r Ex. 15. 1.

^s Ps. 18, title.

^t 2 Ch. 17. 16.

^u gathered by cry, or proclamation.

^v De. 32. 1, 3.

^w Ps. 2. 10.

^x De. 33. 2.

^y Ps. 68. 7.

^z De. 9. 3.

^{aa} 2 Sa. 5. 24.

^{ab} Ps. 68. 7.

^{ac} Is. 52. 12.

^{ad} 2 Sa. 22. 8.

^{ae} Ps. 68. 8.

^{af} Is. 64. 3.

^{ag} Hab. 3. 3, 10.

^{ah} De. 4. 11.

^{ai} Ps. 97. 5.

^{aj} flowed.

^{ak} Jos. 10. 10.

^{al} Ps. 83. 9, 10.

^{am} Ex. 19. 18.

^{an} y Le. 26. 22.

^{ao} 2 Ch. 15. 5.

^{ap} Is. 33. 8.

^{aq} La. 1. 4.

^{ar} 4. 18.

^{as} walkers of paths.

^{at} crooked ways.

^{au} Is. 49. 23.

^{av} unto one.

^{aw} ch. 2. 12, 17.

^{ax} De. 32. 16.

^{ay} 1 Sa. 13. 19, 22

^{az} ver. 2.

^{ba} or, Meditate.

^{bb} Ps. 105. 2.

^{bc} 145. 5.

^{bd} ch. 10. 4.

^{be} 12. 14.

and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me: ^{ba} fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a ^{bb} mantle.

19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened ^{bc} a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.

21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and ^{bd} took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

22 And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples.

23 So ^{be} God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

CHAP. V.

THEN ^{bf} sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, ^{bg} when the people willingly offered themselves.

3 Hear, ^{bh} O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, ^{bi} even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.

4 LORD, ^{bj} when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchdest out of the field of Edom, ^{bk} the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

5 The ^{bl} mountains ^{bm} melted from before the LORD, ^{bn} even ^{bo} that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.

6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, ^{bp} the highways were unoccupied, and the ^{bq} travellers walked through ^{br} byways.

7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose ^{bs} a mother in Israel.

8 They ^{bt} chose new gods; there was war in the gates: ^{bu} was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

9 My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that ^{bv} offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.

10 ^{bw} Speak, ^{bx} ye that ^{by} ride on white

Miriam, Exod. xv. 20. 5. dwell under the palm, sat there to utter her oracles, or administer justice. 6. hath not, a strong affirmation. 9. thine honour, as general, he would not have the sole glory. a woman, Deborah or Jael. 10. at his feet, following his footsteps as leader. 11. pitched his tent, these people dwelt in tents, as the Midianites did, from whom they sprung, and as the Scenite Arabs. 15. discomfited, confounded by a panic. 16. fell upon, 'by.' 18. the tent, probably the women's tent, held almost sacred, and fit for concealment. 19. milk, probably sour camel's milk, both cooling and inebriating. 21. nail, 'a tent pin,' driven into the ground to strain the tents, and hold them firmly.

CHAP. V.—1. that day, not that very day, but probably the day of some solemn assembly. 3. ye kings, an apostrophe to neighbouring kings. 4. out of Seir, alludes to some ancient appearances of God for his people. Seir and Edom denote the same country. 5. even that Sinai, just as Sinai.—Patrick. 6. the highways, &c. it was dangerous to travel, the public roads being infested with Canaanitish robbers. 7. the inhabitants—ceased, rather, 'the villages were deserted,' for walled towns. 8. they chose, &c. Israel became idolaters. war, &c. it was carried to the gates of their city; scarcely one Israelite in forty thousand had a weapon of defence. 10. Speak or 'meditate,' a song of praise. ye that, &c. i. e. chief

asses, ^a ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way.

11 *They that are delivered* from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the ^a righteous ^b acts of the LORD, *even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants* of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.

12 Awake, ^c awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Barak, and ^d lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.

13 Then he made him that remaineth ^e have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

14 Out ^f of Ephraim *was there* a root of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of ^g Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that ^h handle the pen of the writer.

15 And the princes of Issachar *were* with Deborah; *even* Issachar, and also Barak: he was sent on ⁱ foot into the valley. ^j For the divisions of Reuben *there were* great ^k thoughts of heart.

16 Why abodest thou ^m among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? ⁿ For the divisions of Reuben *there were* great searchings of heart.

17 Gilead ^o abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships? As her continued on the sea ^p shore, and abode in his ^q breaches.

18 Zebulun and Naphtali *were* a people that ^r jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

19 The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; ^s they took no gain of money.

20 They ^t fought from heaven: the stars in their ^u courses fought against Sisera.

21 The river of Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.

22 Were the horsehoofs broken by the means of the ^v pransings, the pransings of their mighty ones.

23 Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; ^w because they came not to the help ^x of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

24 Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, ^y blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

25 He asked water, and she gave him

B. C. 1296.

^a Ps. 107. 32.
^b *righteousnesses of the LORD.*

^c *she hammered.*

^d 1 Sa. 12. 7.
^e Ps. 145. 7.

^f *Between.*
^g Ps. 57. 8.

^h *destroyed.*
ⁱ Ps. 68. 18.

^j *Ps. 49. 14.*
^k *her words.*

^l Ex. 15. 9.
^m ch. 3. 27.

ⁿ *to the head of a man.*
^o Nu. 32. 39, 40.

^p *draw with the pen, &c.*
^q Ps. 83. 9, 10.

^r *his feet.*
^s 2 Sa. 23. 4.

^t *or, In the divisions, &c.*
^u Ps. 19. 5.

^v *impressions*
^w Nu. 32. 1.

^x *or, In.*
^y Jos. 13. 25, 31.

^z Hab. 3. 7.
^a *or, port.*

^b *was strong*
^c *or, creeks.*

^d 1 Sa. 13. 6.
^e He. 11. 38.

^f *exposed to reproach.*
^g Ps. 44. 12.

^h Ge. 29. 1.
ⁱ Ki. 4. 30.

^j Job 1. 3.
^k Jos. 10. 11.

^l Ps. 77. 17, 18.
^m *paths.*

ⁿ Le. 26. 16.
^o Mi. 6. 15.

^p *or, goat.*
^q *or, trampings, or, plungings.*

^r ch. 21. 9, 10.
^s Ne. 3. 5.

^t 1 Sa. 17. 47.
^u 15. 17.
^v 25. 28.

^w ch. 3. 15.
^x Ho. 5. 15.

^y Lu. 1. 28.
^z *a man a prophet.*

milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and ^t with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

27 [†] At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down [†] dead.

28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned [†] answer to herself,

30 *Have'st they not sped? have they not divided the prey; [†] to every man a damsel or two; to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needlework, of divers colours of needlework on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoil?*

31 So [†] let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but *let* them that love him ^{be} [†] as the sun [†] when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

CHAP. VI.

AND the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand ^o of Midian seven years.

2 And the hand of Midian [†] prevailed against Israel: *and* because of the Midianites the children of Israel [†] made them the dens which *are* in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds.

3 And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, ^a and the children of the east, even they came up against them;

4 And they encamped against them, and [†] destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither [†] sheep, nor ox, nor ass.

5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; *for* both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it.

6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel [†] cried unto the LORD.

7 [†] And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Midianites,

8 That the LORD sent [†] a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto

men. 11. *They that are delivered, &c.* maidens, shepherds, &c. who were shot at by archers in ambush, at the watering places. *go down, in safety, gates,* where justice was administered. 12. *lead thy captivity, &c.* reduce to slavery those who have enslaved you. 13. *over the nobles, of Canaan.* me, a weak woman. 14. *a root,* a small body of the tribe of Ephraim opposed the Amalekites, allies of Sisera. Machir, the only son of Manasseh, hence this tribe here alluded to. *handle the pen, &c.* military scribes. 15. *on foot, or with his footmen.* divisions of Reuben, &c. either being divided among themselves, or not with their brethren. *searchings,* distress and anxiety of the other tribes. 17. *Gilead, i. e. the Gadites,* who possessed part of it, Jos. xiii. 24, 25. *breaches, or creeks.* 19. *waters of Megiddo.* the same with the river Kishon. *took no gain,* obtained no booty, or came to fight as volunteers. 20. *the stars—fought,* perhaps by shining brightly in aid of the victorious pursuers. 21. *swept them,* most likely

by a tempest and rain, the torrent was suddenly swollen. *trodden down strength,* vanquished the mighty. 22. *horse hoofs,* they were not then shod. *pransings, 'scamperings.'* 23. *Meroz,* the name of a place now unknown. *of the Lord, of his people, against the mighty,* the Canaanites. 24. *Blessed, &c. i. e. she shall be praised and celebrated.* 25. *butter, rather butter-milk.* lordly dish, costly bowl. 26. *smote off, &c. 'smote his head.'*—Boothroyd. 30. *a damsel,* females were generally taken as the slaves of the conquerors. *a prey, &c.* suits of clothes of different colours, such as were the works of the women of Sidon; or mantles worn by the warriors. *meet for the necks,* fit to be worn by the victors.

CHAP. VI.—1. *Midian,* the remnant of the former Midian, (Num. xxxi.) now removed from south to east. 3. *children of the east,* Arabians. 5. *with their cattle,* to eat their crops. *grasshoppers, locusts,* camels, to carry off their plunder. 10. *gods of the*

them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;

9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and ^c drove them out from before you, and gave you their land;

10 And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; ^d fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

11 ^e And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash ^f the Abi-ezrite: and his son ^g Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, ^h to hide it from the Midianites.

12 And the ⁱ angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is ^j with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and ^k where be all his miracles ^l which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath ^m forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, ⁿ Go in this thy night, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, ^o my ^p family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

16 And the LORD said unto him, ^q Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

17 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then ^r shew me a sign that thou talkest with me.

18 Depart ^s not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my ^t present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.

19 ^u And ^v Gideon went in, and made ready ^w a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it.

20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

21 ^x Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and ^y there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord God! ^z for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.

B. C. 1249.

^a Da. 10. 19.

^{* i. e.} The LORD

send peace.

Ge. 22. 14.

Ex. 17. 15.

Je. 33. 16.

Eze. 48. 35.

^b ch. 8. 32.

^c Ps. 44. 2, 3.

^d or, and.

^e Je. 10. 2.

^f De. 7. 5.

^g 2 Sa. 24. 18.

^h strong

place.

ⁱ or, in an

orderly

manner.

^j Jos. 17. 2.

^k He. 11. 32.

Gideon.

^l to cause it

to flee.

^m Lu. 1. 11, 28.

ⁿ Ga. 1. 16.

^o Jos. 1. 5.

^p Jno. 3. 2.

^q Ps. 89. 49.

^r Is. 59. 1.

^s Ps. 44. 1.

^t 2 Ch. 15. 2.

^u 1 Sa. 12. 11.

^v Je. 26. 11.

^w my thou-

sand is the

meanest.

Ex. 18. 21, 25

Mi. 5. 2.

^x 1 Sa. 9. 21.

^y Jos. 1. 5.

^z Ex. 23. 2.

^a Ex. 4. 1. 8.

^b 2 Ki. 20. 8.

^c Ps. 86. 17.

^d De. 17. 2. 7.

^e Ps. 115. 4. 7.

^f Is. 41. 23.

^g Ge. 18. 3. 5.

^h or, meat

offering.

ⁱ i. e. Let

Baal plead.

^j 1 Sa. 12. 11.

^k 2 Sa. 11. 21.

Jerubbesh-

eth; i. e.

Let the

shameful

thing plead

Je. 11. 13.

Ho. 9. 10.

^l Ge. 18. 6. 8.

^m a kid of the

goats.

ⁿ 1 Ch. 12. 18.

^o 2 Ch. 24. 20.

^p clothed.

^q was called

after him.

^r 2 Ch. 7. 1.

^s ch. 13. 21. 22.

^t Ge. 32. 30.

23 And the LORD said unto him, ^a Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it ^b Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet ^c in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

25 ^d And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, ^e even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and ^f cut down the grove that is by it:

26 And ^g build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this ^h rock, ⁱ in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and ^j did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that ^k he did it by night.

28 ^l And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built.

29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the city said unto Joash, ^m Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that was by it.

31 And Joash said unto all that stood against him, ⁿ Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let ^o him be put to death whilst it is yet morning: ^p if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because one hath cast down his altar.

32 Therefore on that day he called him ^q Jerubbabab, ^r saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.

33 ^s Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

34 But ^t the Spirit of the LORD ^u came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abi-ezer ^v was gathered after him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet him.

36 ^w And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,

37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou

Amorites, put for all the Canaanitish gods. 12.

—was offered, the remains being probably visible, for

burnt-offerings were left to consume gradually. 29. who—Gideon, hence we infer he was a known foe

to idolatry. 31. will ye—morning, should ye pre-

serve him who hath contended with him, he will die

ere the morning dawn, i. e. if Baal be a god, he will

avenge his own quarrel.—Boothroyd. Clearly an

irony. 34. Abiezer, the Abiezrites, a family of Ma-

nasseh, of which tribe was Gideon. 37. Aoor, this

feared, lest he should be restrained. 28. the second

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burnt-offerings were left to consume gradually. 29. who—Gideon, hence we infer he was a known foe

to idolatry. 31. will ye—morning, should ye pre-

serve him who hath contended with him, he will die

wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.

38 And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

39 And Gideon said unto God, ^b Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

40 And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, ^a and there was dew on all the ground.

CHAP. VII.

THEN ^a Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that *were* with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

2 And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel ^f vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, ^g Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

4 And the Lord said unto Gideon, ^h The people *are* yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and ⁱ I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, *that* of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the Lord said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

6 And the number of them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the Lord said unto Gideon, ^j By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place.

8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all *the rest* of Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

9 ^k And it came to pass the same ^{*} night, that the Lord said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand.

10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host:

B. C. 1249.

^a Ge. 24. 14.
1Sa. 14. 9, 10.

^{*} or, ranks
by five.
Ex. 13. 18.

^b Ge. 18. 32.

^c ch. 6. 5, 33.
8. 10.

^d Ps. 107. 33..
35.

Is. 35. 6, 7.
50. 2.

Mat. 21. 43.
Ac. 23. 28.

Ro. 11. 12..
22.

^e ch. 6. 32.

[†] the break-
ing thereof.

^f De. 8. 17.
Is. 10. 13.

ⁱ Co. 1. 29.
2 Co. 4. 7.

^g De. 20. 8.
Mat. 13. 21.

Lu. 14. 25..
33.

Re. 21. 8.

[‡] trumpets
in the hand
of all of
them.

[§] or, fire-
brands, or,
torches.

^h Ps. 33. 16.
44. 3, 6, 7.

ⁱ Ge. 22. 1.
1 Sa. 16. 7.

Job 23. 10.
Mal. 3. 2, 3.

^k Mat. 25. 6.
1 Th. 5. 2.

Re. 16. 15.

^l 1 Sa. 14. 6.
2 Ch. 14. 11.

Is. 41. 14..
16.

^m Ex. 14. 13, 14
2 Ch. 20. 17.

ⁿ 2 Ki. 7. 7.
Job 15. 21.

^o Pr. 28. 1.
22.

^p Jos. 6. 4, 16,
20.

2 Co. 4. 7.

^q Ps. 63. 9.
115. 1.

Is. 9. 4.

^r 1 Sa. 14. 20.
2 Ch. 20. 23.

^{||} or, toward.

^{*} lip.

^s Ge. 46. 2, 3.
Job 33. 14..
16.

^t ch. 3. 27, 28.

11 And thou shalt ^a hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the ^{*} armed men that *were* in the host.

12 And the Midianites and the Amalekites and ^c all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.

13 And when Gideon was come, behold, *there was* a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.

14 And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: *for* into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.

15 [†] And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and [†] the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.

16 And he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put [‡] a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and [§] lamps within the pitchers.

17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be *that*, as I do, so shall ye do.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, *The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.*

19 ^{||} So Gideon, and the hundred men that *were* with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the ^{*} beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that *were* in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.

21 And they ^m stood every man in his place round about the camp: ⁿ and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

22 And the three hundred ^o blew the trumpets, and ^p the Lord set ^q every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Beth-shittah ^{||} in Zererath, and to the ^{*} border of Abel-meholah, unto Tabath.

23 And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites.

24 [†] And Gideon set messengers throughout all [†] mount Ephraim, saying, Come down against the Midianites, and

was in the open air. 38. a bowl-full, the night dews there are very great.

CHAP. VII.—1. valley of Jezreel. 5. lappeth, from the hand, ver. 6. the active and hardy not lying down to take large draughts. Many easterns are

adroit at this method. 7. by the three hundred, chosen in God's own way. 12. grasshoppers, locusts. 16. pitchers, probably jars, often used in carrying water for a travelling company. 19. middle watch, about midnight; the Jews divided the night into three watches. newly set, they were therefore the

take before them the waters unto ^a Beth-barah and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan.

25 And they took ^b two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon ^c the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

CHAP. VIII.

AND ^d the men of Ephraim said unto him, ^e Why hast thou served us thus, that thou callest us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him ^f sharply.

2 And he said unto them, ^g What have I done now in comparison of you? ^h Is not the gleanings of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-ezer?

3 God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb, and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their ⁱ anger ^j was abated toward him, when he had said that.

4 ^k And Gideon came to Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that ^l were with him, ^m faint, yet pursuing them.

5 And he said unto the men of ⁿ Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they ^o be faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

6 ^p And the princes of Succoth said, ^q Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that ^r we should give bread unto thine army?

7 And Gideon said, Therefore when the LORD hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will ^s tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briars.

8 ^t And he went up thence ^u to Penuel, and spake unto them likewise: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered him.

9 And he spake also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I ^v come again in peace, ^w I will break down this tower.

10 ^x And Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand ^y men, all that were left of ^z all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell ^{aa} an hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword.

11 ^{ab} And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwell in tents on the east of ^{ac} Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the host: for the host was ^{ad} secure.

12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and ^{ae} took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and ^{af} discomfited all the host.

B. C. 1249.

a Jno. 1. 28.

* writ.

b Ps. 83. 11.

c Is. 10. 26.

d ch. 12. 1.

2 Sa. 19. 41.

Job 5. 2.

Ec. 4. 4.

Ja. 4. 5, 6.

† What thing

is this thou

hast done

unto us?

‡ made to

know.

§ strongly.

|| 1 Ki. 12. 25.

f Phil. 2. 3.

g Ja. 1. 19, 20.

h ch. 4. 6.

i Ps. 59. 12.

|| according to

the form,

etc.

* spirit.

h Pr. 15. 1.

i 1 Sa. 30. 10.

2 Co. 4. 8, 9.

Ga. 6. 9.

He. 12. 1, 4.

j Jos. 10. 24.

1 Sa. 15. 33.

Ps. 149. 7, 9.

k Ge. 33. 17.

l Ps. 60. 6.

m Ps. 83. 11.

† or, orna-

ments like

the moon.

n 1 Ki. 20. 11.

1 Sa. 25. 11.

z thresh.

aa Ge. 32. 30, 31.

p 1 Sa. 8. 7.

10. 19.

12. 12.

r 1 Ki. 22. 27.

s ver. 17.

t Ge. 25. 13.

37. 25, 26.

u ch. 7. 12.

§ or, an hun-

dred and

twenty

thousand,

every one

drawing a

sword.

ch. 20. 2.

2 Ki. 3. 26.

|| or, sweet

jewels.

v Na. 32. 35, 42.

x ch. 18. 27.

1 Th. 5. 3.

y Ps. 83. 11.

z ch. 17. 5.

1 Sa. 23. 9, 10.

Is. 8. 26.

a ch. 6. 24.

* terrified.

b Ps. 106. 39.

13 ^c And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun was up,

14 And caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and enquired of him: and he ^d described unto him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, even threescore and seventeen men.

15 And he came unto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men that are weary?

16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briars, and with them he ^e taught the men of Succoth.

17 And he beat down the tower of ^f Penuel, and slew the men of the city.

18 ^g Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men were they whom ye slew at ^h Tabor? And they answered, As thou art, so were they; each one ⁱ resembled the children of a king.

19 And he said, They were my brethren, even the sons of my mother: as the LORD liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you.

20 And he said unto Jether his first-born, ^j Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet a youth.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and ^k slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

22 ^l Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian.

23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: ^m the LORD shall rule over you.

24 ⁿ And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.)

25 And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his prey.

26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold; beside ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that were about their camels' necks.

27 And Gideon ^o made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even ^p in Ophrah: and all Israel ^q went thither a whoring

sooner startled, just aroused from sleep. 24. waters, i. e. fords.

CHAP. VIII.—1. why hast thou, &c. Ephraim had the pre-eminence in Jacob's blessing, and there was a jealousy between these tribes. 2. Is not the gleanings, &c. intimating proverbially that the Ephraimites had achieved more than the whole army. 6. Are the hands of Zebah, &c. catch them before we venture to displease them. 7. tear, &c. perhaps proverbial, to express severe punishment. 9. in peace, having conquered his enemies. this tower, some strong fortress there. 13. before the sun was up, by the height of Hares, or the sun hills, so all the versions

but the Vulgate. Probably the rising sun here first appeared.—Benedict. 11. described, hence he could find out who were guilty. 15. Behold, &c. he had taken the kings and brought them. that we should, &c. he repeats their own words. 16. taught, made them sensible of their folly. 17. or men, principal persons. 18. children of a king, an ornament for beauty and dignity. 19. y my mother, expressive where the father had several wives. 21. as is his strength, proportionate to his age. ornaments, animals used in war were rightly decorated. 22. rule, as a king. 26. a thousand, &c. 2860. 27. made an ephod, or priestly garment. Why made

after it: which thing became ^a a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

28 [†] Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. [‡] And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.

29 [¶] And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house.

30 And Gideon had [§] f threescore and ten sons [¶] of his body begotten: for he had many wives.

31 And [§] his concubine that was in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he [¶] called Abimelech.

32 [¶] And Gideon the son of Joash died [¶] in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, [¶] in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33 And it came to pass, [¶] as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and [¶] went a whoring after Baalim, [¶] and made Baal-berith their god.

34 And the children of Israel [¶] remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side:

35 Neither [¶] shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, *namely*, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

CHAP. IX.

AND Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto [¶] his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, [¶] Whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, *which are* threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I am [¶] your bone and your flesh.

3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined [¶] to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our [¶] brother.

4 And they gave him threescore and ten *pieces* of silver out of the house of [¶] Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired [¶] a vain and light persons, which followed him.

5 And he went unto his father's house [¶] at Ophrah, and [¶] slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, *being* threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, [¶] by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem.

7 [¶] And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of [¶] mount

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^a De. 7. 16.

^b ch. 5. 31.

^c 2 Ki. 14. 9.

^d ch. 8. 22, 23.

^e Ps. 104. 15.

^f ch. 9. 2, 5.

^g going out of his thigh.

^h go up and down for other trees?

ⁱ ch. 9. 1.

^j set.

^k Ge. 25. 8.

^l Job 5. 26.

^m ch. 6. 24.

ⁿ ch. 2. 19.

^o Ps. 104. 15.

^p ch. 2. 17.

^q ch. 9. 4, 46.

^r Ps. 78. 11, 42.

^s 106. 13, 21.

^t or, thistle.

^u Ec. 9. 14, 15.

^v Is. 30. 2.

^w Da. 4. 12.

^x Ho. 14. 7.

^y Nu. 21. 23.

^z Eze. 19. 14.

^a 2 Ki. 14. 9.

^b Ps. 104. 16.

^c Is. 2. 13.

^d 37. 24.

^e Eze. 31. 3.

^f ch. 8. 30, 31.

^g cast his life.

^h What is good? whether, &c.

ⁱ ver. 5, 6.

^j Ge. 29. 14.

^k Is. 8. 6.

^l after.

^m Ge. 29. 15.

ⁿ ver. 56, 57.

^o ch. 8. 23.

^p 2 Ch. 13. 7.

^q Job 30. 8.

^r Pr. 12. 11.

^s Ac. 17. 5.

^t ch. 6. 24.

^u 2 Ki. 11. 1, 2.

^v 2 Sa. 20. 14.

^w 1 Sa. 16. 14.

^x 18. 9, 10.

^y 2 Ch. 10. 15.

^z 18. 19, &c.

^a Is. 19. 2, 14.

^b or, by the oak of the pillar.

^c Jos. 24. 26.

^d Is. 33. 1.

^e 1 Ki. 2. 32.

^f Es. 9. 25.

^g Ps. 7. 16.

^h Mat. 23. 35.

ⁱ De. 27. 12.

^j Jos. 8. 33.

^k Jno. 4. 20.

Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.

8 The ^c trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, ^d Reign thou over us.

9 But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, ^e wherewith by me they honour God and man, and ^f go to be promoted over the trees?

10 And the trees, said to the fig tree, Come thou, and reign over us.

11 But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

12 Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, and reign over us.

13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, [†] which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

14 Then said all the trees unto the [‡] bramble, Come thou, and reign over us.

15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, [¶] then come and put your trust in my [¶] shadow: and if not, [¶] let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the [¶] cedars of Lebanon.

16 Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands;

17 (For my father fought for you, and [¶] adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian:

18 And [¶] ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother:)

19 If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, [¶] then [¶] rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you:

20 But if not, [¶] let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

21 And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to [¶] Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

22 [¶] When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel,

23 Then [¶] God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem [¶] dealt treacherously with Abimelech:

24 That the cruelty [¶] done to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might

is not known; it was soon turned to idolatrous uses. 31. concubine, a legal, but secondary wife.

CHAP. IX.—2. your bone, &c. of your tribe and lineage. 4. Baal-berith, a Canaanitish god, supposed to be the avenger of a breach of covenant. vain and light, worthless, profligate. 5. slew his brethren, one escaped, but the round numbers are given. one stone, on which they were, it seems, beheaded; thought to have been an altar of Baal, and their death a sacrifice, in revenge for that of the bullock, ch. vi. 25, &c. 6. all, &c. i. e. the leading men. of Millo, a fortress, understand the men who

dwelt in it. 8. the trees, &c. the easterns are fond of speaking in fables. the olive, applied to Gideon, a good man, compared to this tree, Psal. lii. 8. 9. wherewith, its oil being used in sacrificing, anointing, and lighting the house of God. 10. the fig, another useful tree. 12. vine, another emblem of good men. 13. which cheereth, being used in the drink offerings, was acceptable to God, Num. xv. 7; and drunk by man, refreshes, Psal. civ. 15. 14. bramble, fit only for fuel, an emblem of Abimelech, good for nothing. 20. let fire, &c. an imprecation that they might destroy each other. 23. evil spirit,

come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them; and upon the men of Shechem, which aided him in the killing of his brethren.

25 And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech.

26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

27 And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes, and made [†] merry, and went into ^h the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech.

28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, ^c Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that should serve him? ⁱ is not he the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serve the men of ^h Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should we serve him?

29 And ^e would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, ^h Increase thine army, and come out.

30 [†] And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled.

31 And he sent messengers unto Abimelech ^h privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren be come to Shechem; and, behold, they fortify the city against thee.

32 Now therefore up ⁱ by night, thou and the people that ⁱ is with thee, and lie in wait in the field:

33 And it shall be, ^h that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city: and, behold, ^h when he and the people that ⁱ is with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them ^h as thou shalt find occasion.

34 [†] And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that ⁱ were with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies.

35 And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and the people that ⁱ were with him, from lying in wait.

36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou ⁿ seest the shadow of the mountains as ⁱ if they were men.

37 And Gaal spake again and said, See there come people down by the [†] middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of [†] Meonenim.

38 Then said Zebul unto him, Where is ^h now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? ⁱ is not this the people that thou hast despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them.

39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and ^h he fled before him, and many were over-

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[•] strengthened his hands to kill.

[†] or, songs. Is. 16. 9, 10. Je. 25. 30.

^a Ga. 5. 15.

^b ver. 4.

^c 1 Sa. 25. 10.

ⁱ Ki. 12. 16.

^d ver. 20.

^e Ge. 34. 2, 6.

^f De. 29. 23.

ⁱ Ki. 12. 25.

² Ki. 3. 25.

^{Ps.} 107. 34.

^g 2 Sa. 15. 4.

^h ch. 8. 33.

ⁱ Ki. 18. 26.

² Ki. 1. 2, 4.

^{Ps.} 115. 8.

^{Is.} 23. 15, 18.

^{37.} 38.

^j 2 Sa. 2. 14.

² Ki. 14. 8.

^{Is.} 36. 8, 9.

[†] or, hot.

^h Ps. 68. 14.

^h craftily, or, to Tormah.

ⁱ Job 24. 14.

^{Ps.} 36. 4.

^{Pr.} 1. 11, 16.

^{4.} 16.

^{Ro.} 3. 15, 16.

^h I have done

[•] as thine hand shall find.

¹ Sa. 10. 7.

^{25.} 8.

^{Ec.} 9. 10.

^m 2 Sa. 11. 21.

ⁿ Eze. 7. 7.

^{Mar.} 8. 24.

^o 1 Sa. 31. 4.

[†] navel.

[†] or, the regards of the times.

^{De.} 18. 14.

^p 1 Sa. 17. 51.

² Sa. 18. 16.

^{20, 21, 22.}

¹ Ki. 22. 35.

^{36.}

^{Pr.} 22. 10.

^{Je.} 2. 28.

[†] ver. 24.

^{Job} 31. 3.

^{Ps.} 94. 23.

^{Pr.} 5. 22.

^{Mat.} 7. 2.

^{Ac.} 28. 4.

^{Ga.} 6. 7.

[†] 1 Ki. 20. 18.

^{21, 30.}

[†] ver. 20.

thrown and wounded, even unto the entering of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech.

43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people were come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them.

44 And Abimelech, and the company that was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two other companies ran upon all the people that were in the fields, and slew them.

45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and ^h he took the city, and slew the people that was therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

46 [†] And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entered into an hold of the house of ^h the god Berith.

47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech gat him up to mount ^h Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took an ax in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his shoulder, and said unto the people that were with him, What ye have seen I me do, make haste, and do as I have done.

49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

50 [†] Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it.

51 But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower.

52 And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire.

53 And a certain woman ⁿ cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull.

54 Then ^o he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

55 And ^p when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

56 [†] Thus ^h God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren:

57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads: and upon them came ^h the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

of discord. 27. trode the grapes, the ancient way of expressing the juice. 28. who is Shechem, this king of Shechem. men of Hamor, a Canaanitish prince in the time of Jacob. 29. hand, command. 36. shadow, the scattered pieces of rock there might form such shadows. 45. sowed, &c. an emblem of

perpetual desolation. 53. a certain woman, Parsons, in his Eastern Travels, mentions a narrow escape for his life which he had from this kind of female warfare. 53. all to brake rather, and it broke his skull.

CHAP. X.

AND after Abimelech there ^a arose to defend Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.

2 And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

3 ¶ And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years.

4 And he had thirty sons that ^e rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, ^f which are called Havoth-jair unto this day, which ^g are in the land of Gilead.

5 And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

6 ¶ And ^h the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and ⁱ served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of ^j Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of ^k the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.

7 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he ^l sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

8 And that year they vexed and ^m oppressed the children of Israel eighteen years, all the children of Israel that ⁿ were on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

9 Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

10 ¶ And ^o the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim.

11 And the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Did not I deliver you ^p from the Egyptians, and ^q from the Amorites, ^r from the children of Ammon, ^s and from the Philistines?

12 The ^t Zidonians also, ^u and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, ^v did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.

13 Yet ^w ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more.

14 Go and ^x cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

15 ¶ And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: ^y do thou unto us whatsoever ^z seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day.

16 And ^{aa} they put away the ^{ab} strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his ^{ac} soul was ^{ad} grieved for the misery of Israel.

17 Then the children of Ammon were ^{ae} gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in ^{af} Mizpeh.

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^a ch. 2. 16.^g save, or, deliver.^b ch. 11. 8, 11.^c He. 11. 32.^d Jephthah.^e 2 Ki. 5. 1.^f a woman an harlot.^g ch. 5. 10.^h 12. 14.ⁱ Ge. 21. 10.^j Ga. 4. 30.^k De. 3. 14.^l or, the villages of Jair^m Nu. 32. 41.ⁿ from the face.^o ch. 3. 7.^p 4. 1.^q 6. 1.^r 13. 1.^s ch. 9. 4.^t 1 Sa. 22. 2.^u ch. 2. 13.^v 1 Ki. 11. 33.^w Ps. 106. 36.^x after days.^y 1 Sa. 5. 2.^{aa} 2 Ki. 1. 2. 3.^{ab} Je. 2. 13.^{ac} 1 Sa. 12. 9.^{ad} crushed.^{ae} Ge. 26. 27.^{af} ch. 10. 18.^{ag} Lu. 17. 4.^{ah} 1 Sa. 12. 10.^{ai} Ex. 14. 30.^{aj} Nu. 21. 21.^{ak} 24. 25.^{al} ch. 3. 12, 13.^{am} z ch. 3. 31.^{an} y Je. 42. 5.^{ao} + be the hearer between us.^{ap} z ch. 5. 19.^{aq} a ch. 6. 3.^{ar} b Ps. 106. 42.^{as} &c.^{at} De. 32. 15.^{au} Je. 2. 13.^{av} d ver. 8.^{aw} e ch. 20. 1.^{ax} 1 Sa. 10. 17.^{ay} 11. 15.^{az} f De. 32. 37, 38.^{ba} 2 Ki. 3. 13.^{bb} Je. 2. 23.^{bc} s 1 Sa. 3. 18.^{bd} 2 Sa. 15. 26.^{be} + is good in thine eyes.^{bf} h 2 Ch. 7. 14.^{bg} 15. 8.^{bh} Je. 18. 7, 8.^{bi} s gods of strangers.^{bj} i Nu. 21. 24.^{bk} 26.^{bl} k Is. 63. 9.^{bm} || shortened.^{bn} l Ge. 32. 22.^{bo} * cried together.^{bp} m Ge. 31. 49.^{bq} n De. 2. 9, 19.

18 And the people and princes of Gilead said one to another, What man ^{ca} is he that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall ^{cb} be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

CHAP. XI.

NOW ^{cc} Jephthah the Gileadite was ^{cd} a mighty man of valour, and he ^{ce} was the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah.

2 And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they ^{cf} thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou ^{cg} art the son of a strange woman.

3 Then Jephthah fled ^{ch} from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob; and there were gathered ^{ci} vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him.

4 ¶ And it came to pass ^{cj} in process of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel.

5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob:

6 And they said unto Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, ^{ck} Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?

8 And ^{cl} the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we ^{cm} turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, shall I be your head?

10 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, ^{cn} The LORD ^{co} be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words.

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him ^{cp} head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words ^{cq} before the LORD in Mizpeh.

12 ¶ And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land?

13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, ^{cr} Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, from Ammon even unto ^{cs} Jabbok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those lands again peaceably.

14 And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon:

15 And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, ^{ct} Israel took not away the land

CHAP. X.—4. *thirty sons*, this number is common now in India, Persia, &c. where concubinage exists: a late king of Persia is said to have had two hundred and forty children. 4. *that rode*, &c. consequently were persons of some rank: see ch. v. 10. 8. *that year*, 'from that year.' 11. *said*, probably by a prophet. 12. *Maonites*, Midianites.—Sept. 16. *grieved*, intimates a change in conduct connected

with love, and is spoken after the manner of men: see Gen. vi. 6. 17. *gathered*, or convoked by proclamation.

CHAP. XI.—1. *and he*, 'but he.' son of an harlot, and excluded from power by law, Deut. xxiii. 2; some, however, understand the word to mean hostess, and not harlot. 3. *vain*, prodigate. 11. *uttered*,

of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

16 But when Israel came up from Egypt, and ^b walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and ^c came to Kadesh;

17 Then ^d Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: ^e but the king of Edom would not hearken *thereto*. And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab: but he would not consent: and Israel ^f abode in Kadesh.

18 Then they went along through the wilderness, and ^g compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, ^h and pitched on the other side of Arnon, but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon *was* the border of Moab.

19 And ⁱ Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon: and Israel said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land unto my place.

20 But ^j Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his coast: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

21 And ^k the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.

22 And they possessed ^l all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto Jordan.

23 So now the LORD God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldst thou possess it?

24 Wilt not thou possess that which ^m Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever ⁿ the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.

25 And now *art* thou any thing better than ^o Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them,

26 While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that *be* along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not recover *them* within that time?

27 Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: the LORD ^p the Judge ^q be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon.

28 Howbeit the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him.

29 ^r Then ^s the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh

B. C. 1143.

^a Ge. 28. 20.

¹ Sa. 1. 11.

^b Nu. 14. 25.

^c De. 1. 40.

^d Jos. 5. 6.

^e Nu. 13. 26.

^f Nu. 20. 14.

^g that which

^h cometh

ⁱ forth, which

^j shall come

^k forth.

^l Nu. 20. 18, 21.

^m Le. 27. 2, 3.

ⁿ 1 Sa. 1. 11, 33.

^o or, or I will

^p Ps. 66. 13.

^q Nu. 20. 1.

^r Nu. 21. 4.

^s Nu. 22. 36.

^t Eze. 27. 17.

^u or, Abel.

^v Nu. 21. 21, 22.

^w Ex. 15. 20.

^x 1 Sa. 18. 6.

^y Ps. 68. 25.

^z Je. 31. 4.

^{aa} De. 2. 32, 34.

^{ab} of himself,

^{ac} or, he had

^{ad} not of his

^{ae} own either

^{af} son or

^{ag} daughter.

^{ah} Ne. 9. 22.

^{ai} Ge. 37. 29, 34.

^{aj} Ec. 5. 2.

^{ak} De. 2. 36.

^{al} Ps. 15. 4.

^{am} 2 Sa. 18. 19.

^{an} 31.

^{ao} 1 Ki. 11. 7.

^{ap} Je. 48. 7.

^{aq} De. 9. 4, 5.

^{ar} go and go

^{as} down.

^{at} Nu. 22. 2.

^{au} Jos. 24. 9.

^{av} 1 Sa. 2. 18.

^{aw} or, ordi-

^{ax} nance.

^{ay} from year

^{az} to year.

^{ba} or, to talk

^{bb} with.

^{bc} ch. 5. 11.

^{bd} Ge. 18. 25.

^{be} Ge. 16. 5.

^{bf} 31. 53.

^{bg} 1 Sa. 24. 12.

^{bh} 15.

^{bi} ch. 8. 1.

^{bj} were called

^{bk} ch. 3. 10.

^{bl} Jephthah

^{bm} seems to

^{bn} have been

^{bo} judge only

^{bp} of North-

^{bq} east Israel.

of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah ^a vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,

31 Then it shall be, that ^b whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, ^c I shall surely be the LORD's, ^d and ^e I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

32 ^f So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them into his hands.

33 And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to ^g Minnith, even twenty cities, and unto ^h the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

34 ⁱ And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, ^j his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she *was* his only child; ^k beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he ^l rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I ^m have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and ⁿ I cannot go back.

36 And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as ^o the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon.

37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may ^p go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.

38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.

39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who ^q did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a ^r custom in Israel,

40 That the daughters of Israel went ^s yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

CHAP. XII.

AND ^a the men of Ephraim ^b gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.

2 And Jephthah said unto them, I and

in solemn prayer. 24. *Chemosh—giveth*, Jephthah speaks in accordance with their notions. 31. *offer*, that his daughter was not sacrificed in plain, for it is stated, verse 39, she lived in virginity, and human sacrifices were unlawful. One good rendering is, 'Whosoever cometh out of the doors of my house to meet me, &c. shall surely be the Lord's, and I will offer him (i. e. the Lord,) a burnt offering.' The person should be dedicated, and he himself would present a sacrifice. 35. *brought me very low*,

his daughter must serve in the temple for life; and the sacrifice was great, for she became dead in law, and his inheritance would descend to the next in kin. 37. *two months* in solitude, a long mourning; but a political or ecclesiastical death was deemed the greatest of calamities. 40. *went yearly*, as if she were dead; her being bound to virginity was cause enough for this among Hebrew women expecting to bear the Messiah.

my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands.

3 And when I saw that ye delivered me not, I ^b put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?

4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites ^a are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites.

5 And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, *Art thou an Ephraimite?* If he said, Nay;

6 Then said they unto him, Say now ^c Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in *one* of the cities of Gilead.

8 ^d And after him ^e Ibzan of Beth-lehem judged Israel.

9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, *whom* he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

11 ^f And after him ^g Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years.

12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Ajalon in the country of Zebulun.

13 ^h And after him ⁱ Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel.

14 And he had forty sons and thirty ^j nephews, that ^k rode on threescore and ten ass colts: and he judged Israel eight years.

15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

CHAP. XIII.

AND the children of Israel ^l did ^m evil again in the sight of the LORD: ⁿ and the LORD delivered them ^o into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

2 ^p And there was a certain man of ^q Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.

3 And the ^r angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and ^s drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean *thing*:

5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no ^t razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be ^u a Nazarite

B. C. 1143.

a 1 Sa. 7. 13.

2 Sa. 8. 1.

1 Ch. 18. 1.

b 1 Sa. 19. 5.

28. 21.

Job 13. 14.

Ps. 119. 109.

c De. 33. 1.

1 Sa. 2. 27.

9. 6.

1 Ki. 17. 24.

d Mat. 23. 3.

e Lu. 9. 29.

f Ac. 6. 15.

1 Sa. 25. 10.

Ps. 78. 9.

g Jos. 22. 11.

* Which signifieth

a stream, or,

flood.

Ps. 69. 2, 15.

Is. 27. 12.

† He seems

to have

been only a

civil judge

to do justice

in

North-east

Israel.

† What shall

be the manner

of.

§ what shall

be his

work? or,

what shall

he do?

|| A civil

judge in

North-east

Israel.

§ ch. 6. 18, &c.

Ge. 18. 5.

* A civil

judge also

in North-

east Israel.

† before thee.

† sons' sons.

h ch. 10. 4.

i § added to

commit, &c.

j ch. 4. 1.

Je. 13. 23.

Ro. 2. 16.

|| This seems

a partial

captivity.

j 1 Sa. 12. 9.

k Ge. 32. 29.

or, wonder-

ful.

Is. 9. 6.

l Jos. 19. 41.

m Lu. 1. 11, 13.

28. 31.

n Le. 9. 24.

1 Ch. 21. 16.

o Eze. 1. 28.

p Mat. 17. 6.

q Nu. 6. 2, 3.

r Lu. 1. 15.

p Nu. 6. 5.

1 Sa. 1. 11.

r Nu. 6. 2.

unto God from the womb: and he shall ^a begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

6 ^b Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, ^c A man of God came unto me, and his ^d countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:

7 But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing*: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

8 ^e Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her.

10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the *other* day.

11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, *Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman?* And he said, I am.

12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. ^f How shall we order the child, and ^g how shall we do unto him?

13 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

14 She may not eat of any *thing* that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing*: all that I commanded her let her observe.

15 ^h And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, ⁱ let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid ^j for thee.

16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD.

17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, ^k Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is ^l secret?

19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wonderfully; and Manoah and his wife looked on.

20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and ^m fell on their faces to the ground.

21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD.

CHAP. XII.—3. *put my life, &c.* 'exposed my life.'
6. *Shibboleth, 'a stream.'* *Sibboleth, 'a burden.'*
9. *sent abroad, 'married out.'*—Boothroyd.
nephews, rather 'grandsons.'

CHAP. XIII.—4. *drink not, &c.* live as a Nazarite,
Num. vi. 3, &c. or the mother's pollution would
affect the child. 5. *Nazarite, see Num. vi.* 6.
terrible, 'awful.' 18. *secret, rather as marg. see*

22 And Manoah said unto his wife, ^a We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

23 But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these *things*, nor would as at this time have told us *such things* as these.

24 [†] And the woman bare a son, and called his name ^b Samson: and ^c the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

25 And ^c the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in ^e the camp of Dan ^d between Zorah and Eshtaol.

CHAP. XIV.

AND Samson went down ⁱ to Timnath, and ^k saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore ^j get her for me to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of [†] thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the ^o uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for [§] she pleaseth me well.

4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was ^p of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time ^r the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

5 [†] Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared ^{*} against him.

6 And [†] the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.

8 [†] And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, *there was* a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion.

9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.

10 [†] So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.

11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12 [†] And Samson said unto them, I will now [§] put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me ^{*} within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty [§] sheets and thirty ^a change of garments:

B. C. 1161.

^a Ge. 32. 30.^{Ex.} 33. 20.^{De.} 5. 26.^b He. 11. 32.^c 1 Sa. 3. 19.^{Lu.} 1. 80.^{2.} 52.^d ch. 16. 5.^e ch. 3. 10.^f 1 Sa. 11. 6.^{Mat.} 4. 1.^g ch. 15. 6.^h *Mahaneh-*^{dan}, as^{ch.} 18. 12.ⁱ Jos. 15. 33.[†] *possess us,*^{or, im-}^{possess us.}^h ch. 16. 15.ⁱ Ge. 38. 13.^j Jos. 15. 10.^k Ge. 34. 2.[†] *or, the rest*^{of the seven}^{days, &c.}^l Ge. 21. 21.^m Ge. 3. 6.ⁿ Job 2. 9.^{Pr.} 7. 21.^{Lu.} 11. 8.^{18.} 45.^o Ge. 24. 3. 4.^p Ge. 34. 14.^{Ex.} 34. 16.^{De.} 7. 3.[§] *she is right*^{in mine}^{eyes.}[†] Jos. 11. 20.^{1 Ki.} 12. 15.^{2 Ki.} 6. 33.^{2 Ch.} 10. 15.^{22.} 7.^{25.} 20.[†] *De.* 28. 43.[§] *ch.* 3. 10.^{13.} 25.^{||} *or, apparel*^{in meeting}^{him.}[†] *ch.* 3. 10.^{1 Sa.} 11. 6.^u *ch.* 15. 2.^v *Ps.* 55. 12, 13.^{Je.} 9. 4, 5.^{Mi.} 7. 5.^{Mat.} 26. 49.^{50.}[†] *Jno.* 3. 29.^{13.} 13.^x *ch.* 14. 20.[†] *let her be*^{thine.}[†] *or, blame-*^{less from}^{the.}[§] *or, torches.*[†] *1 Ki.* 10. 1.^{Eze.} 17. 2.^{Lu.} 14. 7.^z *Ge.* 29. 27.^{||} *or, shirts.*^u *Ge.* 45. 22.^{2 Ki.} 5. 22.

13 But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.

14 And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, ^d Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? *is it not so?*

16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, ^a Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee?

17 And she wept before him: the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because ^m she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.

18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

19 [†] And [†] the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their ^{||} spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

20 But Samson's wife ^u was given to his companion, whom he had used as ^v his friend.

CHAP. XV.

BUT it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in.

2 And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly [†] hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: *is not* her younger sister fairer than she? [†] take her, I pray thee, instead of her.

3 [†] And Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be [†] more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure.

4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took [§] firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails.

5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives.

Isaiah ix. 6. 22. *die*, see note on chapter vi. 22.

CHAP. XIV.—1. *Timnath*, near Gaza. 2. *get her*, eastern women being veiled and retired, has made it customary for parents to get wives for their sons. 4. *of the Lord*, by his permission. 6. *Spirit*, see ch. iii. 10, note. 11. *companions*, a sort of bride-men, common in the east. 12. *a riddle*, riddles were also proposed among the ancient Greeks at their

feasts. *sheets*, 'shirts'.—*Boothroyd*, &c.; 'hykes,' or outward garments.—A. Clarke. 18. *ploughed*, &c. i. e. tampered with; proverbial. 19. *slew*, this he did as a judge, under the Spirit's influence.

CHAP. XV.—1. *kid*, considered an elegant present. 1 Sam. xvi. 20. 4. *caught*, perhaps by agents, and at various times. *three hundred*, foxes swarm in those parts. *foxes*, 'jackals' are rather understood

6 Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And ^b the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

7 And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease.

8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam.

9 Then the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi.

10 And the men of Judah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they answered, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us.

11 Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? What is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

12 And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves.

13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

14 And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.

15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.

16 And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, I heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men.

17 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Ramath-lehi.

18 And he was sore athirst, and called on the LORD, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

19 But God clave an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof En-hakkore, which is in Lehi unto this day.

20 And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

CHAP. XVI.

THEN went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.

2 And it was told the Gazites, saying,

B. C. 1140.

1 Sa. 23. 26.

Ps. 118. 10.

12.

Ac. 9. 24.

* silent.

b ch. 14. 15.

† with the

bar.

‡ or, by the

brook.

ver. 19.

d Pr. 2. 16. 19

5. 3. 11.

6. 24. 26.

7. 21. 23

§ went down.

|| or, humble.

ch. 14. 4.

f 1 Sa. 19. 17.

21. 23.

Pr. 12. 19.

17. 7.

Gal. 6. 7.

Col. 3. 9.

* moist, or,

new cords.

† one.

Ec. 7. 26.

h ch. 3. 10.

14. 6.

‡ smelleth.

Ps. 58. 9.

§ were

melted.

|| moist.

i Pr. 23. 7. 8.

Eze. 33. 31.

Lu. 22. 48.

k ch. 3. 31.

Le. 26. 8.

Jos. 23. 10.

* wherewith

work hath

not been

done.

† an heap,

two heaps.

‡ i. e. the lift-

ing up of

the jaw-

bone, or,

casting

away of the

jawbone.

i Ps. 3. 7.

§ or, Lehi.

m Ge. 45. 27.

Is. 40. 29.

|| i. e. the well

of him that

called, or,

cried.

Ps. 34. 6.

* He seems

to have

judged.

South-west

Israel dur-

ing twenty

years of

their servit-

ude of the

Philistines

n ch. 13. 1.

o ch. 14. 16.

† a woman

an harlot.

Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.

3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, and bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron.

4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

5 And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him: that we may bind him to warlike him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.

6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.

7 And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

9 Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.

10 And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

11 And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And there were liars in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

13 And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.

14 And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

here; these are numerous. 8. hip, &c. proverbial for a furious attack and overthrow. 15. slew, 'smote,' and so routed them.—Boothroyd. We must here recollect his great strength and their confusion. 16. heaps, &c. I have made havoc of them. 19. in the jaw, 'in Lehi,' for the spot was so called from this exploit, ver. 9, and from the ground or rock,

and not from the jaw-bone, came forth the water. CHAP. XVI.—1. harlot, she might be both hostess and tempter. 5. pieces, &c. about 700l. 7. green withs, from eastern trees and shrubs are made cords strong enough to bind elephants. 13. weavest, weaving was the custom among females of those times. locks, the Nazarite's hair uncut, became thus

16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;

17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, ^a There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again I after he was shaven.

23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy unto our hand.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.

25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.

27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

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* shortened.
† or, he
leaned on
them.

a Mi. 7. 5.

b Nu. 6. 5.

c Ac. 18. 18.

d my soul.

e Ge. 3. 15.

f Col. 2. 15.

g He. 2. 14, 15.

h ch. 13. 25.

i Ge. 37. 28.

j Nu. 22. 7.

k 1 Ki. 21. 29.

l Mat. 26. 15.

m Ep. 5. 5.

n Pr. 7. 26, 27.

o Nu. 14. 9, 43.

p Jos. 7. 12.

q 1 Sa. 16. 14.

r 18. 12.

s 28. 15, 16.

t 2 Ch. 15. 2.

u Is. 59. 1, 2.

v Je. 9. 23, 24.

w Ge. 14. 19.

x Ru. 3. 10.

y s bared out.

z or, as when

he was

shaven.

a Ex. 20. 4, 23.

b Le. 19. 4.

c Job 30. 9, 10.

d Ps. 35. 15, 16.

e Is. 46. 6.

f Da. 5. 4.

g and who

multiplied

our slain.

h ch. 8. 27.

i Ge. 31. 19, 30.

j Ho. 3. 4.

k Alled the

hand.

l Ex. 29. 9.

m 1 Ki. 13. 33.

n o ch. 9. 27.

p De. 35. 5.

q De. 12. 8.

r before them

s Mat. 26. 67.

t 27. 29.

u 39. 44.

v He. 11. 36.

w Jos. 19. 15.

x Ru. 1. 1, 2.

y Mi. 5. 2.

z Mat. 2. 1, 5, 6.

a in making

his way.

b De. 22. 8.

c Je. 15. 15.

d Ge. 45. 8.

e Job 29. 16.

f an order of

garments,

or, a dou-

ble suit, &c.

29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.

31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying-place of Mancoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

CHAP. XVII.

AND there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah.

2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my son.

3 And when he had restored the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee.

4 Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred shekels of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah.

5 And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ^aephod, and ^bteraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

7 And there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there. 8 And the man departed out of the city from Beth-lehem-judah to sojourn where he could find a place: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed.

9 And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah. And I go to sojourn where I may find a place.

10 And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.

curled. 19. upon her knees, a common custom now in India. the woman being seated cross-legged on the ground. shave, dexterously done by eastern barbers. afflict, 'humble,' perhaps deride. his strength went, the Nazarite covenant was broken. 21. did grind, the degrading employment of black female slaves. 22. to grow, hence supposed he repented and renewed his Nazarite's vow. 23. Dagon had a woman's head, and fish's body. 25. sport, by ridiculing and teasing him. 26. pillars, the building is thought to have been oval, and open above, having two main pillars in the middle, with beams extending to the sides, and a gallery called

the roof. 28. avenged, as being a judge of Israel. CHAP. XVII.—1. there was, &c. thought to have been soon after the death of Joshua. 2. cursedst, pronounced an imprecation upon the thief. 3. for my son, appointed priest by his father, ver. 5. 4. a graven, &c. an engraved molten image.—Boothr.; but two images are mentioned, ch. xviii. 17. 5. of gods, rather, of God. 6. king, or governor, or ruler. 7. Beth-lehem-judah, in distinction from Bethlehem in Zebulun, Josh. xiv. 15. 8. could find, religion and the Levites being now neglected. 10. a father, a name given to prophets, &c. Gen. xiv. 8. ten shekels, about twenty-five shillings.

11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons.

12 And Micah ^b consecrated the Levite; and the young man ^c became his priest, and was in the house of Micah.

13 Then ^d said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.

CHAP. XVIII.

IN ^f those days there was no king in Israel: and in those days ^g the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day *all* their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel.

2 And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, ^h men of valour, from ⁱ Zorah, and from Eshtaol, ^k to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the ^l house of Micah, they lodged there.

3 When they *were* by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makest thou in this *place*? and what hast thou here?

4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath ^m hired me, and I am his priest.

5 And they said unto him, ⁿ Ask counsel, we pray thee, ^o of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.

6 And the priest said unto them, ^p Go in peace: before the LORD is your way wherein ye go.

7 ^q Then the five men departed, and came to ^r Laish, and saw the people that *were* therein, ^s how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure: and *there was* no ^t magistrate in the land, that might put them to shame in *any* thing; and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no business with *any* man.

8 And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brethren said unto them, What say ye?

9 And they said, ^u Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and *are ye* ^v still? be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land.

10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people ^w secure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands: ^x a place where *there is* no want of any thing that is in the earth.

11 ^y And there went from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men ^z appointed with weapons of war.

12 And they went up, and pitched in ^a Kirjath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place ^b Mahaneh-dan unto this day: behold, *it is* behind Kirjath-jearim.

13 And they passed thence unto mount Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah.

14 ^c Then ^d answered the five men that

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^a ch. 17. 5.^b ver. 5.^c ch. 18. 30.^d Pr. 19. 27.^e Is. 8. 19, 20.^f Pr. 14. 12.^g Is. 44. 20.^h 66. 3. 4.ⁱ Mat. 15. 9, 13.^j Ro. 10. 2, 3.^k asked him^l of peace.^m Ge. 43. 27.ⁿ 1 Sa. 17. 22.^o Lu. 10. 4. 6.^p Jno. 14. 27.^q ch. 17. 6.^r 21. 25.^s Jos. 19. 47.^t ch. 17. 4, 5.^u sons.^v ch. 13. 25.^w Nu. 13. 17.^x Jos. 2. 1.^y ch. 17. 1.^z Job 21. 5.^a 29. 9.^b 40. 4.^c Pr. 30. 32.^d Mi. 7. 16.^e ch. 17. 10.^f Ho. 4. 8, 9.^g Mal. 1. 10.^h Jno. 10. 12.ⁱ 13.^j Ac. 8. 18. 23.^k Tit. 1. 11.^l 1 Ki. 22. 5.^m Is. 30. 1.ⁿ Ho. 4. 12.^o ver. 14.^p ch. 17. 5.^q Pr. 30. 15.^r Is. 56. 11.^s Eze. 13. 19.^t Ho. 4. 3.^u Ac. 20. 33.^v 2 Pe. 2. 3, 15.^w 16.^x 1 Ki. 22. 6.^y Jos. 19. 47.^z called^a Leshem.^b ver. 27, 28.^c possessor,^d or, heir of^e restraint.^f that thou^g art gathered^h together?ⁱ Nu. 13. 30.^j Jos. 2. 23, 24.^k Ps. 115. 8.^l Je. 50. 38.^m 1 Ki. 22. 3.ⁿ bitter of^o soul.^p 2 Sa. 17. 8.^q ver. 27.^r De. 8. 9.^s girded.^t De. 33. 22.^u Jos. 15. 60.^v ch. 13. 25.^w Jos. 19. 47.^x ver. 7.^y Nu. 13. 21.^z 2 Sa. 10. 6.^a 1 Sa. 14. 28.

went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that ^a there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? ^b now therefore consider what ye have to do.

15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, *even* unto the house of Micah, and ^c saluted him.

16 And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which *were* of the children of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate.

17 And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, *and* came in thither, *and* took ^d the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men *that were* appointed with weapons of war.

18 And these went into Micah's house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image. Then said the priest unto them, What do ye?

19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, ^e lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, ^f and be to us a father and a priest: *is it* better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel?

20 And ^g the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people.

21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the carriage before them.

22 ^h And when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that *were* in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan.

23 And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, ⁱ that thou comest with such a company?

24 And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: ^j and what have I more? and what is *this* that ye say unto me, What aileth thee?

25 And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest ^k gangry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household.

26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they *were* too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house.

27 And they took *the things* which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, ^l and came unto Laish, unto a people that *were* at quiet and secure: ^m and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.

28 And *there was* no deliverer, because it was ⁿ far from Zidon, and they had no business with *any* man; and it was in the valley that *lieth* ^o by Beth-rehob. And they built a city, and dwelt therein.

12. consecrated, or filled the hand, i. e. with offerings. CHAP. XVIII.—7. Laish, a fertile district, east from Sidon, in the lot of Asher, and the Caesarea Philippi of the New Testament. Zidonians, a powerful people, at

ease in a strong city. no magistrate, in a defenceless state, without government. business, 'intercourse.' 12. Mahaneh-dan, the camp of the Danites. 14. then answered, i. e. 'then spoke.' 21. carriage,

29 And ^a they called the name of the city ^b Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city was Laish at the first.

30 ^c And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan ^d until the day of the captivity of the land.

31 And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, ^e all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

CHAP. XIX.

AND it came to pass in those days, ^a when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him ^b a concubine out of ^c Beth-lehem-judah.

2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there ^d four whole months.

3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak ^e friendly unto her, and to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

4 And his father in law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

5 ^f And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son in law, ^g Comfort ^h thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way.

6 And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content. I pray thee, and tarry all night, and ⁱ let thine heart be merry.

7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father in law urged him: therefore he lodged there again.

8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried ^j until afternoon, and they did eat both of them.

9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father in law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now ^k the day ^l draweth toward evening. I pray you tarry all night: behold, ^m the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and ⁿ to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go ^o home.

10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came ^p over against ^q Jebus, which is Jerusalem: and there were with him two asses saddled, his concubine also was with him.

11 And when they were by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said

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a Jos. 19. 47.

b Ge. 14. 14.

c 1 Ki. 15. 20.

d 2 Sa. 5. 6.

e Jos. 18. 28.

f 1 Sa. 4. 2, 3.

g Ps. 78. 60, 61.

h Jos. 18. 25.

i Jos. 18. 1.

j ch. 18. 1.

k 21. 25.

l a woman, a

m concubine,

n or, a wife a

o concubine.

p ch. 17. 7.

q Mat. 25. 43.

r He. 13. 2.

s Ge. 3. 19.

t Ps. 104. 23.

u days four

v months, or,

w a year and

x four months

y to her

z heart.

aa Ge. 34. 3.

ab ch. 18. 31.

ac 20. 18.

ad Jos. 18. 1.

ae 1 Sa. 1. 3, 7.

af gathereth,

ag ver. 15.

ah Strengthen

ai Ge. 15. 5.

aj ch. 6. 23.

ak Ge. 43. 23.

al 1 Co. 1. 3.

am Ro. 12. 13.

an Ja. 2. 15, 16.

ao 1 Pe. 4. 9.

ap Ge. 19. 2.

aq Ge. 24. 32.

ar 43. 24.

as Gen. 18. 4.

at Jno. 13. 5.

au Ge. 43. 34.

av ch. 20. 5.

aw Ge. 19. 4.

ax Ho. 9. 9.

ay 10. 9.

az De. 13. 13.

ba 2 Sa. 23. 6, 7.

bb 2 Co. 6. 15.

bc till the day

bd declined.

be Ge. 18. 5.

bf Ro. 1. 26, 27.

bg Ge. 19. 6, 7.

bh Lu. 24. 29.

bi is weak.

bj it is the

bk pitching

bl time of the

bm day.

bn 2 Sa. 13. 12.

bo Ge. 19. 8.

bp Pr. 27. 1.

bq Ja. 4. 13, 14.

br S to thy tent.

bs the matter

bt of this folly

bu to over

bv against.

bw Jos. 18. 28.

bx f Ge. 4. 1.

unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in into this city ^c of the Jebusites, and lodge in it.

12 And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside hither into the city of a stranger, that is not of the children of Israel: we will pass over ^d to Gibeah.

13 And he said unto his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

14 And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them when they were by Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside thither, to go in and to lodge in Gibeah: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city: for there was no man that ^e took them into his house to lodging.

16 ^f And, behold, there came an old man from ^g his work out of the field at even, which was also of mount Ephraim; and he sojourned in Gibeah: but the men of the place were Benjamites.

17 And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city: and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou?

18 And he said unto him, We are passing from Beth-lehem-judah toward the side of mount Ephraim: from thence am I: and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I am now going to ^h the house of the LORD: and there is no man that ⁱ receiveth me to house.

19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man which is with thy servants: there is no want of any thing.

20 And the old man said, ^j Peace be with thee; howsoever ^k let all thy wants lie upon me; ^l only lodge not in the street.

21 So ^m he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the asses: ⁿ and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

22 ^o Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, ^p the men of the city, certain ^q sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, ^r Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

23 And ^s the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, ^t do not this folly.

24 Behold, ^u here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not ^v so vile a thing.

25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they ^w knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.

heavy baggage. 30. Manasseh, rather, 'Moses,' as some MSS. Manasseh had no son called Gershom. Land, from a similarity in the Hebrew, some substitute 'are.'

CHAP. XIX.—1. concubine, see Gen. xxv. 6. 2. played, &c. 'forsook him;' in the other case she was

liable to punishment, and he would not have liked her. 3. speak, &c. produce reconciliation. 9. the day, &c. pitching time, marg., when tents are pitched for the night. 11. Jebus, afterwards Jerusalem. 12. of a stranger, yet possessed by the old inhabitants. Gibeah, a Levitical city, Josh. xxi. 17. 18. house, &c. 'to Smith,' or perhaps 'Bethel.' 22. Belial,

26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, till it was light.

27 And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold.

28 And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But ^e none answered. Then the man took her up upon an ass, and the man rose up, and gat him unto his place.

29 ^f And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and ^g divided her, together with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coast of Israel.

30 And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider of it, ^h take advice, and speak your minds.

CHAP. XX.

THEN ⁱ all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from ^j Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD ^k in Mizpeh.

2 And the chief of all the people, even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen ^l that drew sword.

3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh.) Then said the children of Israel, Tell us, how was this wickedness?

4 And ^m the Levite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, ⁿ I came into Gibeah that *belongeth* to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

5 And ^o the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, and thought to have slain me: ^p and my concubine have they ^q forced, that she is dead.

6 And ^r I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they ^s have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.

7 Behold, ye *are* all children of Israel; ^t give here your advice and counsel.

8 ^u And all the people arose ^v as one man, saying, ^w We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn into his house.

9 But now this *shall* be the thing which we will do to Gibeah; *we will go up* ^x by lot against it;

10 And we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel.

11 So all the men of Israel were gather-

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* fellows.

a De. 13. 14.

b Jos. 22. 13, 16

c Mat. 18. 15-18.

d Ro. 12. 18.

e ch. 19. 22.

f De. 13. 13.

g De. 17. 12.

h Ec. 11. 10.

i Ro. 1. 32.

j Re. 18. 4, 5.

k 1 Sa. 2. 25.

l 2 Ch. 25. 16, 20.

m Pr. 29. 1.

n Ho. 9. 9.

o 10. 9.

p 1 Ki. 18. 29.

q 1 Sa. 11. 7.

r ch. 20. 7.

s Pr. 13. 10.

t ch. 3. 15.

u 1 Ch. 12. 2.

v ch. 21. 5.

w De. 13. 12.

x Jos. 22. 12.

y k ch. 18. 29.

z 1 Sa. 3. 20.

aa 2 Sa. 3. 10.

ab 24. 2.

ac Ju. 10. 17.

ad 11. 11.

ae 1 Sa. 7. 5.

af 10. 17.

ag m ver. 23, 26.

ah Joel 1. 14.

ai n ch. 1. 1.

aj Nu. 27. 21.

ak o ch. 8. 10.

al t the man

am the Levite.

an P ch. 19. 15.

ao r Ge. 49. 27.

ap s ch. 19. 22.

aq t De. 23. 9.

ar 2 Ch. 28. 10.

as Ps. 33. 16.

at 77. 19.

au Ec. 9. 1. 3.

av Je. 12. 1.

aw u ch. 19. 25, 26.

ax t humbled.

ay v ch. 19. 29.

az x Ps. 78. 34. 36

aa Ho. 5. 15.

ab y Jos. 7. 15.

ac z ch. 19. 30.

ad a 2 Sa. 19. 14.

ae Ezr. 3. 1.

af Ne. 8. 1.

ag b Pr. 21. 3.

ah Ec. 9. 10.

ai Ga. 4. 18.

aj c 1 Sa. 14. 41, 42.

ak Pr. 16. 33.

al Jon. 1. 7.

am d Ge. 18. 25.

an Job 9. 12, 13.

ao Ps. 97. 2.

ap Ro. 11. 33.

aq c ver. 18.

ar f 1 Sa. 7. 6.

as 2 Ch. 20. 3.

at Joel 2. 12.

au Jon. 3. 5. 10.

ed against the city, ^e knit together as one man.

12 ^f And ^g the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that is done among you?

13 Now therefore deliver us the men, ^h the children of Belial, which *are* in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and ⁱ put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin ^j would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel:

14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel.

15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men.

16 Among all this people *there were* seven hundred chosen men ^k leftbanded; every one could sling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss.

17 And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these *were* men of war.

18 ^l And the children of Israel arose, and ^m went up to the house of God, and ⁿ asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah *shall go up* first.

19 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah.

20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Gibeah.

21 And ^o the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and ^p destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand men.

22 And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day.

23 (And ^q the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until even, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him.)

24 And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day.

25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, ^r and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword.

26 ^s Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, ^t went up, and came unto the house of God, and ^u wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

27 And the children of Israel enquired

Deut. xiii. 13. 29. took a knife, &c. a symbolical action, to invite the vengeance of the tribes against the offenders.

border. Beer-sheba, southern. 18. to the house of God, to Bethel, which lay in the way to Gibeah. asked counsel, by the high priest, when before Gibeah.—So Boothroyd. 21. down to the ground, killed on the spot. twenty, &c. a punishment for the spiritual

of the LORD, (for ^a the ark of the covenant of God *was* there in those days,

23 And ^b Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, ^c stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for to-morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

29 And Israel ^e set liers in wait round about Gibeah.

30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times.

31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and *were* drawn away from the city; and they began ^f to smite of the people, and kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to ^g the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

32 And the children of Benjamin said, They *are* smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city unto the highways.

33 And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at Baal-tamar: and the liers in wait of Israel came forth out of their places, *even* out of the meadows of Gibeah.

34 And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore: ⁱ but they knew not that evil *was* near them.

35 And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty and five thousand and an hundred men: all these drew the sword.

36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they *were* smitten: ^j for the men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites, because they trusted unto the liers in wait which they had set beside Gibeah.

37 And ^k the liers in wait hastened, and rushed upon Gibeah; and the liers in wait ^l drew themselves along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword.

38 Now there was an appointed ^m sign between the men of Israel ⁿ and the liers in wait, that they should make a great ^o flame with smoke rise up out of the city.

39 And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began ^p to smite and kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons: for they said, Surely they *are* smitten down before us, as *in* the first battle.

40 But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites ^q looked behind them, and, behold, ^r the flame of the city ascended up to heaven.

41 And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin ^s were amazed: for they saw that evil ^t was come upon them.

42 Therefore they turned *their backs* before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness; but ^u the battle overtook them; and them which *came* out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them.

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a Jos. 18. 1.

1 Sa. 4. 3, 4.

Je. 7. 12.

b Jos. 24. 33.

c or, from

Menuchah,

¶c.

† unto over

against.

c De. 10. 8.

18. 5.

d Jos. 15. 32.

e Jos. 8. 4.

2 Sa. 5. 23.

f to smite of

the people

wounded

as at, &c.

f ch. 21. 13.

Ps. 103. 9, 10.

Is. 1. 9.

Je. 14. 7.

La. 3. 32.

Hab. 3. 2.

§ or, Beth-el.

|| was found.

¶ were found

g ch. 20. 1.

Ec. 5. 2.

Mat. 14. 7.

Ro. 10. 2.

h ch. 20. 18, 26.

i Jos. 8. 14.

Pr. 4. 19.

29. 6.

Ec. 8. 11, 12.

9. 12.

Is. 3. 11.

47. 11.

Lu. 21. 34, 35.

1 Th. 5. 3.

k 2 Sa. 24. 25.

l Jos. 8. 15.

m ch. 5. 23.

n Jos. 8. 19.

† or, made a

long sound

with the

trumpets.

Jos. 6. 5.

‡ or, time.

§ with.

|| elevation.

¶ to smite the

wounded.

o 1 Sa. 11. 1.

31. 11.

p Jos. 8. 20.

† the whole

consump-

tion.

q Is. 13. 8.

33. 14.

Re. 18. 8, 10.

‡ touched

them.

r ver. 5.

ch. 5. 23.

1 Sa. 11. 7.

s La. 1. 3.

Ho. 9. 9.

t Nu. 31. 17.

§ knoweth

the lying

with man.

43 Thus they inclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trode them down ^u with ease ^v over against Gibeah toward the sunrising.

44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these *were* men of valour.

45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of ^w Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.

46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these *were* men of valour.

47 But ^x six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.

48 And the men of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of *every* city, as the beast, and all that ^y came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that ^z they came to.

CHAP. XXXI.

NOW ^a the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife.

2 And the people came ^b to the house of God, and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore;

3 And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel?

4 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and ^c built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

5 And the children of Israel said, Who is *there* among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? ^d For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6 And the children of Israel repented for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.

7 How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

8 ^e And they said, What one is *there* of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD? And, behold, there came none to the camp from ^f Jabesh-gilead to the assembly.

9 For the people were numbered, and, behold, *there were none* of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there.

10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, ^g Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.

11 And this is the thing that ye shall do, ^h Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that ⁱ hath lain by man.

adultery of the whole nation. 23. Phinehas, this shows that this happened before Samson's days, though placed after them. stood, i. e. ministered,

deliver, &c. a promise of victory. 33. meadows, 'caves.'

CHAP. XXXI—5. put to death, as enemies of the state.

Naomi returns to Bethlehem,

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred young virgins, that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to ^a Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 And the whole congregation sent some [§] to speak to the children of Benjamin ^c that were in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably unto them.

14 And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet so they sufficed them not.

15 And the people ^d repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 ¶ Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?

17 And they said, *There must be an inheritance for them that be escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel.*

18 Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters: [§] for the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed be he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.

19 Then they said, Behold, *there is a feast of the LORD in Shiloh [†] yearly in a place which is on the north side of Beth-el,*

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* or, toward the sun-rising.
† or, on.

‡ young women virgins.

^a Jos. 18. 1.

[§] and spake and called.

^b 1 Sa. 18. 6.

Ec. 3. 4.

Je. 31. 13.

Lu. 15. 25.

^c ch. 20. 47.

|| or, proclaim peace

De. 20. 10.

* or, Gratify us in them.

Phile. 9. 12.

^d 2 Sa. 2. 26.

Ho. 11. 8.

^e 1 Co. 7. 2.

^f ch. 20. 48.

^g ch. 11. 35.

^h ch. 17. 6.

[†] from year to year.

[‡] De. 12. 8.

Ps. 12. 4.

Pr. 14. 12.

Ec. 11. 9.

Mi. 2. 1, 2.

with her daughter in law Ruth.

* on the east side [†] of the highway that goeth up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.

20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards;

21 And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out ^b to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, * Be favourable unto them for our sakes: because we reserved not to ^c each man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, *that ye should be guilty.*

23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took *them* wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and *f* repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

24 And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance.

25 In ^a those days *there was no king in Israel: [†] every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*

15. the Lord had made, i. e. had permitted to be made.

19. feast, of tabernacles, celebrated with rejoicing.

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CHAP. I.

NOW it came to pass in the days when the judges ^a ruled, that there was ^c a famine in the land. And a certain man of ^e Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, [§] Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came ^h into the country of Moab, and [†] continued there.

3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

6 ¶ Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had ⁱ visited his people in ^m giving them bread.

7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters

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^a Jos. 24. 15.

^b 2 Ti. 1. 16.

18.

* judged.

^c Ge. 12. 10.

26. 1.

^d Ki. 8. 1.

^e ch. 2. 20.

^f Ju. 17. 8.

^g ch. 3. 1.

^h Ge. 35. 19.

ⁱ Ju. 5. 30.

[†] were.

[‡] Ge. 38. 11.

‡ or, if I were with an husband.

[§] hope.

|| I have much bitterness.

^k Job 19. 21.

Ps. 32. 4.

38. 2.

39. 9, 10.

^l Ex. 4. 31.

Lu. 1. 68.

^m Ps. 132. 15.

Mat. 6. 11.

ⁿ Pr. 17. 17.

18. 24.

^o Ju. 11. 24.

^p Lu. 24. 28.

ters in law, ^a Go, return each to her mother's house: ^b the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with ^d the dead, and with me.

9 The LORD grant you that ye may find ^f rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? *are there yet any more sons in my womb, [†] that they may be your husbands?*

12 Turn again, my daughters, go *your way*; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, [‡] if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons;

13 Would ye [§] tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for ^{||} it grieveth me much for your sakes that ^h the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.

14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth ⁱ clave unto her.

15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto ^o her gods: ^p return thou after thy sister in law.

CHAP. I.—2. Ephrathites, Ephratah was one of the names of Bethlehem. 4. wives of—Moab, unlawful, unless proselytes. 11. be your husbands,

alluding to the custom Deut. xxv. 5. which probably Naomi taught from the law of Moses. 15. gods, Baal-peor, or Priapus and Chemosh, Numb. xxi. 29;

16 And Ruth said, * Intreat me not ^a to leave thee, ^{or} to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: ^b thy people *shall* be my people, and thy God my God:

17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: ^d the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me.

18 When ^e she saw that she ^f was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

19 ^g So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that ^h all the city was moved about them, and they said, ⁱ Is this Naomi?

20 And she said unto them, Call me not ^j Naomi, call me ^k Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, ^l and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem ^m in the beginning of barley harvest.

CHAP. II.

AND Naomi had a ⁿ kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was ^o Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and ^p glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and ^q her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

4 ^r And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, ^s The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.

5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?

6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel ^t that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearst thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

9 Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I

B. C. 1312

* or, Be not

against me

a 2 Ki. 2. 2, 4, 6.

b ch. 2. 11, 12.

c 1 Sa. 25. 23.

d 1 Sa. 3. 17.

e 25. 22.

f 2 Sa. 19. 13.

g 2 Ki. 6. 31.

h Ac. 21. 14.

i strengthened herself.

j ch. 1. 14, 16.

k Mat. 21. 10.

l Is. 23. 7.

m La. 2. 15.

n 1 Sa. 24. 19.

o i. e. pleasant.

p i. e. bitter.

q Ps. 17. 8.

r 36. 7.

s 57. 1.

t 63. 7.

u Job 1. 21.

v or, I find favour.

w Ge. 33. 15.

x 1 Sa. 1. 18.

y to the heart

Ge. 34. 3.

z Ju. 19. 3.

aa 1 Sa. 25. 41.

ab ch. 2. 23.

ac Ex. 9. 31, 32.

ad 2 Sa. 21. 9.

ae ver. 18.

af ch. 3. 2, 12.

ag ch. 4. 21.

ah Mat. 1. 5,

ai called

Boaz.

aj shame her

not.

ak Le. 19. 9.

al De. 24. 19.

am 2 Ki. 8. 5.

an Es. 6. 1, 2.

ao Mat. 10. 29.

ap Lu. 10. 31.

aq hap

happened.

ar Jno. 6. 12, 13.

as 1 Ti. 5. 4.

at Ps. 129. 7, 8.

au Lu. 1. 28.

av 2 Th. 3. 16.

aw ver. 10.

ax Ps. 41. 1.

ay 2 Co. 9. 13.

az ch. 1. 22.

ba ch. 3. 10.

bb 2 Sa. 2. 5.

bc Job 29. 13.

bd Pr. 17. 17.

be Phi. 4. 10.

bf or, one

that hath

right to

redeem.

Le. 25. 25.

c ch. 3. 9.

d 4. 6.

not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

10 Then she ^c fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, ^f all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

12 The ^h LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, ⁱ under whose wings thou art come to trust.

13 Then she said, ^j Let ^m me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken ^k friendly unto thine handmaid, ⁿ though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

14 And Boaz said unto her, At meal-time come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and ^p was sufficed, and left.

15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and ^q reprove her not:

16 And let fall also *some* of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave *them*, that she may glean *them*, and rebuke her not.

17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

18 ^r And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had ^s reserved after she was sufficed.

19 And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did ^t take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day is Boaz.

20 And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, ^u Blessed be he of the LORD, who ^v hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, ^w one ^x of our next kinsmen.

21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, ^y It is good, my daughter,

xxx. 3. 19. all, &c. hence inferred that Elimelech was a person of consideration.

CHAP. II.—2. And grace, the poor were allowed to glean, Lev. xix. 9. Ruth might not know this, or she preferred asking leave. 7. house, rather, 'shed,' usually raised as temporary shelter for the scorched reapers. 12. wings, &c. an image of protection taken from the tender hen. 13. not like, being of heathen parents. Boothroyd renders in accordance

with Sept. 'Let me be as one of thine handmaids.' 14. vinegar, a kind of wine, and often mixed with oil. parched corn, commonly eaten. 15. reprove her not, as though she stole or repressed. 17. ephah, about a bushel. 20. next kinsman, to whom it belonged to redeem the inheritance and raise up seed to his brother, Lev. xxv. 25; Deut. xxv. 5. 21. young men, rather, 'servants,' including females.

Ruth lieth at the feet of Boaz.

that thou go out with his maidens, that they * meet thee not in any other field.

23 So ^a she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.

CHAP. III.

THEN Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, ^b shall I not seek ^c rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

2 And now is not Boaz of our kindred, ^d with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor.

3 Wash thyself therefore, ^e and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: ^f but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.

4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and ^g uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.

6 ^h And she went down unto the floor, ⁱ and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his ^j heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

8 ^k And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and ^l turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

9 And he said, Who ^m art thou? And she answered, I ⁿ am Ruth thine handmaid: ^o spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou ^p art ^q a ^r near kinsman.

10 And he said, ^s Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than ^t at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.

11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the ^u city of my people doth know that thou ^v art ^w a virtuous woman.

12 And now it is true that I ^x am ^y thy near kinsman: howbeit ^z there is a kinsman nearer than I.

13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, ^a that if he will ^b perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, ^c as the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.

14 ^d And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, ^e Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.

15 Also he said, Bring the ^f veil that

RUTH.

B. C. 1312.

^g or, fall not upon thee.

^h Pr. 6. 6. 8.

13. 20.

1 Co. 15. 33.

ⁱ 1 Co. 7. 36.

1 Ti. 5. 8.

^j Ge. 40. 14.

De. 4. 40.

Ps. 128. 2.

^k Ps. 37. 3, 5.

Is. 30. 7.

^l ch. 2. 8.

^m 2 Sa. 14. 2.

Ps. 104. 15.

Ec. 9. 8.

ⁿ ch. 3. 12.

^o or, lift up the clothes that are on his feet.

^p 1 Ki. 21. 8.

Pr. 31. 23.

^q Ex. 20. 12.

Pr. 1. 8.

Ep. 6. 1. 3.

^r I said I will reveal in thine ear

^s Ju. 19. 6, 9, 22

2 Sa. 13. 23.

Es. 1. 10.

^t Je. 32. 7. 8.

^u 1 Ge. 23. 18.

^v Le. 25. 25.

^w or, took hold on.

^x Eze. 16. 8.

^y or, one that hath right to redeem.

^z ch. 2. 20.

^a Ge. 38. 8.

De. 25. 5. 6.

Mat. 22. 24.

^b 1 Co. 13. 4. 5.

^c ch. 3. 12, 13.

^d ch. 1. 8.

^e De. 25. 7. 9.

^f gate.

^g Pr. 12. 4.

^h ch. 4. 1.

ⁱ ch. 4. 5.

De. 25. 5.

Mat. 22. 24.

^j Ju. 8. 19.

Je. 4. 2.

2 Co. 1. 23.

He. 6. 16.

^k De. 25. 6.

Is. 48. 19.

^l Ro. 12. 17.

14. 16.

1 Co. 10. 32.

2 Co. 8. 21.

1 Th. 5. 22.

^m or, sheet, or, apron.

The nearest of kin declining it,

thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six ⁿ measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city.

16 And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who ^o art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.

17 And she said, These six ^p measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.

18 Then said she, ^q Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

CHAP. IV.

THEN went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, ^r the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

2 And he took ten men of ^s the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.

3 And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which ^t was our brother Elimelech's:

4 And I thought to advertise thee, saying, ^u Buy it ^v before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; ^w for there is none to redeem it beside thee; and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeem it.

5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, ^x to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

6 ^y And ^z the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it.

7 Now ^a this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was a testimony in Israel.

8 Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe.

9 ^b And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye ^c are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.

10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, ^d that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye ^e are witnesses this day.

11 And all the people that were in the

CHAP. III.—1. rest, settlement by marriage. 2. to night, to avoid heat. threshing floor, open in the east.

3. wash, frequent bathings are necessary in those countries. anoint, this was also necessary to health and cleanliness. eating and drinking, at the close of the harvest feast. 4. lieth, to take rest, guarding the spot. uncover his feet, wrapped up in his hyke or outer garment, he sleeping in his robes. 8. afraid, 'agitated.' 9. spread, &c. a token of his taking her in marriage: still an eastern custom. Naomi and Ruth only did what the law

justified.—So Bootheroyd. 10. kindness, to her husband's family, which she wished to build up. 13. perform, &c. marry her. 14. not be known, to prevent scandal, and offending the nearer kinsman. 15. veil, variously rendered, 'cloak,' 'girdle.' 16. Who, some render it, 'What' success, 'thou my daughter?'

CHAP. IV.—1. gate, the usual place of justice. 2. ten, as witnesses. 5. buy it also of Ruth, 'buy also Ruth,' take the widow of the dead.—Bootheroyd. So Syriac. 7. plucked, &c. the sign of resignation

gate, and the elders, said, *We are witnesses.* ² The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and * do thou worthily in Ephratah, and † be famous in Beth-lehem:

12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, * whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

13 ¹¹ So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.

14 And ⁵ the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a † kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and * a nourisher of † thine old

B. C. 1312.

a Ps. 127. 3.
b 1 Sa. 1. 8.
* or, get thee riches, or, power.
c Ge. 35. 16, 19
† proclaim thy name.
d Lu. 1. 58. 59.
e Ge. 38. 29.
f 1 Ch. 2. 4, &c.
g Ro. 12. 15.
† cease unto thee.
§ or, Salmah
|| or, redeemer.
* to nourish.
† thy gray hairs.

age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is ⁵ better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.

16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

17 And ⁴ the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 ¹¹ Now these are the generations of Pharez: / Pharez begat Hezron,

19 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,

20 And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,

21 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,

22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

of all right to stand in the place of the deceased relation: see Deut. xxv. 9. 15. restorer, 'comforter.' 22. begat David, hence we have in this history an

important genealogy traced, connected with that of the Messiah.

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CHAP. I.

NOW there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was ^c Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, ^d an Ephrathite:

2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 And this man went up out of his city yearly / to worship ^e and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in ^f Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

4 ¹¹ And when the time was that Elkanah ⁱ offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

5 But unto Hannah he gave [§] a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: [‡] but the LORD had shut up her womb.

6 And her adversary also ^{*} provoked ^m her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.

7 And as he did so year by year, † when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I ^p better to thee than ten sons?

9 ¹¹ So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.

10 And she was ^q in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore,

B. C. 1171.

a Ge. 23. 20.
b Ps. 25. 18.
c 1 Ch. 6. 27, 34
d Ru. 1. 2.
* seed of men
e Nu. 6. 5.
† multiplied to pray.
‡ from year to year.
f Ex. 23. 14.
g Lu. 2. 41.
h De. 12. 5, 7.
i Jos. 18. 1.
j De. 16. 11.
§ or, a double portion.
|| hard of spirit.
k Ge. 30. 2.
l Ps. 62. 8.
m 142. 2.
* angered her.
n Job 24. 21.
† from her going up, or, from the time that she, &c.
‡ or, meditation.
p Mar. 5. 34.
q Lu. 7. 30.
r Ge. 33. 15.
p Ru. 4. 15.
q Ec. 9. 7.
§ bitter of soul.
2 Sa. 17. 8.
|| in revolution of days

11 And she ^a vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed ^b look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid ^{*} a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and ^c there shall no razor come upon his head.

12 And it came to pass, as she [†] continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman [†] of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have ⁱ poured out my soul before the LORD.

16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my [†] complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

17 Then Eli answered and said, * Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

18 And she said, ^q Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman ^r went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

19 ¹¹ And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

20 Wherefore it came to pass, ^{||} when

CHAP. I.—3. yearly, to the three great festivals, which all the males were to attend, Exod. xviii. 17. 4. wife, the more devout took their wives and daughters. portions, part of the peace offering.

9. seat, throne of judgment, being judge as well as high-priest. temple, tabernacle at Shiloh. 11. give him, he should be a Nazarite. 16. of Belial, a worthless person, Deut. xiii. 13.

the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name *Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will* ^bbring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide ^cfor ever.

23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; ^donly the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

24 ^eAnd when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto ^fthe house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.

25 And they slew a bullock, and ^gbrought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my lord, ^has thy soul liveth, my lord, I ⁱam the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.

27 For ^jthis child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

28 Therefore also I have ^klent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth ^lhe shall be lent to the LORD. And he ^mworshipped the LORD there.

CHAP. II.

AND Hannah ⁿprayed, and said, ^oMy heart rejoiceth in the LORD, ^pmine horn is exalted in the LORD; my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I ^qrejoice in thy salvation.

2 ^rThere ^sis none holy as the LORD: for there is ^tnone beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; ^ulet not ^varrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.

5 ^wThey ^xthat were full have hired out themselves for bread; and ^ythey that were hungry ceased: so that ^zthe barren hath born seven; and ^ashe that hath many children is waxed feeble.

6 ^bThe LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

7 The LORD ^cmaketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

8 He ^draiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, ^eto set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for ^fthe pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them.

B. C. 1171.

^a Ps. 91. 11. 121. 3.

^{* i. e.} asked of God.

^b Lu. 2. 22.

^c Ex. 21. 6.

^d Je. 22. 16. Ro. 1. 28.

^e 2 Sa. 7. 25. Jos. 18. 1.

^f Lu. 2. 22.

^g Le. 3. 3. 5, 16.

^h Ge. 42. 15.

ⁱ 2Ki. 2. 2, 4, 6.

^j Mar. 7. 7.

[†] as on the day.

[‡] or, returned him, whom I have obtained by petition, to the LORD.

[§] or, hewhom I have obtained by petition shall be returned.

^k Ge. 24. 26, 52.

^l Phil. 4. 6.

^m Lu. 1. 46. &c.

ⁿ Mal. 2. 8.

^o Ps. 92. 10.

^p Ps. 9. 14.

^q Ex. 15. 11.

^r Ps. 86. 8.

^s 2 Sa. 22. 32.

^t Ge. 14. 19.

^u Ps. 94. 4.

^v Mal. 3. 13.

^w Jude 15.

^{||} hard.

^{*} or, petition which she asked, &c.

^x Ge. 21. 1.

^y Ps. 34. 10.

^z Lu. 1. 53.

^a Lu. 1. 89.

^b Ps. 113. 9.

^c Is. 54. 1.

^d Je. 15. 9.

^e Ex. 38. 8.

^f assembled by troops.

^g Job 5. 18.

^h Ho. 6. 1.

ⁱ Job 1. 21.

[†] or, I hear evil words of you.

[‡] Da. 4. 17.

[§] Lu. 1. 52.

^{||} Job 36. 7.

^{*} or, to cry out.

^x Job 38. 4. 6.

^y Ps. 102. 25.

^z He. 1. 3.

^a Nu. 15. 30.

^b Ps. 51. 4, 16.

^c He. 10. 26, 31.

9 He ^awill keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

12 ^bNow the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; ^cthey knew not the LORD.

13 And the priest's custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

14 And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

15 Also before they ^dburnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

16 And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat ^epresently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, *Nay*; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men ^fabhorred the offering of the LORD.

18 ^gBut Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 ^hAnd Eli ⁱblessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the ^jloan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

21 And the LORD ^kvisited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel ^lgrew before the LORD.

22 ^mNow Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with ⁿthe women that ^oassembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for ^pI hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

24 *Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people ^qto transgress.*

25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him; but if a man ^rsin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened

in darkness, reduced to misery and degradation. 12. Belial, see Deut. xiii. 13, note. knew not, 'regarded not.'

14. took for himself, the law gave the breast and shoulder of all feast-sacrifices, but they took what they pleased. 15. burnt, &c. the fat was to be wholly burnt. 17. abhorred, &c. because it was not according to law. 18. ephod, a garment used in God's service. 19. coat, 'robe,' upper garment. 22. women, that came to worship. 23. intreat, &c.

CHAP. II.—1. horn, an image from horned beasts; the emblem of victory over her rival. enlarged, 'opened.' 2. rock, refuge: see Deut. xxxii. 4. 3. a God of knowledge, 'an all-knowing God.'—Boothroyd. 4. bows, put for military arms and emblems of strength. stumbled, tottered. 5. hired out, &c. been stripped of all. ceased, to want. seven, i. e. many. 6. killeth, &c. i. e. hath the power of life and death. 9. keep the feet, direct the goings. silent

not unto the voice of their father, ^a because the LORD would slay them.

26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was ^b in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

27 ^c And ^c there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

28 And did I ^d choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and ^e did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and dishonest sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, ^f Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and ^g they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

31 Behold, ^h the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

32 And thou shalt see ⁱ an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be ^j an old man in thine house for ever.

33 And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die ^k in the flower of their age.

34 And this shall be ^l a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; ^m in one day they shall die both of them.

35 And ⁿ I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and ^o I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before ^p mine anointed for ever.

36 And ^q it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, ^r Put me, I pray thee, into ^s one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

CHAP. III.

AND the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And ^t the word of the LORD was precious in those days; ^u there was no open vision.

2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, ^v and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;

3 And ere the lamp of God went out

B. C. 1165.

^a Jos. 11. 20.

^b Pr. 15. 10.

^c Lu. 2. 52.

^d Ac. 2. 47.

^e Ro. 14. 18.

^f 1 Ki. 13. 1.

^g Ex. 28. 1, 4.

^h Le. 10. 14, 15.

ⁱ or, Thus

^j did Samuel

^k before he

^l knew the

^m LORD, and

ⁿ before the

^o word of the

^p LORD was

^q revealed

^r unto him.

^s Ac. 19. 2.

^t Je. 18. 9, 10.

^u Mal. 2. 9.

^v 1 Ki. 2. 27.

^w 2 Ki. 21. 12.

^x Je. 19. 3.

^y or, the af-

^z fliction of the

^{aa} tabernacle, for

^{ab} all the

^{ac} wealth

^{ad} which God

^{ae} would have

^{af} given

^{ag} Israel.

^{ah} Zec. 8. 4.

^{ai} beginning

^{aj} and ending

^{ak} or, And I

^{al} will tell

^{am} him, &c.

^{an} ch. 2. 29. 31.

^{ao} Eze. 18. 30.

^{ap} men.

^{aq} 1 Ki. 13. 3.

^{ar} or, ac-

^{as} cursed.

^{at} frowned

^{au} not upon

^{av} them.

^{aw} ch. 4. 11.

^{ax} 1 Ch. 29. 22.

^{ay} 1s. 22. 14.

^{az} 2Sa. 7. 11, 27.

^{ba} 1 Ki. 11. 33.

^{bb} Ps. 2. 2.

^{bc} 18. 50.

^{bd} 1 Ki. 2. 27.

^{be} Join.

^{bf} or, some-

^{bg} what about

^{bh} the priest-

^{bi} hood.

^{bj} Ru. 1. 17.

^{bk} so add.

^{bl} or, word.

^{bm} Ps. 74. 9.

^{bn} Am. 8. 11.

^{bo} all the

^{bp} things, or,

^{bq} words.

^{br} Job 1. 21.

^{bs} Ps. 39. 9.

^{bt} Ge. 27. 1.

^{bu} 48. 10.

^{bv} Ge. 39. 2, 21.

^{bw} 23.

in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;

4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I: for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

7 Now Samuel ^f did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

11 And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, ^g at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

12 In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: ^h when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For ⁱ I have told him that I will ^j judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves ^k vile, and he ^l restrained them not.

14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house ^m shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.

17 And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: ⁿ God do so to thee, and ^o more also, if thou hide any ^p thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

18 And Samuel told him ^q every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, ^r It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

19 And Samuel grew, and ^s the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to

he must be left to the judgment of God. 27. did I, i. e. I did. 29. honour, by continuing them in office. 30. walk, minister. 31. arm, power, authority. 32. an enemy, a rival.—Boothroyd. 33. consume, &c. his house would suffer such calamities, that if he lived his eyes would be consumed with weeping. 35. a faithful priest, i. e. Zadok, 1 Kings ii. 26, 27; 1 Chron. xix. 22. a sure house, continue the office of the priesthood to his descendant. and he shall walk, &c. and mine anointed

shall minister before me continually.—Boothroyd.

CHAP. III.—1. word, of prophecy. precious, rare, no open vision, no public prophet. 3. ere the lamp, i. e. ere it was day, some lamps being put out when morning appeared. Exod. xix. 7. 7. know, receive Divine communications. 11. tingle, be assounded; proverbial. 13. judge, execute judgment on. 17. God do so, a form of solemn swearing. 20. Dan, &c. Judg. xi. 1, note.

* Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was * established to be a prophet of the LORD.

21 And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

CHAP. IV.

AND the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.

2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

3 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing hitherto.

8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.

10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.

13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And

B. C. 1141.

a Ju. 20. 1.

* or, faithful

b ch. 3. 2.

+ stood.

† was, or,

came to

pass.

c 2 Sa. 1. 4.

\$ is the

thing?

|| the battle

was spread

* the array.

† take unto

us.

‡ He seems

to have

been a

judge to

do justice

only, and

that in

South-west

Israel.

\$ or, to cry

out.

d Ex. 25. 18, 22

Nu. 7. 89.

2 Sa. 6. 2.

Ps. 80. 1.

|| were

turned.

e Ge. 35. 17.

* set not her

heart.

† i. e. Where

is the

glory? or,

there is no

glory.

ch. 14. 3.

f Ps. 26. 8.

78. 61.

† yesterday,

or, the

third day.

g ch. 4. 1.

7. 12.

h Ju. 16. 23.

i 1 Co. 16. 13.

k Ju. 13. 1.

l Is. 19. 1.

46. 1, 2.

\$ be men.

m Is. 46. 7.

n Le. 26. 17.

De. 28. 25.

Ps. 78. 9, 22.

o Je. 50. 2.

Eze. 6. 4, 6.

Mi. 1. 7.

p Ps. 78. 61.

|| or, the fishy

part.

* died.

r 2 Sa. 1. 2.

s Zep. 1. 9.

t Jos. 7. 6.

2 Sa. 13. 19.

15. 32.

Ne. 9. 1.

Job 2. 12.

u Ex. 9. 3.

Ps. 32. 4.

Ac. 13. 11.

v ch. 1. 9.

x De. 28. 27.

Ps. 78. 66.

when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out.

14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.

16 And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?

17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

19 And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.

20 And about the time of her death, the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it.

21 And she named the child I-chabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

CHAP. V.

AND the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it to Eben-ezer unto Ashdod.

2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him.

5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof.

CHAP. IV.—1. word, by Divine suggestion. came, was communicated to. Eben-ezer, called so by anticipation of a subsequent event: see chapter vii. 12. 3. fetch the ark, Israel now thought that God was in it, and like the heathen, would take their Deity with them. 8. plagues in the wilderness, and did such

wonders" in the wilderness.—So Boothroyd supplies from the Syriac, &c. 18. seat, a sort of throne to administer justice.

CHAP. V.—2. Dagon, Judg. xvi. 23. 6. emerods, 'piles'; some however think a species of plague.

7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us; for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

8 They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about thither.

9 And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

10 Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people.

11 So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

12 And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

CHAP. VI.

AND the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months.

2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place.

3 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.

4 Then said they, What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague was on you all, and on your lords.

5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

B. C. 1141.

a 2 Sa. 6. 3.

b Nu. 19. 2.

c Jos. 15. 10.

* or, it.

d ch. 7. 13.

12. 15.

De. 2. 15.

e ver. 3.

Ps. 92. 6.

Is. 26. 11.

† me, to slay me and my.

‡ me not, and my.

f Am. 5. 19.

9. 1. 4.

g Ex. 12. 30.

Is. 15. 3. 5.

Je. 14. 2.

h Ex. 20. 24.

Ju. 6. 25.

21. 4.

2 Sa. 24. 22.

1 Ki. 18. 30.

38.

i Ge. 41. 8.

Ex. 7. 11.

Is. 47. 12. 13.

Da. 2. 2.

5. 7.

Mat. 2. 4.

j Ex. 23. 15.

De. 16. 16.

k Le. 5. 15. 16.

l Jos. 13. 3.

m ver. 9.

Job 10. 2.

34. 31. 32.

n ver. 4.

o ver. 17. 18.

Jos. 13. 3.

Ju. 3. 3.

s them.

p Jos. 7. 19.

Ps. 18. 44.

66. 3.

Is. 42. 12.

Mai. 2. 2.

Jno. 9. 24.

Re. 11. 13.

|| or, great stone.

r ch. 5. 6. 11.

Ps. 35. 10.

s Ex. 19. 21.

Nu. 4. 5. 15.

20.

2 Sa. 6. 7.

Col. 2. 18.

1 Pe. 4. 17.

t Ex. 7. 13.

8. 15.

14. 17.

* or, reproachfully

u Ex. 12. 31.

† them.

7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

8 And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.

9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Beth-shemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us; it was a chance that happened to us.

10 And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:

11 And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.

12 And the kine took the straight way to the way of Beth-shemesh, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh.

13 And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beth-shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD.

15 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD.

16 And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 And these are the golden emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one;

18 And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great stone of Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Beth-shemite.

19 And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.

CHAP. VI.—2. *diviners*, pretending to know future events. *inherewith*, 'in what manner.' 3. *trespass offering*, the heathen thought their deities were to be appeased by gifts. 4. *emerods—mice*, images of these evils, according to their custom, were to be sent to their gods; and five, the number of princes and their people affected in their persons; and five, the number of cities and their fields visited by mice, ver. 5. 5. *mice that mar*, the scripture mouse is the size of a rat. *gods*, Dagon, Baalzebub, Marnas, Derceto. 7. *new*, as a mark of reverence. 9

Beth-shemesh, a priests' city in the tribe of Judah. 12. *lowing*, from affection to their young, and yet they went on a proof of supernatural influence. 14. *kine*, were not offered in sacrifice, but this was an extraordinary case, and they had been employed in sacred service. 19. *fifty*, &c. this is a difficult passage, a village would not contain the number, nor could so many look into the ark. *Bochart's* rendering is, 'He smote threescore and ten men, fifty out of a thousand.' Some MSS. and Josephus omit the *fifty thousand*.

20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, ^a Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us?

21 [¶] And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of ^b Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.

CHAP. VII.

AND the men of ^d Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of ^e Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

3 [¶] And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do ^a return unto the LORD with all your hearts, *then* ^t put away the strange gods and ⁱ Ashtaroth from among you, and ^m prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and ⁿ serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 Then the children of Israel did put away [†] Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.

5 And Samuel said, [¶] Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, [¶] and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and [¶] fasted on that day, and said there, [¶] We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, [¶] Cease ^b not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 [¶] And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and ^c Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD [†] heard him.

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: [¶] but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-ezra.

12 Then Samuel [¶] took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

13 [¶] So ^a the Philistines were subdued, and they ⁱ came no more into the coast

B. C. 1140.

^a Mal. 3. 2.^b Jos. 18. 14.^c Ju. 18. 12.^d 1 Ch. 13. 5, 6.^e Ju. 2. 16.^f Ps. 132. 6.^g and he^h circumsided.ⁱ 2 Sa. 6. 4.^j ch. 8. 4.^k Ju. 21. 4.^l Is. 55. 7.^m Ho. 6. 1.ⁿ Joel 2. 12.^o De. 16. 18.^p 2 Ch. 19. 5.^q Jos. 24. 14, 23.^r Ju. 2. 13.^s 2 Ch. 30. 19.^t Job 11. 13, 14.^u *Fashini,*^v 1 Ch. 6. 28.^w Lu. 4. 8.^x Je. 22. 15. 17.^y Ex. 18. 21.^z 1 Ti. 3. 3.^{aa} 6. 10.^{ab} De. 16. 19.^{ac} Ps. 15. 5.^{ad} Ju. 2. 11.^{ae} 2 Ki. 25. 23.^{af} Ho. 13. 10.^{ag} Ac. 13. 21.^{ah} 2 Sa. 14. 14.^{ai} Ne. 9. 1. 2.^{aj} Joel 2. 12.^{ak} *was evil in the eyes of Samuel.*^{al} 1 Ki. 8. 47.^{am} Ps. 106. 6.^{an} Ex. 16. 8.^{ao} ch. 10. 19.^{ap} *Be not*^{aq} *silent from*^{ar} *us from*^{as} *crying.*^{at} Is. 37. 4.^{au} *or, obey.*^{av} *or, actively-*^{aw} *standing*^{ax} *when thou*^{ay} *hast so-*^{az} *lemnly*^{ba} *protested*^{bb} *against*^{bc} *them, then*^{bd} *thou shalt*^{be} *shew, &c.*^{bf} Ps. 99. 6.^{bg} Je. 15. 1.^{bh} *or, an-*^{bi} *scered.*^{bj} De. 17. 16.^{bk} Jos. 10. 10.^{bl} Ju. 4. 15.^{bm} 5. 20.^{bn} 2 Sa. 22. 14, 15.^{bo} f ch. 14. 52.^{bp} Ge. 28. 18.^{bq} 31. 45.^{br} 35. 14.^{bs} Jos. 4. 9.^{bt} i. e. *The*^{bu} *stone of*^{bv} *help.*^{bw} ch. 4. 1.^{bx} Ju. 13. 1.^{by} ch. 13. 5.

of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15 And Samuel ^c judged Israel all the days of his life.

16 And he went from year to year ^{*} in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places.

17 And ^f his return *was* to Ramah; for there *was* his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he ^g built an altar unto the LORD.

CHAP. VIII.

AND it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he ⁱ made his sons judges over Israel.

2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: *they were* judges in Beer-sheba.

3 And his sons [¶] walked not in his ways, but turned aside ^p after lucre, and ^q took bribes, and perverted judgment.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now ^r make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

6 [¶] But the thing [†] displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for [¶] they have not rejected thee, but [¶] they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

9 Now therefore [¶] hearken unto their voice: [¶] howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

10 [¶] And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.

11 And he said, ^d This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: [¶] He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots.

12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

13 And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.

14 And he will take your fields, and

CHAP. VII.—1. *sanctified*, set apart. 2. *twenty*, it was there forty, but this means twenty before the people lamented; they were careless all that time. 3. *Ashtaroth*, Judg. ii. 13, note. 6. *poured*, some suppose a symbolical action, denoting pouring out their souls in penitence. 7. *afraid*, being unarmed. 10. *thundered* many were perhaps slain by lightning.

before Israel, denotes time, before Israel could come upon them. 11. *smote*, perhaps chiefly with their own cast-away arms. 15. *all the days*, &c. administering justice even after Saul was made king.

CHAP. VIII.—1. *judges*, to assist him. 7. *rejected me*, God was in a peculiar sense their King, and hence they now rejected him. 11. *the manner*, exactly

your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants.

15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work.

17 He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.

18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD ^d will not hear you in that day.

19 Nevertheless the people ^e refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Harken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

CHAP. IX.

NOW there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

2 And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: ^m from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

3 And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.

4 And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of ^p Shalisha, but they found them not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and there they were not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not.

5 And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us.

6 And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city ^t a man of God, and he is an honourable man; ^v all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.

7 Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, ^y what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what ^z have we?

8 And the servant answered Saul again,

B. C. 1095.

* there is found in my hand.

a Ge. 25. 22.

† eunuchs.

Ge. 37. 36.

b 2 Sa. 24. 11.

2 Ki. 17. 13.

1 Ch. 26. 28.

29. 29.

2 Ch. 16. 7, 10.

Is. 30. 10.

Am. 7. 12.

† Thy word is good.

§ in the ascent of the city.

c Ge. 24. 11.

d Pr. 1. 25, 28.

Is. 1. 15.

Mi. 3. 4.

e Je. 44. 16.

f ch. 16. 2.

Ge. 31. 54.

|| or, feast.

g 1 Ki. 3. 2.

h Ho. 13. 11.

* to day.

i ch. 14. 51.

1 Ch. 8. 33.

9. 39.

k ch. 15. 1.

Ac. 13. 21.

† revealed the ear of Samuel.

ch. 20. 2.

|| or, the son of a man of Jemini.

§ or, substance.

l ch. 10. 1.

m ch. 10. 23.

n Ex. 2. 25.

3. 7, 9.

o ch. 16. 12.

Ho. 13. 11.

|| restrain in.

p 2 Ki. 4. 42.

* to day.

three days.

r ch. 8. 5. 19.

12. 13.

s ch. 15. 17.

t De. 33. 1.

u 1 Ki. 13. 1.

v Ju. 20. 46.

48.

Ps. 68. 27.

w ch. 3. 19.

x Ju. 6. 15.

† according to this word?

y Ju. 6. 18.

13. 17.

1 Ki. 14. 3.

2 Ki. 4. 42.

8. 8.

† is gone out of, &c.

§ is with us?

and said, Behold, ^{*} I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: *that* will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man ^a went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: *for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called ^b a Seer.*)

10 Then said Saul to his servant, [†] Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God was.

11 ^{||} And as they went up [§] the hill to the city, ^c they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here?

12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, *he is before you*: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; *for ^d there is a sacrifice of the people to day ^e in the high place*:

13 As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; *and afterwards they eat that he bidden*. Now therefore get you up; for about ^{*} this time ye shall find him.

14 And they went up into the city: *and when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.*

15 ^{||} Now [†] the LORD had [†] told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying,

16 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, [†] and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have ^{||} looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.

17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, ^c Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people.

18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is.

19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart.

20 And as for thine asses that were lost ^{*} three days ago, set not thy mind on them: for they are found. And on whom [†] is all the desire of Israel? *Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house?*

21 And Saul answered and said, ^{*} Am not I a Benjamite, of the ^{||} smallest of the tribes of Israel? and ^{||} my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou ^{||} so to me?

22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them: that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.

23 And Samuel said unto the cook,

describes the tyranny of an oriental king. 20. go out before us, be our leader.

CHAP. IX.—1. power, denotes here great physical strength only. 2. choice, of good personal appearance. The ancients chose men of fine persons and stature for kings. 3. seek—asses, accustomed to stray far in the east. 6. a man of God, i.e. a prophet, and it was not unusual to consult such in domestic affairs, 1 Ki. xiv. 2; 2 Ki. i. 3. 7. present,

as an eastern token of respect, and not a price for divination. 9. seer, i.e. one who sees. 12. m the high place, upon the hill, see ver. 11, and near the altar Samuel built, ch. vii. 17. 13. doth bless, i.e. perform the religious rites. 19. all that is in thine heart, all thou desirest to know. 20. all the desire, i.e. all Israel desire a king, and who so fit as thou? 21. smallest, having been much reduced, Judg. xs. 46—48. 22. parlour, 'dining-room.'—Boothroyd.

Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee.

24 And the cook took up ^b the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which is * left! set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

25 ¶ And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon ^d the top of the house.

26 And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

27 And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still * a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.

CHAP. X.

THEN ^e Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, ^f and kissed him, and said, Is it not because ^g the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over ^h his inheritance?

2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by ⁱ Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin ^j at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left ^k the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up ^l to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:

4 And they will ^m salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.

5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, ⁿ where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; ^o and they shall prophesy:

6 And ^p the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and ^q thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

7 And ^r let it be, when these * signs are come unto thee, ^s that thou do as occasion serve thee; for ^t God is with thee.

8 And thou shalt go down before me ^u to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings,

B. C. 1095.

^a ch. 13. 8.

^b Le. 7. 32, 33

Is. 9. 6.

^c Eze. 24. 4.

^d or, reserved

^e shoulder.

^f turned.

^g ch. 19. 20.

^h De. 22. 8.

ⁱ 2 Sa. 11. 2.

^j Ac. 10. 9.

^k a man to

^l his neighbour.

^m Mat. 13. 54,

55.

ⁿ Jno. 7. 15.

^o Ac. 4. 13.

^p Ja. 1. 17.

^q from thence

^r Is. 54. 13.

^s Jno. 6. 45.

^t 7. 16.

^u to day.

^v ch. 9. 16.

^w 16. 13.

^x 2 Ki. 9. 3, 6.

^y Ps. 2. 12.

^z Ac. 4. 21.

^{aa} De. 32. 9.

^{ab} Ps. 78. 71.

^{ac} Ge. 35. 19, 20.

^{ad} Jos. 18. 28.

^{ae} ch. 11. 15.

^{af} Ju. 11. 11.

^{ag} 20. 1.

^{ah} the business.

^{ai} Ge. 28. 22.

^{aj} 35. 1, 3, 7.

^{ak} ch. 8. 7, 19.

^{al} 12. 12.

^{am} ask thee

^{an} of peace.

^{ao} Ju. 18. 15.

^{ap} Jos. 7. 14, 15,

17.

^{aq} Ac. 1. 24, 26.

^{ar} ch. 13. 3.

^{as} Ex. 15. 20, 21.

^{at} 2 Ki. 3. 15.

^{au} 1 Co. 14. 1.

^{av} ch. 23. 2, 4,

10, 11.

^{aw} ch. 16. 13.

^{ax} Nu. 11. 25.

^{ay} ch. 19. 23, 24.

^{az} Lu. 14. 11.

^{ba} it shall

^{bb} come to

^{bc} pass, that

^{bd} when these

^{be} signs, &c.

^{bf} Ex. 4. 8.

^{bg} Lu. 2. 12.

^{bh} do for thee

^{bi} as thine

^{bj} hand shall

^{bk} And.

^{bl} Ju. 9. 33.

^{bm} Ju. 6. 12.

^{bn} Is. 45. 1, 2.

^{bo} Mar. 28. 20.

^{bp} ch. 11. 14, 15,

13. 4.

^{bq} 2 Sa. 21. 6.

and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: ^a seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

9 ¶ And it was so, that when he had turned his ^b back to go from Samuel, God ^c gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, ^d a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said ^e one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish?

^f Is Saul also among the prophets?

12 And one ^g of the same place answered and said, But ^h who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?

13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 ¶ And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that ⁱ they were no where, we came to Samuel.

15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.

16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

17 ¶ And Samuel called the people together ^j unto the LORD to Mizpeh;

18 And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you:

19 And ^k ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

20 And when Samuel had ^l caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they ^m enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath ⁿ hid himself among the stuff.

23 And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him ^o whom the LORD hath chosen, that ^p there is none like him among all the

24. shoulder, a shoulder of lamb is highly esteemed by the nations of the east. 25. top, see Deuteronomy xxii. 8, note.

CHAP. X.—1. kissed him, in token of subjection, Gen. xli. 40; Psal. ii. 12. anointed, an ancient custom, Judg. ix. 8; but no Divine law for it. 5. hill of God, some eminence used for religious purposes. psaltery, a sort of bagpipe. tabret, a sort of drum or

cymbal. pipe, a kind of flute or hautboy. 5. prophesy, sing sacred hymns in a style like that of prophets. 6. another, in temper, spirit, and character. 7. as occasion, &c. as it may be necessary. 9. another heart, suitable qualifications for his office. 12. their father, 'his father.'—Boothroyd. 14. say, &c. rather, 'saw them no where.' 18. kingdoms, rather, 'nations.' 20. taken, by lot. 22. stuff, 'baggage.'

people? And all the people shouted, and said, * God save the king.

25 Then Samuel told the people ^a the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

26 ^b And Saul also went home ^c to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

27 But the ^d children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, ^e and brought him no presents. But ^f he held his peace.

CHAP. XI.

THEN Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against ^g Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, ^h Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee.

2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a ⁱ reproach upon all Israel.

3 And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, ^j Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if there be no man to save us, we will come out to thee.

4 ^k Then came the messengers ^l to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and ^m all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

5 And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh.

6 And ⁿ the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and ^o hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, ^p Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out ^q with one consent.

8 And when he numbered them in ^r Bezek, the children ^s of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To morrow, by that time the sun be hot, ye shall have ^t help. And the messengers came and shewed it to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

11 And it was so on the morrow, that ^u Saul put the people ^v in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained

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* Let the king live.
1 Ki. 1. 25, 39.
2 Ki. 11. 12.
a ch. 8. 11.
De. 17. 14.
&c.

b ch. 10. 27.
c Lu. 19. 27.
d 2 Sa. 19. 22.
e Ju. 20. 14.
f Ex. 14. 13, 30.
g De. 13. 13.
h ch. 10. 8.
i 2 Sa. 8. 21.
1 Ki. 4. 21.
10. 25.

2 Ch. 17. 5.
Ps. 72. 10.
Mat. 2. 11.
† or, he was as though he had been deaf.
k ch. 10. 17.
l Ju. 21. 8.
m Ge. 26. 28.
Ex. 23. 32.
1 Ki. 20. 34.
Job 41. 4.
Eze. 17. 13.
n ch. 11. 14, 15.
o ch. 17. 26.
p Ge. 34. 14.
q Nu. 27. 17.
r Forbear us.
† 2 Sa. 21. 6.
s 2 Sa. 1. 14, 16.
t Ac. 20. 33.
u 1 Th. 2. 5.
v Ju. 2. 4.
S ransom.
|| or, that I should hide mine eyes at him.

v De. 16. 19.
x Ju. 6. 34.
y Ju. 19. 29.
z Jac. 18. 38.
Ac. 23. 9.
a Ac. 16. 20.
b Ex. 22. 4.
c Ju. 21. 5, 8.
10.

d Mi. 6. 4.
e or, made.
† as one man.
Ju. 20. 1.
d Ju. 1. 5.
e 2 Sa. 24. 9.
f Is. 1. 18.
5. 3, 4.
Mi. 6. 2, 3.
† righteousnesses, or, benefits.
Ju. 5. 11.
S with.
g Ge. 46. 5, 6.
h Ex. 2. 23.
i Ex. 3. 10.
|| or, deliverance.

k Ju. 3. 7.
l Ju. 4. 2.
m ch. 31. 11.
n Ju. 7. 16.
o Ju. 2. 13.

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Ju. 5. 11.
S with.
g Ge. 46. 5, 6.
h Ex. 2. 23.
i Ex. 3. 10.
|| or, deliverance.

were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

12 ⁿ And the people said unto Samuel, ^o Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? ^p Bring the men, that we may put them to death.

13 And Saul said, ^q There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day ^r the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.

14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go ^s to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.

15 And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king ^t before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

CHAP. XII.

AND Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and ^u have made a king over you.

2 And now, behold, the king ^v walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded: and, behold, my sons ^w are with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.

3 Behold, here I am: witness against me before the LORD, and before ^x his anointed: ^y whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any ^z bribe? ^{aa} to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand.

5 And he said unto them, The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, ^{ab} that ye have not found ought ^{ac} in my hand. And they answered, He is witness.

6 ^{ad} And Samuel said unto the people, ^{ae} It is the LORD that ^{af} advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may ^{ag} reason with you before the LORD of all the ^{ah} righteous acts of the LORD, which he did ^{ai} to you and to your fathers.

8 When ^{aj} Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers ^{ak} cried unto the LORD, then the LORD ^{al} sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

9 And when they ^{am} forgot the LORD their God, ^{an} he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, ^{ao} and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.

24. God save. &c. rather, 'May the king live!' 25. manner, rights, constitution. 26. touched, moved by his Spirit to follow him. 27. no presents, given in respect for high rank.

CHAP. XI.—1. serve, as subjects, not slaves, with whom covenants were not made. 2. right eyes, which would disable them from fighting with bows

and arrow, sword and shield, the latter concealing the left eye. 7. hewed, &c. a solemn ceremony, to engage Israel in a league. 9. run, &c. 'mid-day.' 14. renew, &c. ratify Saul's election. 15. made Saul, &c. a sort of coronation. CHAP. XII.—2. walketh, as conductor and governor. 2. with you, as private persons and subjects. 11.

11 And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.

12 And when ye saw that ^h Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when ^d the LORD your God was your king.

13 Now therefore ^e behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, ^f the LORD hath set a king over you.

14 If ye will ^g fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the ^t commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you ^g continue following the LORD your God:

15 But if ye will ^h not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against your fathers.

16 ^h Now therefore ^t stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.

17 ⁱ Is it not ^t wheat harvest to day? ^h I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that ^h your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

18 So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and ^p all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 And all the people said unto Samuel, ^r Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins ^{this} evil, to ask us a king.

20 ^h And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;

21 And ^h turn ye not aside: ^t for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.

22 For ^t the LORD will not forsake his people ^h for his great name's sake: because ^t it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD ^t in ^g ceasing to pray for you; but ^h I will teach you the ^g good and the right way:

24 Only ^d fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for ^g consider ^h how ^f great things he hath done for you.

25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ^h ye shall be consumed, ^h both ye and your king.

CHAP. XIII.

SAUL ^h reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel.

2 Saul chose him three thousand men of

B. C. 1095.

^a ch. 10. 26.

^b ch. 11. 1.

^c ch. 10. 5.

^d or, the hill.

^e Ju. 8. 23.

^f ch. 10. 24.

^g Ho. 13. 11.

^h did stink.

ⁱ Ge. 34. 30.

^j Ex. 5. 21.

^k Jos. 24. 14.

^l Ps. 81. 13, 14.

^m mouth.

ⁿ be after.

^o De. 28. 15,

^p &c.

^q Jos. 24. 20.

^r Ex. 14. 13, 31

^s Ju. 6. 2.

^t Pr. 26. 1.

^u Jos. 10. 12.

^v Ja. 5. 16. 18

^w ch. 8. 7.

^x trembled

^y after him.

^z ch. 10. 8.

^a Ex. 14. 31.

^b Ex. 10. 9.

^c Ex. 9. 28.

^d 10. 17.

^e Ja. 5. 15.

^f 1 Jno. 5. 16.

^g bless him.

^h De. 11. 16.

ⁱ Je. 16. 19.

^j Hab. 2. 18.

^k 1 Co. 8. 4.

^l 1 Ki. 6. 13.

^m Ps. 94. 14.

ⁿ Jos. 7. 9.

^o Ps. 106. 8.

^p Je. 14. 21.

^q Eze. 20. 9, 14.

^r intreated the face.

^s De. 7. 7. 8.

^t 14. 2.

^u Mal. 1. 2.

^v 2 Ch. 16. 9.

^w from ceasing.

^x Ac. 12. 5.

^y Ro. 1. 9.

^z Col. 1. 9.

^a 2 Ti. 1. 3.

^b ch. 15. 11.

^c Ps. 34. 11.

^d Pr. 4. 11.

^e 1 Ki. 8. 36.

^f 2 Ch. 6. 27.

^g Je. 6. 16.

^h Ec. 12. 13.

ⁱ Is. 5. 12.

^j or, what a great thing.

^k De. 10. 21.

^l Ps. 126. 2, 3.

^m ch. 15. 28.

ⁿ Jos. 24. 20.

^o Ps. 89. 20.

^p Ac. 13. 22.

^q De. 28. 36.

^r the son of one year in his reigning.

Israel; whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in ^a Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

3 And Jonathan smote ^t the garrison of the Philistines that was in ^h Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.

4 And all Israel heard say that Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also ^t was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

5 ^h And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the seashore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Beth-aven.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people ^t did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

7 And some of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people ^h followed him trembling.

8 ^h And ^h he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might ^h salute him.

11 ^h And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;

12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not ^t made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

13 And Samuel said to Saul, ^h Thou hast done foolishly: ^h thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

14 But ^h now thy kingdom shall not continue: ^t the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

15 And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were

Bedan, not named in Judges; some versions read Barak; for Samuel, Samson: so Heb. xi. 32. 17. wheat harvest, began about the end of June or beginning of July, and rain was rarely known. 21. vain, &c. idols. 25. consumed, swept away as by a tempest.

CHAP. XIII.—1. reigned one year, may signify, that during the first year nothing farther occurred, and then followed what is related. 5. thirty, some

critics think should be 'three,' there being a trifling difference only in the Hebrew of the two words, which writers might have erred in transcribing, and they then allow two horsemen for each chariot, making the six thousand. 6. for the people were distressed, 'because the [Philistine] people approached.'—Boothroyd. 13. foolishly, intrenching upon the priest's office, and disobeying the prophet, for ever, often means 'a long time.' 14. after his own heart, whom

* present with him, ^a about six hundred men.

16 And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in [†] Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

17 [‡] And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to [§] Ophrah, unto the land of Shual:

18 And another company turned the way to [¶] Beth-horon: and another company turned to the way of the border that looketh to the valley of [•] Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 [§] Now [¶] there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears:

20 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his ax, and his mattock.

21 Yet they had [§] a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and [¶] to sharpen the goads.

22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that [¶] there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

23 And [¶] the [†] garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

CHAP. XIV.

NOW: it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father.

2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were [¶] about six hundred men;

3 And [†] Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, [¶] Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, [¶] wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4 [¶] And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over [¶] unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5 The [¶] forefront of the one was situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah.

6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these [¶] uncircumcised: [¶] it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD [¶] to save by many or by few.

7 And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee;

God would approve. 17. *spoilers, 'foragers.'* 19. *no smith, during forty years' subjection to the Philistines, they had not been allowed.* 22. *neither sword, &c. however, they had bows and arrows, slings, and goads for pikes.*

CHAP. XIV.—1. *Come, probably moved by Divine impulse.* 2. *utmost part, outworks. pomegranate, some read, 'Rimmon,' a rock.* 3. *And Ahiah,*

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* found.

^a ch. 14. 2.

[†] Geba.

ver. 3.

[‡] Be still.

[§] Jos. 18. 23.

[¶] Ge. 24. 14.

Ju. 7. 11.

[•] Jos. 16. 3.

[¶] Ne. 11. 34.

[¶] 2 Ki. 24. 14.

Jo. 24. 1.

[¶] ch. 17. 44.

2 Sa. 2. 14.

17.

2 Ki. 14. 8.

[§] a file with

moult.

^h Ps. 18. 29.

He. 11. 34.

[¶] to set.

[¶] Ju. 5. 8.

[•] or, half a

furrow of

an acre of

land.

Ju. 7. 21.

^h ch. 14. 1, 4.

[†] or, stand-

ing camp.

[¶] 2 Ki. 7. 7.

Job 18. 11.

Ps. 14. 5.

[¶] ch. 13. 17.

[•] or, there

was a day.

[¶] trembling of

God.

[¶] Ge. 35. 5.

2 Sa. 5. 24.

Da. 5. 6.

[¶] Ps. 58. 7.

68. 2.

[¶] ch. 13. 15.

[¶] ch. 22. 9, 11.

20.

[¶] Ahimelech.

ch. 4. 21.

[¶] Ex. 28. 26.

32.

[¶] ch. 13. 23.

[¶] Nu. 27. 21.

[¶] or, tumult.

[¶] Ps. 106. 13.

Is. 28. 16.

[¶] loath.

[¶] were cried

together.

[¶] 2 Ch. 20. 23.

Is. 19. 2.

[¶] Ge. 17. 7. 11

Ju. 15. 18.

2 Sa. 1. 20.

Je. 9. 23. 26.

Ep. 2. 11, 12.

Phi. 3. 3.

[¶] 2 Sa. 16. 12

Is. 37. 4.

[¶] Ju. 7. 4. 7.

2 Ch. 14. 11.

Ps. 115. 1. 3.

Zec. 4. 6.

Mat. 19. 26.

Ro. 8. 31.

behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.

8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will discover ourselves unto them.

9 If they say thus unto us, [†] Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.

10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and [¶] this shall be a sign unto us.

11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, [¶] Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.

13 And Jonathan [¶] climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him.

14 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were [¶] an half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow.

15 And [¶] there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and [¶] the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was [¶] a very [¶] great trembling.

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude [¶] melted away, and they went on beating down one another.

17 Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer were not there.

18 And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.

19 [¶] And it came to pass, while Saul [¶] talked unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, [¶] Withdraw thine hand.

20 And Saul and all the people that were with him [¶] assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, [¶] every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture.

21 Moreover the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewise all the men of Israel which

&c. i. e. the high priest was now with Saul. an ephod, rather, the ephod, as heir to the high priesthood. 12. Come up, said in mockery. 13. climbed, secretly. 14. as it were an half, &c. perhaps proverbial for a narrow space. 15. trembling, terror. 16. beating, &c. in their fight. 18. ark, 'ephod.'—Sept., so Boothroyd. 19. withdraw, &c. desist from consulting the Divine oracle. 20. against, &c. the army being composed of divers nations.—Josephus. 21.

^a had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.

23 So ^d the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Beth-aven.

24 ^h And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, ^f Cursed be the man that eateth *any* food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted *any* food.

25 And ^e all they of the land came to a wood; and there was ^k honey upon the ground.

26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth; for the people ^l feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that *was* in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth *any* food this day. And the people were ^g faint.

29 Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for ^a had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

31 And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Ajalon: and the people were very faint.

32 And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat *them* ^v with the blood.

33 ^h Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, ^g Ye have ^e transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day.

34 And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay *them* here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox [†] with him that night, and slew *them* there.

35 And Saul ^b built an altar unto the LORD: [§] the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

36 ^h And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, ^d Let us draw near hither unto God.

37 And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he ^f answered him not that day.

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^a ch. 13. 6.^b ch. 10. 19.

Jos. 7. 14.

^{*} corners.

Ju. 20. 2.

Mat. 21. 42.

Ep. 2. 20.

^c 2 Sa. 12. 5.^d Ex. 14. 30.

Ps. 44. 6, 7.

Ho. 1. 7.

^e ch. 13. 5.^f Jos. 6. 26.

Pr. 11. 9.

Ro. 10. 2.

^g De. 9. 28.

Mat. 3. 5.

^h Ex. 3. 8.

Nu. 13. 27.

Mat. 3. 4.

[†] or, *Shew the innocent.*ⁱ Pr. 16. 33.

Ac. 1. 24.

^k ch. 10. 20, 21.

Jos. 7. 16.

[†] went forth.^l Ec. 9. 2.^m Jos. 7. 19.ⁿ ver. 27.^o Ru. 1. 17.^p ver. 39.[§] or, *weary.*^r 2 Sa. 14. 11.

1 Ki. 1. 52.

Lu. 21. 18.

^s Ec. 9. 18.^t ch. 11. 11.^u 2 Sa. 10. 6.^v Le. 3. 17.

7. 26.

17. 10.

19. 26.

De. 12. 16, 23.

24.

Ac. 15. 20, 29.

^{||} or, *wrought mightily.*^x ch. 15. 3, 7.^y Mat. 7. 5.

Ro. 2. 1.

^{*} or, *dealt treacherously.*^z ch. 31. 2.

1 Ch. 8. 33.

[†] in his hand.[‡] Abner.^a ch. 9. 1.^b ch. 7. 17.

Ho. 8. 14.

2 Ti. 3. 5.

[§] that altar he began to build unto the LORD.^c ch. 8. 11.^d Nu. 27. 21.

Ps. 73. 28.

Is. 58. 2.

Mal. 2. 7.

Ja. 4. 8.

^e ch. 9. 16.^f ch. 28. 6.

38 And Saul said, ^b Draw ye near hither, all the ^{*} chief of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day.

39 For, ^c as the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But *there was* not a man among all the people that answered him.

40 Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee.

41 Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, [†] Give [†] a perfect lot. [‡] And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people [†] escaped.

42 And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, ^m Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, ⁿ I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that *was* in mine hand, and, lo, I must die.

44 And Saul answered, ^o God do so and more also: ^p for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.

45 And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: ^r as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 ^u So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of ^v Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of ^w Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed *them*.

48 And he ^x gathered an host, and ^y smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

49 Now ^z the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters were *these*; the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:

50 And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host was [†] Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51 And ^a Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner *was* the son of Abiel.

52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, ^c he took him unto him.

CHAP. XV.

SAMUEL also said unto Saul, ^e The LORD sent me to anoint thee *to be* king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I re-

Hebrews, 'slaves.'—Sept. 24. *adjured*, a rash oath. 25. *honey*, in trees, dropping from the large combs of wild bees, still common. 27. *enlightened*, the dimness of fatigue removed. 29. *mine eyes*, &c. i. e. 'I have been refreshed.' 31. *from*, &c. a distance of twelve miles. 32. *with the blood*, contrary

to the law, (Lev. iii. 17.) but pressed by hunger. 33. *a great stone*, probably for the altar, ver. 35. 36. *unto God*, to consult the oracle. 37. *lo*, &c. 'here I am, let me die.'—Boothroyd. 47. *vexed*, 'harassed.' 52. *took*, enlisted.

member that which Amalek did to Israel, ^a how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

3 Now go and smite Amalek, and ^b utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and ^c laid wait in the valley.

6 ^d And Saul said unto ^e the Kenites, Go, ^f depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ^g ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 And ^h Saul smote the Amalekites from ⁱ Havilah until thou comest to ^j Shur, that is over against Egypt.

8 And ^k he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and ^l utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people ^m spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and ⁿ for the fatings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

10 ^o Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,

11 ^p It ^q repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is ^r turned back from following me, ^s and hath not performed my commandments. And it ^t grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to ^u Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, ^v Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

14 And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: ^w for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, ^x When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.

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^a Ex. 17. 8, 14.

^b Nu. 24. 20.

^c De. 25. 17, 19.

^d Le. 27. 28, 29.

^e Jos. 6. 17, 21.

^f ver. 13.

^g or, fought.

^h Nu. 24. 21.

ⁱ Ju. 1. 16.

^j 4. 11.

^k Ps. 59. 8, 9.

^l Pr. 21. 3.

^m Is. 1. 11, 13.

ⁿ 16, 17.

^o Je. 7. 22, 23.

^p Mi. 6. 6, 8.

^q He. 10. 8, 9.

^r Ge. 19. 12, 14.

^s Re. 18. 4.

^t Ex. 18. 10, 19.

^u Nu. 10. 29, 32.

^v Ec. 5. 1.

^w Ho. 6. 6.

^x Mat. 5. 24.

^y 9. 13.

^z 12. 7.

^{aa} Mar. 12. 33.

^{ab} [†] divination.

^{ac} De. 18. 10.

^{ad} i ch. 14. 48.

^{ae} k Ge. 2. 11.

^{af} 25. 18.

^{ag} l Ge. 16. 7.

^{ah} m ch. 13. 14.

^{ai} n 1 Ki. 20. 34.

^{aj} 35. &c.

^{ak} o 2 Sa. 12. 13.

^{al} p ch. 30. 1.

^{am} r ver. 3. 15.

^{an} s Ex. 23. 2.

^{ao} Pr. 23. 25.

^{ap} Is. 51. 12, 13.

^{aq} [†] or, of the

^{ar} second sort

^{as} t ch. 2. 30.

^{at} u ver. 35.

^{au} Ge. 6. 6, 7.

^{av} 2 Sa. 24. 16.

^{aw} v Jos. 22. 16.

^{ax} 1 Ki. 9. 6.

^{ay} x 1 Ki. 11. 30.

^{az} 31.

^{ba} y ch. 13. 13.

^{bb} z ch. 28. 17, 18.

^{bc} a ch. 16. 1.

^{bd} [†] or, eter-

^{be} nity, or,

^{bf} victory.

^{bg} b Jos. 15. 55.

^{bh} c Nu. 23. 19.

^{bi} Eze. 24. 14.

^{bj} 2 Ti. 2. 13.

^{bk} d Tit. 1. 2.

^{bl} e Jno. 5. 44.

^{bm} 12. 43.

^{bn} f Ge. 14. 19.

^{bo} Ju. 17. 2.

^{bp} Ru. 3. 10.

^{bq} g Ge. 3. 12.

^{br} Pr. 28. 13.

^{bs} h Ex. 17. 11.

^{bt} Nu. 14. 45.

^{bu} Ju. 1. 7.

^{bv} a ch. 9. 21.

^{bw} i ch. 11. 4.

^{bx} k ch. 19. 24.

^{by} l Je. 9. 1, 2.

^{bz} Ro. 9. 1, 3.

^{ca} || consume.

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, ^a I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel said, ^b Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, ^c to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

23 ^d For rebellion is as the sin of ^e witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, ^f he hath also rejected thee from being king.

24 ^g And ^h Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I ⁱ feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.

26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: ^j for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.

27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, ^k he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

28 And Samuel said unto him, ^l The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.

29 And also the ^m Strength of Israel ⁿ will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.

30 Then he said, I have sinned: ^o yet ^p honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.

31 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 ^q Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites, And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

33 And Samuel said, ^r As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

34 ^s Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to ^t Gibeah of Saul.

35 And ^u Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel ^v mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

CHAP. XV.—2. *Amalek did*, see Exod. xvii. 8; Judg. vi. 3. 3. *smite*, the execution of the sentence, Exod. xvii. 14; Deut. xxv. 19. 3. *infant*, &c. they had shown no mercy, and the law of retaliation was now executed upon them. 11. *repenteth*, see Gen. vi. 6. 12. *place*, literally 'a hand,' expressive of power; doubtless a monument of victory. 22. *de-*

light, &c. disobedience is not to be compensated by sacrifices. 23. *as the sin of*, &c. as sinful as divination. 29. *the Strength*, &c. He who gives victory to Israel. 32. *delicately*, the general idea is cheerfully, with royal dignity, supposing his life was safe. 33. *hewed*, most likely by other hands. This was a just execution.

CHAP. XVI.

AND the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? ^b fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for ^d I have provided me a king among his sons.

2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer * with thee, and say, ^e I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I ^f will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town ^h trembled at his [†] coming, and said, ⁱ Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: ^j sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 [†] And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on [†] Eliab, and said, ^o Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his ^p countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: ^r for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man ^s looketh on the [§] outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the [†] heart.

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Jesse made ^{||} Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all ^{thy} children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, ^{*} Send and fetch him: for we will not sit [†] down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* [†] ruddy, and withal [§] of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. ^b And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him. for this is he.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and ^c anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the ^d Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

14 [†] But ^f the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and [§] an evil spirit from the LORD [†] troubled him.

15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.

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^a Ge. 41. 46.

[†] Ki. 10. 8.

^b ch. 9. 16.

² Ki. 9. 1.

^c 2 Ki. 3. 15.

^d Ps. 78. 70.

89.19.20.

Ac. 13. 22.

^{*} in *thine*

hand.

^e ch. 20. 29.

^f Ex. 4. 15.

[†] or, *speech.*

[§] ch. 3. 19.

^h ch. 21. 1.

[†] *meeting.*

ⁱ 1 Ki. 2. 13.

² Ki. 9. 22.

^k Ge. 43. 11.

[†] Pr. 18. 16.

^l Ex. 19. 10, 14

^m Pr. 22. 29.

ⁿ 1 Ch. 27. 18.

[†] *Elihu.*

^o 1 Ki. 12. 26.

^p Ps. 147. 10, 11

^r Is. 55. 8.

^s 2 Co. 10. 7.

[†] *Eyes.*

^t 1 Ki. 8. 39.

[†] 1 Ch. 28. 9.

[†] Ps. 7. 9.

[†] Je. 11. 20.

[†] 17. 10.

[†] 20. 12.

[†] Ac. 1. 24.

^u ch. 13. 5.

^v Jos. 15. 35.

^v 2 Ch. 28. 18.

^{||} *Shimeah.*

² Sa. 13. 3.

^{||} *Shimma.*

¹ Ch. 2. 13.

^{*} or, *the*

coast of

Dammim,

called Pus-

dammim.

[†] 1 Ch. 11. 13

[†] *ranged the*

battle.

^x 2 Sa. 7. 8.

[†] Ps. 78. 70.

[†] *round.*

^y 2 Sa. 21. 19.

^z Jos. 11. 22.

¹ Ch. 20. 5. 8

^a Ca. 5. 10.

[§] *fair of eyes.*

^{||} *clothed.*

^b ch. 9. 17.

^c Ps. 89. 20.

^{*} or, *gorget.*

[†] 1 Ki. 10. 16.

^d Nu. 27. 18.

[†] Ju. 11. 29.

[†] 14. 6.

^e 2 Sa. 21. 19.

^f Ps. 51. 11.

[§] Ju. 9. 23.

[†] or, *ferrified.*

16 Let our lord now command thy servants, *which are* ^a before thee, to seek out a man, *who is* a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall ^c play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring *him* to me.

18 Then answered one of the servants, And said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in [†] matters, and a comely person, and ^e the LORD is with him.

19 [†] Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David *thy* son, which is with the sheep.

20 And Jesse ^k took an ass *laden with* bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent *them* by David his son unto Saul.

21 And David came to Saul, and ^m stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.

23 And it came to pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

CHAP. XVII.

NOW the Philistines ⁿ gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at ^v Shocoh, which *belongeth* to Judah, and pitched between Shocoh and Azekah, in ^{*} Ephes-dammim.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and [†] set the battle in array against the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and *there was* a valley between them.

4 [†] And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named ^y Goliath, of ^z Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

5 And he *had* an helmet of brass upon his head, and he *was* ^{||} armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of brass.

6 And he *had* greaves of brass upon his legs, and a ^{*} target of brass between his shoulders.

7 And the ^{*} staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set *your* battle in array? *am* not I a Philistine, and ye servants to

CHAP. XVI.—1. *horn*, probably his drinking vessel. 2. *kill me*, shows Saul's spirit. *say*, and really sacrifice. 4. *trembled*, lest he had come to judge them for some crime. 5. *sanctified*, ordered to be sanctified; for a prophet is often said to do what he orders to be done. 11. *sheep*, these were tended by all ages and ranks. 13. *anointed him*, as king after Saul, but David's family probably remained ignorant of the object of the anointing. 13. *spirit*, &c. i. e. of wisdom, prudence, courage. 14. *spirit*—departed, which formerly came upon him, ch. x. 11; xi. 6;

16. *evil spirit*, melancholy madness.—*Mead.* 18. *matters*, 'conduct.' 20. *an ass*, rather, 'an omer,' as Sept. 23. *refreshed*, 'relieved.' CHAP. XVII.—4. *six cubits and a span*, eleven feet four inches. 5. *weight*, thought to mean brass of that value in silver shekels; if not, the weight was seventy-five pounds. 6. *greaves*, leg harness. 7. *spear*, reckoned in proportion at about twenty-six feet. *six hundred*, &c. nine pounds. 8. *stood and cried*, challenges to single combat were common among the ancients, and are still made among some

Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and ^d serve us.

10 And the Philistine said, I ^e defy the armies of Israel this day; ^f give me a man, that we may fight together.

11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, ^g they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

12 ^h Now David ⁱ was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had ^j eight sons; and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.

13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and the ^k names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

14 And David ^l was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

15 But David went and returned from Saul ^m to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem.

16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this ⁿ parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren;

18 And carry these ten ^o cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and ^p look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, ^q were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

20 ^r And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the ^s trench, as the host was going forth to the ^t fight, and shouted for the battle.

21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army.

22 And David left ^u his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and ^v saluted his brethren.

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake ^w according to the same words: and David heard them.

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled ^x from him, and were sore afraid.

25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and ^y will give him his daughter, and make his father's house ^z free in Israel.

26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done

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^a ch. 11. 2.^b ch. 14. 6.^c De. 5. 26.^d ch. 11. 1.^e ver. 26.^f 2 Sa. 21. 21.^g Job 40. 9. 12^h Ps. 9. 4, 5.ⁱ Pr. 16. 18.^j Je. 9. 23.^k Pr. 28. 1.^l Is. 51. 12, 13.^m 57. 11.ⁿ Ge. 37. 4, 8.^o 11.^p Mat. 10. 36.^q ver. 58.^r ch. 16. 1, 18.^s Ru. 4. 22.^t Ge. 35. 19.^u ch. 16. 10, 11.^v 1 Ch. 2. 13. 15^w ver. 17.^x ch. 16. 6, 8, 9.^y 1 Ch. 2. 13.^z word.^a took him.^b ch. 16. 19.^c De. 20. 1, 3.^d Ps. 27. 1. 3.^e ch. 16. 18.^f Nu. 13. 31.^g De. 9. 2.^h Ru. 2. 14.ⁱ 2 Sa. 17. 28.^j cheeses of^k milk.^l or, kid.^m captain ofⁿ a thousand^o Ge. 37. 14.^p Ac. 15. 26.^q Ro. 12. 10.^r 1 Th. 3. 5, 6.^s or, place of^t the car-^uriage.^v ch. 26. 5.^w or, battle^x array, or,^y place of^z fight.^a Ps. 18. 16, 17.^b 63. 7.^c 77. 11.^d 2 Co. 1. 10.^e 2 Ti. 4. 17, 18.^f the vessels^g from upon^h him.ⁱ ch. 20. 13.^j 1 Ch. 22. 11.^k 16.^l asked his^m brethren ofⁿ peace.^o Ju. 18. 15.^p clothed^q David with^r his clothes.^s y ver. 8.^t from his^u face.^v or, valley.^w vessel.^x Jos. 15. 16.^y Exr. 7. 24.^z Mat. 17. 26.

to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away ^a the reproach from Israel? for who is this ^b uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of ^c the living God?

27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

28 ^d And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's ^e anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.

29 And David said, What have I now done? ^f Is there not a cause?

30 ^g And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same ^h manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he ⁱ sent for him.

32 ^j And David said to Saul, ^k Let no man's heart fail because of him; ^l thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to David, ^m Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a ⁿ lamb out of the flock:

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered ^o it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David said moreover, ^p The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and ^q the LORD be with thee.

38 ^r And Saul ^s armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the ^t brook, and put them in a shepherd's ^u bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked

easterns. 18. *pledge*, purchase money. 19. *fighting*, or skirmishing. 20. *shouted*, so the ancients usually made the onset. 22. *carriage*, rather, the vessels of provision. 25. *give him his daughter*, some think these were the words of the men of Israel, supposing what Saul would do. *free*, from tribute

and service. 29. *a cause*, for what I have done? some read, 'Is it not a word only,' at which you are offended? 35. *beard*, 'throat.'—Sept. 38 *his armour*, i. e. of a proper size, out of his armoury. 39. *not proved*, been accustomed to. 40. *staff*, of a shepherd. *sling*, still used by shepherds in the

about, and saw David, he ^a disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ^b ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philistine said unto David, *a* Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine ^c said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: ^d but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast ^e defied.

46 This day will the LORD ^f deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give ^g the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; ^h that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD ⁱ saveth not with sword and spear: for ^j the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So ^k David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, ^l they fled.

52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to ^m Shaaraim, even unto Gath and unto Ekron.

53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

55 ⁿ And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, ^o whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.

56 And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling is.

57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

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^a Ps. 123. 45.^b 1Co. 1. 27, 28^c ch. 16. 12.^d ver. 12.^e 2 Sa. 3. 8.^f 9. 8.^g 2 Ki. 8. 13.^h 1Ki. 20. 10, 11ⁱ Ge. 44. 30.^j Ps. 86. 11.^k Col. 2. 2.^l ch. 19. 2.^m 20. 17.ⁿ De. 13. 6.^o 2 Sa. 1. 26.^p Pr. 18. 24.^q ch. 17. 15.^r 2 Sa. 22. 33.^s 35.^t Ps. 124. 8.^u 125. 1.^v 2 Co. 10. 4.^w ver. 10.^x shut thee^y up.^z Ge. 41. 42.^{aa} Es. 6. 8, 9.^{ab} Is. 61. 10.^{ac} Lu. 15. 22.^{ad} Phi. 2. 7, 8.^{ae} De. 28. 26.^{af} or, prospered.^{ag} ver. 14, 15, 30^{ah} Jos. 4. 24.^{ai} 1 Ki. 8. 43.^{aj} 18. 36.^{ak} 2 Ki. 19. 19.^{al} Is. 52. 10.^{am} Ps. 41. 6, 7.^{an} Ho. 1. 7.^{ao} Zec. 4. 6.^{ap} 2 Ch. 20. 15.^{aq} or, Philistines.^{ar} Ex. 15. 20.^{as} Ju. 11. 34.^{at} § three-^{au} stringed in-^{av} struments.^{aw} Ex. 15. 21.^{ax} t ch. 21. 11.^{ay} 29. 5.^{az} Ju. 3. 31.^{ba} 15. 15.^{bb} || was evil in^{bc} his eyes.^{bd} Ec. 4. 4.^{be} ch. 15. 28.^{bf} y ch. 16. 14.^{bg} z He. 11. 34.^{bh} a 1 Ki. 18. 29.^{bi} Ac. 16. 16.^{bj} ch. 19. 9.^{bk} c ch. 20. 33.^{bl} Pr. 27. 4.^{bm} d Jos. 15. 36.^{bn} e ver. 15. 29.^{bo} f ch. 16. 13, 18.^{bp} g ch. 28. 15.^{bq} h Nu. 27. 17.^{br} 2 Sa. 5. 2.^{bs} i ch. 16. 21, 22.^{bt} or, prospered.^{bu} ver. 5.^{bv} k Ge. 39. 2, 23.^{bw} Jos. 6. 27.^{bx} Ac. 18. 10.

58 And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, ^c I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that ^d the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, ^e and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 And Saul took him that day, ^f and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan ^g stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 ^h And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and ⁱ behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the ^j Philistine, that ^k the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with ^l instruments of musick.

7 And the women ^m answered one another as they played, and said, ⁿ Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying ^o displeased him; ^p and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands; and ^q what can he have more but ^r the kingdom?

9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 ^s And it came to pass on the morrow, that ^t the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, ^u and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: ^v and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

11 And Saul ^w cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

12 ^x And Saul was ^y afraid of David, because ^z the LORD was with him, and was ^{aa} departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and ^{ab} he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David ^{ac} behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and ^{ad} the LORD was with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

east, to drive off wild beasts, and with the ancients was a powerful weapon of war. 47. battle is the Lord's, the events of war are in his power. 51. cut off, &c. an ancient custom with a slain enemy. 55. whose son, not what he himself was, but who was his father.

CHAP. XVIII.—3. a covenant, solemnly entered

into mutual friendship. 4. stripped, not unusual in the east. 5. went, on military expeditions. 6. women, were accustomed to celebrate victories in solemn dances: see Exod. xv. 20. 7. answered, rather, sang alternately. 9. eyed, envied. 10. prophesied, sang Divine songs. javelin, or spear, commonly then carried by princes. 13. went, &c.

17 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, ^a her will I give thee to wife: only be thou ^{*} valiant for me, and fight ^b the LORD's battles. For Saul said, ^c Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

18 And David said unto Saul, ^e Who am I? and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king?

19 But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto ^f Adriel the Meholahite to wife.

20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing [†] pleased him.

21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be ^g a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt ^h this day be my son in law in the one of the twain.

22 ⁱ And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.

23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, ^j and lightly esteemed?

24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, ^k On this manner spake David.

25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any ^l dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be ^m avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and ⁿ the days were not ^o expired.

27 Wherefore David arose and went, he and ^p his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and ^q David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

28 ^r And Saul saw and ^s knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

29 And Saul was ^t yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines went ^u forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David ^v behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much ^w set by.

CHAP. XIX.

AND Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

2 But Jonathan Saul's son ^x delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take

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^a ch. 17. 25.^{*} a son of valour.^b ch. 25. 28.

Nu. 32. 20.

27. 29.

^c 2 Sa. 12. 9.^d Pr. 31. 8, 9.^e ch. 9. 21.^f 2 Sa. 7. 18.^g Ge. 12. 22.^h Ps. 35. 12.

109. 5.

ⁱ Pr. 17. 13.^j Je. 18. 20.^k ch. 28. 21.^l Ju. 9. 17.

12. 3.

^m Ps. 119. 109.ⁿ ch. 17. 49, 50.^o 1 Sa. 11. 13.^p 1 Ch. 11. 14.^q 2 Sa. 21. 5.^r Ju. 7. 22.^s ch. 20. 32.^t Mat. 27. 4.^u [†] was right in his eyes.^v Ex. 10. 7.^w ver. 26.^x ch. 16. 21.

18. 2, 13.

^y yesterday third day.^z his face.^{aa} ch. 16. 14.^{ab} Pr. 27. 4.^{ac} Ps. 119. 141.^{ad} Is. 54. 17.^{ae} Lu. 4. 39.^{af} Jno. 8. 59.

10. 39.

^{ag} 2 Co. 11. 33.^{ah} According to these words.^{ai} Ge. 34. 12.^{aj} Ex. 22. 17.^{ak} Ps. 59. title.^{al} y ch. 14. 24.^{am} Jos. 2. 15.^{an} Ac. 9. 24, 25.^{ao} ver. 21.^{ap} ^{*} fulfilled.^{aq} [†] teraphim.^{ar} Ge. 31. 19.^{as} Ju. 17. 5.^{at} b ver. 13.^{au} c 2 Sa. 3. 14.^{av} d Ja. 2. 19.^{aw} ^{*} Ps. 37. 12, 14.^{ax} Ec. 4. 4.^{ay} Ja. 4. 5.^{az} f 2 Sa. 11. 1.^{ba} ^g Ps. 119. 99.^{bb} Da. 1. 20.^{bc} Lu. 21. 15.^{bd} Ep. 5. 15.^{be} h 2 Sa. 2. 22.^{bf} i Ja. 5. 16.^{bg} [†] precious.^{bh} ch. 26. 21.^{bi} 2 Ki. 1. 13.^{bj} Ps. 116. 15.^{bk} Pr. 29. 12.^{bl} j Jno. 7. 32.

45, &c.

^{bm} ch. 18. 1.^{bn} ch. 10. 5, 6.^{bo} 1 Co. 14. 3.

24. 25.

heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself:

3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

4 [†] And Jonathan ^d spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king ^e sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good:

5 For he did put his ^f life in his hand, and ^g slew the Philistine, and ^h the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: ⁱ wherefore then wilt thou ^j sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, ^k as in times past.

8 ^l And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from ^m him.

9 And ⁿ the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with ^o his hand.

10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; ^p but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

11 Saul ^q also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

12 ^r So Michal ^s let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

13 And Michal took an ^t image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster and covered it with a cloth.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick.

15 And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.

16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster.

17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; ^u why should I kill thee?

18 ^v So David fled, and escaped, ^w and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

19 And it was told Saul, saying, ^x Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.

20 And ^y Saul sent messengers to take David: ^z and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messen-

was their leader and conductor. 21. snare, in attempting to fulfil the conditions, ver. 25. of the twain, i.e. by marrying one of his two daughters. 27. full tale, full number.

CHAP. XIX.—3. see, discover of his intentions.

13. image, 'teraphim,' see Gen. xxxi. 19. This seems to have been privately kept by Michal, for what purpose is not known: Dr. A. Clarke says the Hebrew may mean, 'any kind of image.' 14. a pillow, 'a net,' used to keep off gnats: so Boothroyd. 17. kill thee,

gers of Saul, and they also ^a prophesied.

21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu; and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah.

23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and ^c the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 And ^e he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down ^f naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, ^g Is Saul also among the prophets?

CHAP. XX.

AND David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, ^h What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?

2 And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will ⁱ shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so.

3 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, ^j there is but a step between me and death.

4 Then said Jonathan unto David, ^k Whatsoever thy soul ^l desireth, I will even do it for thee.

5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow is the ^m new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat. but let me go, that I may ⁿ hide myself in the field unto the third day at even.

6 If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to ^o Beth-lehem his city: for there is a yearly ^p sacrifice there for all the family.

7 If ^q he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that ^r evil is determined by him.

8 Therefore thou shalt ^s deal kindly with thy servant; for ^t thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, ^u if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father?

9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

10 Then said David ^v to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father ^w answer thee roughly?

11 ^x And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field.

R. C. 1062.

^a Nu. 11. 25.

Joel 2. 28.

^b searched.

^c uncover

thine ear.

ver. 2.

^d Ru. 1. 17.

^e ch. 10. 10.

^f Jos. 1. 5.

^g 1 Ch. 22 11,

16

^h Is. 20. 2.

ⁱ fell.

^j Nu. 24. 4.

^k 2Sa. 6. 14, 20

Mi. 1. 8.

^l 2Sa. 9. 1, 3, 7.

21. 7.

^m ch. 10. 11.

ⁿ ^o cut.

^p 2 Sa. 4. 7.

21. 8.

^q Ps. 7. 3..5.

^r 2 Co. 1. 12.

^s 1 Jno. 3. 21.

^t or, by his

love toward

him.

^u ch. 18. 1.

^v ver. 5.

^w uncover

mine ear.

ver. 12.

^x ch. 9. 15.

^y missed.

^z greatly, or,

diligently.

^{aa} ch. 19. 2.

^{ab} in the day

of the business.

^{ac} or, that

sheweth the

way.

^{ad} De. 28. 66.

^{ae} Ps. 116. 3.

^{af} 1 Co. 15. 30.

31.

^{ag} 2 Co. 1. 9, 10.

^{ah} or, Say

what is thy

mind, and

I will do,

&c.

^{ai} speaketh,

or, thinketh

^{aj} Nu. 10. 10.

^{ak} not any

thing.

^{al} Je. 4. 2.

^{am} ch. 19. 2.

^{an} ver. 14, 15, 42

^{ao} ch. 16. 4.

^{ap} or, feast.

^{aq} ch. 9. 12.

^{ar} De. 1. 23.

^{as} 2 Sa. 17. 4.

^{at} Pr. 15. 17.

17. 1.

^{au} Es. 7. 7.

^{av} Jos. 2. 14.

^{aw} Pr. 3. 3.

^{ax} ch. 23. 18.

^{ay} 2 Sa. 14. 32.

^{az} Le. 7. 21.

15. 5, &c.

^{ba} Ge. 42. 7, 30.

^{bb} Ki. 12. 13.

^{bc} Pr. 18. 23.

And they went out both of them into the field.

12 And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have ^{ca} sounded my father about to morrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and ^{cb} shew it thee;

13 The ^{cc} LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and ^{cd} the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not:

15 But also ^{ce} thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

16 So Jonathan ^{cf} made a covenant with the house of David, saying, ^{cg} Let the LORD even require it at the hand of David's enemies.

17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, ^{ch} because he loved him: ^{ci} for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jonathan said to David, ^{cj} To morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be ^{ck} empty.

19 And when thou hast stayed three days, then thou shalt go down ^{cl} quickly, and come to ^{cm} the place where thou didst hide thyself ^{cn} when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone ^{co} Ezel.

20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark.

21 And, behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for there is peace to thee, and ^{cp} no hurt: ^{cq} as the LORD liveth.

22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee away.

23 And as touching ^{cr} the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD be between thee and me for ever.

24 ^{cs} So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king ^{ct} sat him down to eat meat.

25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty.

26 Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is ^{cu} not clean; surely he is not clean.

27 And it came to pass on the morrow, which was ^{cv} the second day of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not ^{cw} the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to day?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Beth-lehem:

a feigned excuse. 20. prophesied, praised God in hymns. 24. naked, stripped of his upper garments.

CHAP. XX.—5. new moon, then were sacrifices, and a feast was kept by families. 6. asked leave, hence inferred that Jonathan was chief commander under Saul. 6. yearly sacrifice, probably a custom in many pious families. 12. O Lord, &c. Jehovah

the God of Israel, be witness.—Boothroyd. 13. with my father, formerly counselling him. 14. kindness, &c. which he shows in sparing us. 15. not cut off,

eastern princes, on ascending the throne, usually destroy all whom they dread as rivals. 16. require it, take vengeance on Jonathan or his, if they break the covenant. 23. be between, as a witness and

29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.

30 Then Saul's ^b anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, *Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?

31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, ^f Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

33 And Saul ^a cast a javelin at him to smite him: ^g whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table ^m in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 ⁿ And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow ^l beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

40 And Jonathan gave his [†] artillery unto ⁱ his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city.

41 ⁿ And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

42 And Jonathan said to David, ^v Go in peace, ^h forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

CHAP. XXI.

THEN came David to Nob to ^a Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was ^g afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?

B. C. 1062.

^a Ge. 27. 20, 24.
1 Ki. 13. 18.
2 Ki. 5. 22, 25.
Ps. 119. 29.
Ac. 5. 8.
Ga. 2. 12.
Col. 3. 9.

^b Job 5. 2.
Pr. 14. 29.
Ja. 1. 19, 20.

^c Son of perverse rebellion, or, Thou perverse rebel.

^d found.
Ex. 25. 30.
Le. 24. 5.
Mat. 12. 4.

^e Ex. 19. 15.
Zec. 7. 3.

^f is the son of death.

^g 1 Th. 4. 4.
1 ch. 19. 5.
Mat. 27. 23.
Lu. 23. 22.

^h or, especially when this day there is other sanctified in the vessel.

ⁱ Le. 8. 26.
h ch. 18. 11.
i Mar. 2. 25, 26.
k ver. 7.

^l Le. 24. 8, 9.
m Ec. 7. 20.
Ep. 4. 26.

ⁿ Ps. 52, title.
|| to pass over him.

^o ch. 17. 2, 50.
p ch. 31. 10.

^q or, Ahimelech.
Ps. 34, title.
r Ps. 56, title.

[†] instruments.

[‡] the lad that was his.

[§] ch. 18. 7.
29. 5.

^{||} Lu. 2. 19.
v Ps. 34, title.

^w ch. 1. 17.
§ or, made marks.

|| or, the LORD be witness of that which,

§ or, playeth the mad man.

^x ch. 14. 3.
called Ahiah.

Called also Abiathar.

Mar. 2. 26.

^y ch. 16. 4.
^z Ps. 57, title.

142, title.
^a 2 Sa. 23. 13.

2 And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, ^a The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place.

3 Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is [†] present.

4 And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is ^c hallowed bread; ^d if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.

5 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the ^e vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, ^f yea, though it were sanctified this day ^g in the vessel.

6 So the priest [†] gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, [†] that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was ^h Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul.

8 ⁿ And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.

9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in ^o the valley of Elah, ^p behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.

10 ⁿ And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to ^a Achish the king of Gath.

11 And [†] the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, ^c Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

12 And David [†] laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

13 And ⁿ he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and [§] scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

14 Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man ⁿ is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?

15 Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

CHAP. XXII.

DAVID therefore departed thence, and ^z escaped to ^a the cave Adullam: and

avenger. 30. unto the confusion, &c. 'to thy mother's shame.'—Boothroyd. 40. artillery, weapons. 41. exceeded, his grief became excessive.

CHAP. XXI.—1. Nob, a sacerdotal city. 2. hath commanded, this was false; repented of, Psal. cxix. 29.

3. under thy hand, in thy power to give. 4. hallowed, i.e. shew-bread, appropriated to the priests. 7. detained, on account of some religious service. 14. mad, some think epileptic.

CHAP. XXII.—1. Adullam, a place of great security in Judah, 2 Sa. xxiii. 13; 1 Ch. xi. 15; Josh.

when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him.

2 And ^b every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

3 ^f And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, ^d Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me.

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.

5 ^f And the prophet ^e Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

6 ^f When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a ^g tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him:)

7 Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse ^m give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds;

8 That all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth me that ^p my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

9 ^q Then answered ^t Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to ^u Ahimelech the son of ^v Ahitub.

10 And ^x he enquired of the LORD for him, and ^y gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.

12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, ^z Here I am, my lord.

13 And Saul said unto him, ^a Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

15 Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute any thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father: ^c for thy servant knew nothing of all this, ^d less or more.

B. C. 1062.

a 1 Ki. 19. 2.

Pr. 28. 15.

Da. 2. 5. 12.

3. 19. 20.

Ac. 12. 19.

Ju. 11. 3.

* runners,

or, guard.

† had a creditor.

‡ bitter of

soul.

* Ex. 1. 17.

2 Ki. 1. 13.

14.

Ac. 4. 19.

d Ge. 47. 11.

Ex. 20. 12.

Mar. 7. 10.

13.

1 Ti. 5. 4.

* 2 Ch. 24. 21.

Ho. 7. 3.

Mi. 6. 16.

f ch. 2. 31.

g 2 Sa. 24. 11.

1 Ch. 21. 9.

2 Ch. 29. 25.

h Is. 10. 32.

i Ho. 10. 14.

Ja. 2. 13.

k ch. 23. 6.

l ch. 2. 33.

Job 1. 15. 19.

S or, grove in a high place.

m ch. 8. 14.

n 1 Ki. 2. 26.

o Jno. 10. 28.

30.

|| uncovereth mine ear.

ch. 20. 2.

p ch. 18. 3.

20. 30.

r Jos. 15. 44.

ver. 6, 9.

ch. 30. 8.

2 Sa. 5. 19.

23.

Ps. 32. 8.

Pr. 3. 5, 6.

Je. 10. 23.

t ch. 21. 7.

Ps. 52. 1. 3.

u Mar. 2. 26.

Abiathar.

v ch. 14. 3.

x Nu. 27. 21.

y ch. 21. 6, 9.

z 2 Sa. 5. 19.

2 Ki. 3. 18.

* Behold me.

a Am. 7. 10.

Lu. 23. 2. 5.

b ch. 22. 20.

c Ge. 20. 5, 6.

2 Sa. 15. 11.

2 Co. 1. 12.

1 Pe. 3. 16, 17.

† little or great.

d ch. 30. 7.

Nu. 27. 21.

16 And the king said, ^a Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.

17 ^f And the king said unto the ^g footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king ^c would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD.

18 And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and ^h he fell upon the priests, and ⁱ slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.

19 And ^k Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both ^l men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

20 ^m And ⁿ one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, ^o escaped, and fled after David.

21 And Abiathar shewed David that Saul had slain the LORD's priests.

22 And David said unto Abiathar, I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned the death of all the persons of thy father's house.

23 Abide thou with me, fear not: ^p for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: ^q but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

CHAP. XXIII.

THEN they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against ^r Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors.

2 Therefore David ^s enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.

3 And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?

4 Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; ^t for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech ^u fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

7 ^v And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars.

8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

9 ^w And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and ^x he

xv. 21, 35. 2. in distress, or oppressed by creditors or unjust exactions. 3. king of Moab, whom Saul had made an enemy, ch. xiv. 47. 10. enquired, by Urim and Thummim: thought to be false, yet not unlikely. 18. did wear, &c. i. e. ministered unto God, ch. ii. 18; Exod. xxviii. 6. 21. slay the Lord's

priests, by this act of cruelty, the threatening against Eli's house was fulfilled.

CHAP. XXIII.—1. Keilah, a city in Judah, Jos. xv. 44. rob, a common practice about harvest time. threshing floors, in the open fields. 2. enquired, by Abiathar or Gad. 6. with an ephod, 'the ephod,' probably he

said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod.

10 Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, ^c to destroy the city for my sake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down.

12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, ^c They will deliver thee up.

13 ^f Then David and his men, ^g which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth.

14 And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in ^k a mountain in the wilderness of ⁱ Ziph. And Saul ^h sought him every day, ^j but God delivered him not into his hand.

15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

16 ^l And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and ^k strengthened his hand in God.

17 And he said unto him, Fear not; for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and ^k that also Saul my father knoweth.

18 And they two ^k made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 ^l Then ^k came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is ^h on the south of ⁱ Jeshimon?

20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and ^h our part shall be to deliver him into the king's hand.

21 And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the LORD: for ye have compassion on me.

22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his ^h haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth very subtilly.

23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that ^h I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.

24 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness ^g of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

25 Saul also and his men went to seek him. And they told David: wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.

26 And Saul went on this side of the

B. C. 1061.

a Ps. 31. 22.

b Ps. 17. 9.

c ch. 22. 19.

d 2 Ki. 19. 9.

* spread

themselves

upon, &c.

† i.e. the rock

of divisions

‡ shut up.

§ Ps. 62. 1.

|| 118. 8.

Ec. 9. 14. 15.

Is. 29. 15.

He. 4. 13.

f 2 Ch. 20. 2.

g ch. 22. 2.

h ch. 23. 28.

i § after.

j Ps. 38. 12.

k Ps. 11. 1.

l Jos. 15. 55.

m Ps. 54. 3, 4.

n Pr. 1. 16.

o Pr. 21. 30.

p Je. 36. 26.

q Ro. 8. 31.

r 2 Ti. 3. 11.

s 4. 17. 18.

t Ps. 141. 6.

u Ju. 3. 24.

v Ps. 57. title.

w 142. title.

x ch. 26. 8.

y Lu. 22. 32.

z Ro. 12. 15.

2 Ti. 2. 1.

He. 12. 12, 13.

|| the robe

which was

Saul's.

u ch. 24. 20.

v 2 Sa. 24. 10.

x ch. 18. 3.

20. 16, 42.

2 Sa. 21. 7.

y ch. 26. 11.

z ch. 26. 1.

Ps. 54. title.

* cut off.

a Ps. 7. 4.

b Mat. 5. 44.

c Ro. 12. 17, 19.

d 1 Th. 5. 15.

† on the right

hand.

‡ or, the wild-

erness.

b Ps. 54. 3.

§ foot shall be

c Ps. 141. 6.

d Pr. 16. 28.

e 17. 9.

f Ro. 3. 15, 16.

g Ps. 105. 15.

h Pr. 15. 1.

i ch. 25. 2.

j Jos. 15. 55.

k Ps. 7. 3.

l 35. 7.

m Jno. 15. 25.

n || or, from the

rock.

i ch. 26. 26.

j Ge. 16. 5.

k Ju. 11. 27.

l Job 5. 8.

mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: ^a and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men ^b compassed David; and his men round about to take them.

27 ^h But ^d there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have ^e invaded the land.

28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place ^f Sela-hammallekoth.

29 ^h And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at ^f En-gedi.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND it came to pass, ^a when Saul was returned from ^g following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of En-gedi.

2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and ⁱ went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

3 And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and ^h Saul went in to ^p cover his feet: and ^h David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

4 And ^h the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of ^h Saul's robe privily.

5 And it came to pass afterward, that ^h David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

6 And he said unto his men, ^g The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.

7 So David ^h stayed ^c his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on ^h his way.

8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.

9 ^h And David said to Saul, ^c Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; ^c for he is the LORD's anointed.

11 Moreover, ^f my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is ^h neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou ^h huntest my soul to take it.

12 The ^h LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

was left to guard the sacred things, which may account for his escape. 14. Ziph, Jos. xv. 24. 16. strengthened his hand, encouraged him. 18. made a covenant, solemnly renewed it, ch. xviii. 3; xx. 16. 24. Maon, near Carmel. 29. En-gedi, near Dead Sea.

CHAP. XXIV.—2. rocks, &c. i. e. the resort of wild goats. 3. sheepcotes, caves used for sheltering sheep at noon. to cover, &c. to repose, Judg. iii. 24. cave, some have held 30,000 men. 5. smote him, he was uneasy at showing him any thing like an indignity.

13 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after ^a a dead dog, after ^b a flea.

15 The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and ^d see, and ^e plead my cause, and ^{*} deliver me out of thine hand.

16 [†] And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, *Is this thy voice, my son David?* And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.

17 And [‡] he said to David, *Thou art [‡] more righteous than I: for [‡] thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.*

18 And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had [§] delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.

19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.

20 And now, behold, [¶] I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand.

21 Swear [¶] now therefore unto me by the LORD, [¶] that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house.

22 And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto [¶] the hold.

CHAP. XXV.

AND [¶] Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and [¶] lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down [¶] to the wilderness of Paran.

2 And there was a man ^a in Maon, whose [†] possessions were in ^b Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of [¶] good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.

4 [¶] And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did [¶] shear his sheep.

5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, *Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and [¶] greet him in my name:*

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, [¶] Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.

7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we [¶] hurt them not, [¶] neither

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^a ch. 17. 43.² Sa. 9. 8.^b ch. 26. 20.^c Ne. 8. 10.

Es. 9. 19.

^d 2 Ch. 24. 22.^e Ps. 35. 1.

43. 1.

119. 154.

Mi. 7. 9.

^{*} judge.[†] rested.[‡] Ju. 9. 28.[§] Ps. 73. 7. 8.

123. 3. 4.

[¶] ch. 26. 21.^h Ge. 38. 26.ⁱ Mat. 5. 44.^k Ju. 8. 6.[†] slaughter.[‡] Ec. 11. 2.[§] shut up.[¶] ch. 23. 17.^h ch. 30. 24.ⁱ Ge. 21. 23.[‡] 2 Sa. 21. 6. 8.[§] flew upon them.[¶] ver. 7.^{*} shamed.[†] ch. 23. 29.[‡] Ex. 14. 22.

Job 1. 10.

[¶] ch. 28. 3.^h Nu. 20. 29.

De. 34. 8.

ⁱ ch. 20. 7.[‡] Ge. 21. 21.[§] Ps. 120. 5.[¶] De. 13. 13.^h Ju. 19. 22.ⁱ ch. 23. 24.[†] or, business.[‡] Jos. 15. 55.[§] Ge. 32. 13.[¶] Pr. 18. 16.

21. 14.

[†] or, lumps.[‡] Ge. 32. 16. 20.[§] Pr. 14. 1.

31. 26. 30.

[¶] Ps. 10. 3.^h Is. 32. 6. 7.ⁱ Ge. 38. 13.[‡] 2 Sa. 13. 23.[§] ask him in my name of peace.[¶] ch. 17. 22.^h Ps. 109. 5.ⁱ Pr. 17. 13.[‡] 1 Ch. 12. 18.[§] Ps. 122. 7.[¶] Lu. 10. 5.^h ch. 3. 17.

20. 13. 16.

ⁱ Ru. 1. 17.[‡] ver. 34.[§] 1 Ki. 14. 10.

21. 21.

[¶] 2 Ki. 9. 8.[†] shamed.[‡] ver. 15. 21.[§] Lu. 3. 14.[¶] Jos. 15. 18.^h Ju. 1. 14.

was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in [¶] a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and [¶] ceased.

10 [¶] And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, [¶] Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.

11 Shall [¶] I then take my bread, and my water, and my [¶] flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, [¶] whom I know not whence they be?

12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred [¶] abode by the stuff.

14 [¶] But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he [¶] railed on them.

15 But the men were very good unto us, and [¶] we were not [¶] hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:

16 They were [¶] a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for [¶] evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of [¶] Belial, that a man cannot speak to him.

18 [¶] Then Abigail made haste, and [¶] took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred [¶] clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.

19 And she said unto her servants, [¶] Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.

20 And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them.

21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that [¶] pertained unto him: and he hath [¶] requited me evil for good.

22 So [¶] and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I [¶] leave of all that [¶] pertain to him by the morning light [¶] any that pisseth against the wall.

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hastened, and [¶] lighted off the ass, and fell

14. a dead dog, &c. too mean for the king's anger. CHAP. XXV.—1. in his house, i. e. in some field or garden belonging to it. of Paran, the most southern part of Judea. 2. Carmel, a city south of Palestine, as Maon. 3. of the house of Caleb, which signifying 'a dog,' some read, 'he was dog-like;' so the Sept. 5. greet, as do the Hindoos at their annual festivals. 6. a good day, opportunist, it being a festive season.

13. stuff, baggage. 14. railed, 'flew upon them,' like a bird of prey. 16. a wall, defending them against the Philistines, and also against the Arabs, who lived by plunder. 17. Belial, see Deut. xiii. 13. 18. loaves, or 'cakes,' bottles, made of leather, and holding much measures, one of which would hold above two wine gallons. 20. against, opposite to. 22. any, &c. proverbial for 'a male.' 'So much as a

before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,

24 And tell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

26 Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withheld thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

27 And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days.

29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

30 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel;

31 That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

32 And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me:

33 And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

34 For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

35 So David received of her hand that which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

36 And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very

B. C. 1060.

a Pr. 23. 29. 35.

* enrs.

b Job 15. 21. 22

† lay it to his heart.

† i. e. fool.

c Ps. 58. 10. 11.

d Pr. 22. 23.

e 2 Ki. 2. 23.

f 2 Co. 13. 7.

1 Th. 5. 23.

g Ge. 20. 6.

h 1 Ki. 2. 44.

Ps. 7. 16.

§ saving thyself.

i Ro. 12. 19.

k 2 Sa. 13. 32.

l ch. 30. 26.

Ge. 33. 11.

2 Ki. 5. 15.

|| or, present.

¶ walk at the

feet of, &c.

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|| or, present.

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feet of, &c.

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feet of, &c.

ver. 42.

drunken: a wherefore she told him nothing less or more, until the morning light.

37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone.

38 And it came to pass about ten days after, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.

39 And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.

41 And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

42 And Abigail hastened, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of her's that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives.

44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.

CHAP. XXVI.

AND the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?

2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed.

5 And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

6 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee.

7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but

single dog.—Boothroyd. 24. this iniquity, i. e. the punishment: of it. 27. this blessing, 'this present.' 28. trespass, the fault acknowledged. 29. bundle, in India, any thing extremely valuable is called 'a bundle.' A young man enamoured of a female is bound in the bundle of love: a just judge, in the bundle of justice, &c. sling out, reject, as the stone is thrown away by the slinger. 36. a feast, at the

sheep-shearing. 37. as a stone, he swooned away. 44. But Saul, rather read here, 'For Saul.' CHAP. XXVI.—1. Doth not, signifies he did. 3. the way, which led to the wilderness of Ziph, where David was. 5. to the place, rather, 'towards,' in the trench, 'among the baggage,' so Arabs encamp, the chief in the midst, and people around with spears stuck at their heads. 7. bolster, 'head.'

Abner and the people lay round about him.

8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath * delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time.

9 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: ^b for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?

10 David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, ^d the LORD shall smite him; or ^e his day shall come to die; or he shall ^e descend into battle, and perish.

11 The ^k LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

12 So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked; for they were all asleep; because ^k a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.

13 [†] Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space being between them:

14 And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who art thou that criest to the king?

15 And David said to Abner, Art not thou a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.

16 This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye are [†] worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.

17 And Saul knew David's voice, and said, ^o Is this thy voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king.

18 And he said, ^r Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in mine hand?

19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD have [†] stirred thee up against me, let him [†] accept an offering: but if they be the children of men, cursed be they before the LORD; [‡] for they have driven me out this day from [†] abiding in the [†] inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods.

20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seek ^a a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

21 [†] Then said Saul, ^e I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was ^e pre-

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* shut up.

ch. 24. 18.

a Ps. 7. 8.

18. 20.

b 2 Sa. 1. 16.

c Mat. 5. 7.

7. 2.

d ch. 25. 38.

Ps. 91. 1, 2, 23.

Lu. 18. 7.

Ro. 12. 19.

e Ge. 47. 29.

De. 31. 14.

Job 7. 1.

14. 5.

Ps. 37. 13.

f Ac. 14. 22.

2 Co. 1. 9, 10.

2 Th. 3. 2.

Re. 7. 14.

g ch. 31. 6.

h ch. 24. 6, 12.

i Ge. 32. 28.

Is. 54. 17.

Ro. 8. 35. . . 37

† be consumed.

k Ge. 2. 21.

15. 12.

Is. 29. 10.

l ch. 25. 13.

m ch. 21. 10.

n ch. 25. 43.

† the sons of death.

2 Sa. 12. 5.

Ps. 79. 11.

102. 20.

Ep. 2. 3.

o ch. 24. 16.

p Jos. 15. 31.

19. 5.

r Ps. 7. 3, 5.

35. 7.

69. 4.

§ the number of days.

|| a year of days.

ch. 29. 3.

s Jos. 13. 2.

t Jos. 16. 10.

Ju. 1. 29.

* or, Gerzites

u Ex. 17. 16.

v 2 Sa. 16. 11.

24. 1.

† smell.

Ge. 8. 21.

Le. 26. 31.

x Ge. 25. 18.

y De. 4. 28.

Ps. 120. 5.

‡ cleaving.

z 2 Sa. 14. 16.

20. 19.

§ or, Did you not make a road, &c.

a ch. 24. 14.

b 1 Ch. 2. 9, 25.

c Ex. 9. 27.

Nu. 22. 34.

Mat. 27. 4.

d Ju. 1. 16.

e ch. 18. 30.

Ps. 49. 8.

cious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

22 And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

23 The ^e LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into my hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed.

24 And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, ^e so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him ^f deliver me out of all tribulation.

25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still [†] prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAP. XXVII.

AND David said in his heart, I shall now [†] perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

2 And David arose, [†] and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him ^m unto Achish, the son of Maach, king of Gath.

3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David ⁿ with his two wives, Abinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife.

4 And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

5 [†] And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?

6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore ^p Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

7 And [§] the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was [†] a full year and four months.

8 [†] And David and his men went up, and invaded ^q the Geshurites, [†] and the ^q Gezrites, and the ^q Amalekites: for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, ^r as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt.

9 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish.

10 And Achish said, [§] Whither have ye made a road to day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of ^b the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of ^d the Kenites.

11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring tidings to Gath,

11. *cruse*, placed near when sleeping in the east, to refresh the person in the night. 19. *let him accept*, let him, the Lord, be appeased with a sin offering. 20. *a flea*, proverbial for insignificance. *hunt*, &c. by sudden and repeated attacks: so the Arabs chase and knock down the partridge. 23. *his righteousness*, rather, 'according to his righteousness': so Booth.

CHAP. XXVII. — 8. *Geshurites*, remains of the Amorites, whose land was given to the half tribe of Manasseh. *Gezrites*, inhabitants of Gezer, which fell to Ephraim. 10. *road*, inroad. *against the south*, &c. these people were indeed, south of Judea, but Achish understood it, the southern parts of Judea; here was blameable equivocation.

saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so will be his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines.

12 And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel * utterly to athor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND ^a it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.

2 And David said to Achish, * Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

3 ^f Now ^g Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away ^h those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in ⁱ Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in ^j Gilboa.

5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was ^k afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, ^l the LORD answered him not, neither by ^m dreams, nor ⁿ by Urim, nor by prophets.

7 ^o Then said Saul unto his servants, * Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, ^p there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor.

8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, ^q I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me ^r him up, whom I shall name unto thee.

9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath ^s cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: ^t wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

10 And Saul ^u sware to her by the LORD, saying, ^v As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.

11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou ^w art Saul.

13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw ^x gods ascending out of the earth.

14 And he said unto her, * What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with ^y a

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* to stink.

^a Pr. 5. 11. 13

14. 14.

^b ch. 18. 12.^c ver. 6.^d by the hand^e of prophets^f ch. 29. 1.^g 2 Sa. 16. 16.

19.

Ro. 12. 9.

^h or, for himself.

Pr. 16. 4.

ⁱ ch. 15. 28.^j mine hand.^k ch. 25. 1.^l Is. 57. 1. 2.^m ch. 15. 9.ⁿ 1 Ki. 20. 42.^o 1 Ch. 10. 13.^p Je. 48. 10.^q ver. 9.^r Ex. 22. 18.^s Le. 19. 31.^t 20. 27.^u De. 18. 10, 11^v Jos. 19. 18.^w 2 Ki. 4. 8.^x ch. 31. 1.^y Job 18. 11.^z made haste,

and fell

with the

fulness of

his stature.

^a Job 15. 20.

25.

26. 2. 3.

^b Ps. 50. 21. 22.^c ch. 14. 37.^d Pr. 1. 28.^e La. 2. 9.^f Nu. 12. 6.^g Ex. 23. 30.^h Nu. 27. 21.ⁱ De. 33. 8.^j 2 Ki. 1. 2. 3.

6. 33.

^k La. 3. 25. 26.^l Hab. 2. 3.^m ch. 19. 5.ⁿ Ju. 12. 3.^o Job 13. 14.^p De. 18. 11.^q 1 Ch. 10. 13.^r Is. 8. 19. 20.^s 1 Ki. 21. 4.^t Pr. 25. 20.^u 2 Ki. 4. 8.^v Lu. 24. 29.^w Ac. 16. 15.^x ver. 3.^y 2 Sa. 18. 13.^z 2 Ki. 5. 7.^a Mat. 26. 72.^b Mar. 6. 23.^c ch. 28. 1.^d ch. 4. 1.^e Ex. 22. 28.^f What is his

form?

^g ch. 28. 1. 2.^h ch. 15. 27.ⁱ 2 Ki. 2. 8, 13.

mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.

15 ^j And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, ^k I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and ^l God is departed from me, and ^m answereth me no more, neither ⁿ by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?

17 And the LORD hath done ^o to him, ^p as he spake by ^q me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:

18 Because ^r thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.

19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons ^s be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

20 Then Saul ^t fell straightway all along on the earth, and ^u was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

21 ^v And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have ^w put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me.

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way.

23 But he refused, and said, ^x I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, ^y compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed.

24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof:

25 And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

CHAP. XXIX.

NOW ^a the Philistines gathered together all their armies ^b to Aphek; and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jezreel.

2 And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rearward ^c with Achish.

3 Then said the princes of the Philistines, What do these Hebrews here?

CHAP. XXVIII.—2. *shall know*, equivocal. *keeper of mine head*, chief officer of the body guard. 3. *familiar spirits*, see Exod. vii. 12; xxii. 18. 6. *dreams*, &c. ways of revelation. 7. *hath a familiar spirit*, a necromancer. 14. *Saul perceived that it was Samuel*. Some believe that it was, others that it was an evil spirit in the likeness of Samuel, &c.: the Editor's opinion is, as given in another of his

works, that 'it is not evident that the king saw Samuel on this occasion, and it might be all pretence in the woman that she saw him,' and that 'she might be divinely inspired at the moment to tell what should happen to Saul, just as Balaam was on several occasions.' 19. *be with me*, in the same eternal state, but does not imply that they would all be equally blessed. 23. *bed*, couch.

And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, *Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me unto this day?*

4 And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, *Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest ^a in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? should it not be with the heads of these men?*

5 *Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, ^b Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?*

6 ^c Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, as the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and ^d thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in my sight: for ^e I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless ^f the lords favour thee not.

7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou ^g displease not the lords of the Philistines.

8 ^h And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been ⁱ with thee unto this day, ^j that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?

9 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou ^k art good in my sight, ^l as an angel of God: notwithstanding ^m the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.

10 Wherefore ⁿ now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

11 So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. ^o And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

CHAP. XXX.

AND it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the ^a Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;

2 And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

3 ^b So David and his men came to the city, and behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5 And David's ^c two wives were taken captives, Abinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

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^a Ex. 17. 4.^b ch. 27. 7.^c bitter.

ch. 1. 10.

Ju. 18. 25.

2 Sa. 17. 8.

2 Ki. 4. 27.

^d Da. 6. 5.^e Ps. 42. 5.

56. 3, 4, 11.

Hab. 3. 17, 18.

He. 13. 6.

^f ch. 23. 6, 9.^g 1 Ch. 12. 19.^h ch. 23. 2, 4.

2Sa. 5. 19, 23.

Pr. 3. 5, 6.

ⁱ ch. 14. 21.^j Ps. 50. 15.

91. 15.

^k ch. 18. 7.

21. 11.

^l ver. 21.^m 2 Sa. 3. 25.

2 Ki. 19. 27.

ⁿ ver. 3.^o De. 23. 7.

Pr. 25. 21.

Lu. 10. 36, 37.

Ro. 12. 20.

^p thou art

not good

in the eyes

of the lords

^q do not evil

in the eyes

of the lords

^r ch. 14. 27.

Ju. 15. 19.

^s before thee.^t 2 Sa. 16. 18.

19.

Ps. 34. 13, 14.

Lu. 11. 4.

^u Job 31. 13.

15.

^v Pr. 12. 10.

Ja. 2. 13.

^w 2 Sa. 14. 17.

20.

19. 27.

^x ver. 4.^y 2 Sa. 8. 18.

1 Ki. 1. 38, 44.

Eze. 25. 16.

Zep. 2. 5.

^z Jos. 14. 13.

15. 13.

^{aa} Ps. 37. 23, 24.

1 Co. 10. 13.

2 Pe. 2. 9.

^{ab} 2 Sa. 4. 4.^{ac} 1 Ki. 20. 11.

Is. 22. 13.

Lu. 12. 19, 20.

17. 27. 29.

^{ad} 1 Th. 5. 3.^{ae} ch. 15. 7.

27. 8.

^{af} their mor-

row.

^{ag} ver. 8.

Ps. 91. 9, 10.

Mat. 6. 33.

^{ah} ch. 25. 42, 43.

2 Sa. 2. 2.

6 And David was greatly distressed; ^a for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was ^b grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: ^c but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

7 And ^d David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

8 And ^e David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And ^f he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed.

10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: ^g for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

11 ^h And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, ⁱ and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water;

12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and ^j when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.

13 And David said unto him, To whom ^k belongeth thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master ^l left me, because three days ago I fell sick.

14 We made an invasion upon the south of ^m the Cherethites, and upon the coast which ⁿ belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of ^o Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.

15 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.

16 ^p And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, ^q eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of ^r the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives.

19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: ^s David recovered all.

20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil.

21 ^t And David came to the two hun-

CHAP. XXIX.—6. going out and coming in, conduct in the army.

CHAP. XXX.—1. Amalekites had invaded, in retaliation for David's recent attack upon them, chap. xvii. 8. 2. slew not, probably intending to sell

the people for slaves. 14. Cherethites, or Philistines, at least such as dwelt south of the land; these were aborigines of the isle of Crete, whence their name. 17. camels, 'swift dromedaries,' much used by the neighbouring Arabians, Isa. lx. 6; Jer. ii. 23.

drod men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: ^a and when David came near to the people, he [†] saluted them.

22 Then answered all the wicked men and men ^c of Belial, of ^l those that went with David, and said, ^d Because they went not with us, we will not give them *ought* of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.

23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath [†] preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.

24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but ^k as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.

25 And it was so from that day [†] forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

26 [†] And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, [†] even to his friends, saying, Behold a [†] present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD;

27 To them which were in Beth-el, and to them which were in ^m south Ramoth, and to them which were in ⁿ Jattir,

28 And to them which were in ^o Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in ^r Eshtemoa,

29 And to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in the cities of ^s the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites,

30 And to them which were in ^t Hormah, and to them which were in Chor-ashan, and to them which were in Athach,

31 And to them which were in ^u Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

CHAP. XXXI.

NOW ^v the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from

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*or, wounded

^a He. 13. 1.

1 Pe. 3. 8.

† or, asked

them how

they did.

Jun. 18. 15.

^b 2Sa. 1. 6, &c.

† shooters,

men with

bows.

[§] found him.[†] De. 13. 13.

Jun. 19. 22.

^{||} men.[¶] Mat. 7. 12.[¶] Jun. 9. 54.[¶] ch. 14. 6.

17. 26.

*or, mock me

[§] 2 Sa. 1. 14.[¶] 2 Sa. 1. 10.[¶] Ps. 121. 7, 8.[¶] Nu. 31. 27.

Jos. 22. 8.

† and for-

ward.

[†] Ps. 35. 27.

Pr. 18. 16, 24.

Is. 32. 8.

† blessing.

ch. 25. 27.

Ge. 33. 11.

^m Jos. 19. 8.ⁿ Jos. 15. 48.^o Jos. 13. 16.^p 2 Sa. 1. 20.^r Jos. 15. 50.^s ch. 21. 9.^t Ju. 2. 13.^u 2 Sa. 21. 12.^u ch. 27. 10.^y Ju. 1. 17.[§] or, concern-

ing him.

^z ch. 11. 1. 11.

2 Sa. 2. 4. 7.

^u Jos. 14. 13.

2 Sa. 2. 1.

^b 2 Ch. 16. 14.

Je. 34. 5.

^u Am. 6. 10.^c 1 Ch. 10. 1.

12.

before the Philistines, and fell down ^{*} slain in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchi-shua, Saul's sons.

3 And ^b the battle went sore against Saul, and the [†] archers [†] hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.

4 Then ^c said Saul unto his armour-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest [†] these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and ^{*} abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; [¶] for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and [†] fell upon it.

5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, [†] and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.

7 [¶] And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to [†] publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people.

10 And ^c they put his armour in the house of [†] Ashtaroth: and ^u they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan.

11 [¶] And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard [§] of that which the Philistines had done to Saul;

12 All [†] the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and ^b burnt them there.

13 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

CHAP. XXXI.—3. archers, the Cherethites were famous archers. 6. his men, i. e. his body guard. 10. Ashtaroth, see Judg. ii. 13, note. Arms captured were put by the heathens and Jews in their temples,

and are so still in many Christian churches. 12. burnt them, i. e. burnt aromatics over the bodies, for the bones were buried, verse 13; or they might burn the flesh, it having become putrid.

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CHAP. I.

NOW it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from ^a the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag;

2 It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, ^b a man came out of the camp from Saul ^c with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.

3 And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto

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* What was,

&c.

1 Sa. 4. 16.

^a 1 Sa. 30. 17, 26^b ch. 4. 10.^c Ge. 27. 29, 34

Jos. 7. 6.

1 Sa. 4. 12.

Joel 2. 13.

^d Pr. 14. 25.

25. 2.

^e 1 Sa. 31. 1.

&c.

him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped.

4 And David said unto him, ^{*} How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.

5 And David said unto the young man that told him, ^d How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead?

6 And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon [¶] mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon

his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, * Here am I.

8 And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite.

9 He said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in me.

10 So I stood upon him, and ^b slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and ^a rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him:

12 And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.

13 [†] And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite.

14 And David said unto him, ^{*} How wast thou not [†] afraid to ^m stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?

15 And ^o David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died.

16 And David said unto him, [†] Thy blood be upon thy head; for [†] thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

17 [†] And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son:

18 (Also [†] he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written ^{*} in the book [†] of Jasher.)

19 The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: [†] how are the mighty fallen!

20 Tell [†] it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon; lest ^a the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of ^e the uncircumcised triumph.

21 Ye ^a mountains of Gilboa, ^{*} let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been ^f anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, ^g the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and [†] pleasant in their lives, and in their death

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a Ju. 14. 18.

* Behold me.

† or, my coat

of mail, or,

my embroidered

coat hindereth

me, that

my, &c.

b Ju. 9. 54.

c 1 Sa. 18. 1, 3.

d La. 5. 16.

e ch. 13. 31.

f Ju. 1. 1.

1 Sa. 23. 2,

30, 7, 8.

g 1 Sa. 30. 31.

h 1 Ki. 2. 11.

i 1 Sa. 30. 5.

j 1 Ch. 12. 1.

k Nu. 12. 8.

l 1 Sa. 31. 4.

m 1 Sa. 24. 6.

Ps. 105. 15.

n ch. 5. 5.

o ch. 4. 10, 12.

p 1 Sa. 31. 11,

13.

r 1 Sa. 26. 9.

1 Ki. 2. 32,

33, 37.

s Lu. 19. 22.

t Ru. 2. 20.

3. 10.

Ps. 115. 15.

u 2 Ti. 1. 16, 18.

v 1 Sa. 11. 3.

w Jos. 10. 13.

† or, of the

upright.

s be ye the

sons of

valour.

y ver. 27.

z Ju. 16. 23.

1 Sa. 31. 9.

Mi. 1. 10.

a Ex. 15. 20.

Ju. 11. 34.

1 Sa. 18. 6.

b 1 Sa. 14. 50.

|| the host

which was

Saul's.

• or, Esh-baal

1 Ch. 8. 33.

9. 39.

c 1 Sa. 31. 4.

d 1 Sa. 31. 1.

e Jn. 5. 23.

Job 3. 3, 4.

Je. 20. 14.

f 1 Sa. 10. 1.

g 1 Sa. 18. 4.

h 1 Ki. 2. 11.

† number of

days.

† or, sweet.

they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they ^a were stronger than lions.

24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: ^a thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

27 How ^a are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

CHAP. II.

AND it came to pass after this, that David ^f enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto ^g Hebron.

2 So David went up thither, and his ^a two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite.

3 And [†] his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

4 And ^{*} the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That ^p the men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul.

5 [†] And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, [†] Blessed be ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him.

6 And now [†] the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.

7 Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and [†] be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

8 [†] But ^b Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took ^{*} Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim;

9 And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

10 Ish-bosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David.

11 And ^a the [†] time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

12 [†] And Abner the son of Ner, and the

doubtless a stroller to plunder. 9. anguish, 'convulsion hath seized me.' 10. and slew him, an indirect falsehood, to curry favour: compare the account with 1 Sam. xxxi. 1-6. crown, probably an eastern diadem or bandage of linen, adorned with jewels, and might be under the helmet. bracelet, an eastern badge of royalty. 15. smote him, &c. as a murderer and a devoted Amalekite. 18. the use of, omit this, and read, 'and he commanded that the children of Judah should learn it, (a song of lamentation) the bow,' which was its title, 'behold,' &c. 19. beauty, 'antelope,' metaphorically used. high places, 'own mountains.' The allusion is most feeling, the pierced deer runs to die in its original haunt. 20. daughters—triumph, by singing and dancing, Judg. xi. 34; 1 Sam. xviii. 6, 7. 21. fields

of offerings, i. e. so fruitful as to supply offerings for the house of God. anointed with oil, Boothroyd supplies, 'the armour of him anointed with oil.' 22. turned not back—returned not empty, both did great execution. 23. lovely, &c. i. e. united in affection. swifter, &c. a great quality then in a warrior. The Greek Achilles was distinguished by the epithet 'swift-footed.' 24. in scarlet, &c. spoils taken from the enemy.

CHAP. II.—1. enquired, by Abiathar: see 1 Sam. xvi. 9. cities, 'city' of Hebron, now the capital of Judah, twenty miles from Jerusalem. 4. anointed, did it publicly: it was done privately, 1 Sam. xvi. 12, 13. 7. for, 'though.' 9. Gilead, the country the other side Jordan. all Israel, Judah excepted. 10. two years, i. e. before war. 13. Joab, David's

servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to ^a Gibeon.

¹⁰ And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met ^a together by the pool of Gibeon, and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

¹⁴ And Abner said to Joab, ^c Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.

¹⁵ Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which pertained to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

¹⁶ And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called [†] Helkath-hazzurim, which is in Gibeon.

¹⁷ And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner ^d was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

¹⁸ [‡] And there were [§] three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was [§] as light [†] of foot [§] as [§] a wild roe.

¹⁹ And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left [†] from following Abner.

²⁰ Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Art thou Asahel? And he answered, I am.

²¹ And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him.

²² And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: [‡] wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?

²³ Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him [†] under the fifth rib, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.

²⁴ Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

²⁵ [†] And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of an hill.

²⁶ Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall [‡] the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?

²⁷ And Joab said, As God liveth, unless [‡] thou hadst spoken, surely then [†] in the morning the people had [§] gone up every one from following his brother.

²⁸ So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the

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^a Jos. 9. 3.

^{10.} 2.

^{10.} 2.

[†] them together.

^b Je. 41. 12.

^c Pr. 10. 23.

^{17.} 14.

^{25.} 8.

[†] i. e. The

field of

strong men

^d Is. 47. 7.

[†] Lu. 14. 31. 32

[†] Mat. 10. 35

^{36.}

[†] 1 Ch. 2. 16.

[†] 1 Ch. 12. 8.

[†] Ps. 147. 10. 11

[†] Ec. 9. 11.

[†] Am. 2. 14.

[†] of his feet.

[†] as one of

the roes that

is in the

field.

^a Ps. 18. 33.

[†] Ca. 2. 17.

[†] S. 14.

[†] Hab. 3. 19.

[†] 1 Ch. 3. 1. 4.

[†] 1 Sa. 25. 43.

[†] from after

Abner.

[†] or, Daniel.

[†] 1 Ch. 3. 1.

[†] ch. 13. 37.

[†] 1 Sa. 27. 8.

[†] 1 Ki. 1. 5.

[†] or, spoil.

[†] Ju. 14. 19.

[†] 2 Ki. 14. 10.

[†] Pr. 23. 1.

[†] Ec. 6. 10.

[†] Pr. 21. 30.

[†] Is. 8. 9. 10.

[†] ch. 21. 8. 10.

[†] ch. 3. 27.

[†] 4. 6.

[†] 20. 10.

[†] ch. 16. 21.

[†] 1 Ki. 2. 21. 22.

[†] ch. 9. 8.

[†] 16. 9.

[†] De. 23. 18.

[†] 1 Sa. 24. 15.

[†] Ru. 1. 17.

[†] 1 Ki. 19. 2.

[†] 1 Sa. 15. 23.

[†] 16. 12.

[†] 25. 17.

[†] 1 Ch. 12. 23.

[†] Is. 1. 20.

[†] Je. 2. 30.

[†] Ho. 11. 6.

[†] ch. 17. 11.

[†] Ju. 20. 1.

[†] 1 Ki. 4. 25.

[†] ver. 14.

[†] Pr. 17. 14.

[†] from the

morning.

[†] or, gone

away.

people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.

²⁹ And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and [†] came to Mahanaim.

³⁰ And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel.

³¹ But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, so that three hundred and threescore men died.

³² [†] And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

CHAP. III.

NOW [†] there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

² [†] And [†] unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, [†] of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;

³ And his second, [†] Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king [†] of Geshur;

⁴ And the fourth, [†] Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;

⁵ And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

⁶ [†] And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that [†] Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul.

⁷ And Saul had a concubine, whose name was [†] Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Ish-bosheth said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou [†] gone in unto my father's concubine?

⁸ Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, Am I [†] a dog's head, which against Judah do shew kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou charest me to day with a fault concerning this woman?

⁹ So [†] do God to Abner, and more also, except, [†] as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him;

¹⁰ To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, [†] from Dan even to Beer-sheba.

¹¹ And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

¹² [†] And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying also, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee.

¹³ [†] And he said, Well; I will make a

chief commander. Zeruiah, a sister of David's, 1 Chron. ii. 16. 14. play, i. e. skirmish, to commence the battle; still common among the Arabs. 16. fell, all the twenty-four. Helkath-hazzurim, 'the field of grapplers.'—Boothroyd. 23. the hinder end, the point reversed. under the fifth rib, in the groin.—Ancient Versions. 26. bitterness in the latter end, dreadful, if driven to desperation. 27. unless thou hadst spoken, may allude to his challenge, ver. 14.

but the Vulgate reads, 'if thou hadst so spoken.'

CHAP. III.—1. long war, between five and six years. 3. Geshur, a part of Syria, chap. xv. 8. 6. made himself strong, exerted himself. 7. Wherefore, &c. it is not clear that the charge was true: if so, it was considered a sign of aspiring to the throne. 8. a dog's head, a vile and worthless person. 9. sworn to David, hence Abner was aware of his acting against the will of Heaven. 12. Whose, &c. art thou or

league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, * that is, ^a Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring ^b Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face.

14 And David sent messengers ^c to Ishbosheth Saul's son, saying, ^d Deliver me my wife Michal, ^e which I espoused to me ^f for an ^g ~~an~~ ^h ~~an~~ ⁱ ~~an~~ ^j ~~an~~ ^k ~~an~~ ^l ~~an~~ ^m ~~an~~ ⁿ ~~an~~ ^o ~~an~~ ^p ~~an~~ ^q ~~an~~ ^r ~~an~~ ^s ~~an~~ ^t ~~an~~ ^u ~~an~~ ^v ~~an~~ ^w ~~an~~ ^x ~~an~~ ^y ~~an~~ ^z ~~an~~ ^{aa} ~~an~~ ^{ab} ~~an~~ ^{ac} ~~an~~ ^{ad} ~~an~~ ^{ae} ~~an~~ ^{af} ~~an~~ ^{ag} ~~an~~ ^{ah} ~~an~~ ^{ai} ~~an~~ ^{aj} ~~an~~ ^{ak} ~~an~~ ^{al} ~~an~~ ^{am} ~~an~~ ^{an} ~~an~~ ^{ao} ~~an~~ ^{ap} ~~an~~ ^{aq} ~~an~~ ^{ar} ~~an~~ ^{as} ~~an~~ ^{at} ~~an~~ ^{au} ~~an~~ ^{av} ~~an~~ ^{aw} ~~an~~ ^{ax} ~~an~~ ^{ay} ~~an~~ ^{az} ~~an~~ ^{ba} ~~an~~ ^{bb} ~~an~~ ^{bc} ~~an~~ ^{bd} ~~an~~ ^{be} ~~an~~ ^{bf} ~~an~~ ^{bg} ~~an~~ ^{bh} ~~an~~ ^{bi} ~~an~~ ^{bj} ~~an~~ ^{bk} ~~an~~ ^{bl} ~~an~~ ^{bm} ~~an~~ ^{bn} ~~an~~ ^{bo} ~~an~~ ^{bp} ~~an~~ ^{bq} ~~an~~ ^{br} ~~an~~ ^{bs} ~~an~~ ^{bt} ~~an~~ ^{bu} ~~an~~ ^{bv} ~~an~~ ^{bw} ~~an~~ ^{bx} ~~an~~ ^{by} ~~an~~ ^{bz} 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Ish-bosheth, who lay on a bed at noon.

6 And they came thither into the midst of the house, *as though* they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him ^b under the fifth rib: and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

7 For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and got them away through the plain all night.

8 And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, ^a which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

9 ¶ And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, ^f who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity,

10 When ^a one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, ^g thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, ^h who thought that I would have given him a reward for his tidings:

11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now ⁱ require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

12 And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged ^j them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried ^k it in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

CHAP. V.

THEN ^l came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, ^m we are thy bone and thy flesh.

2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, ⁿ thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, ^o Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; ^p and king David made a league with them in Hebron ^q before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

4 ¶ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, ^r and he reigned forty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 ¶ And the king and his men went ^s to Jerusalem unto ^t the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: ^u thinking, David cannot come in hither.

7 Nevertheless David took the strong

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^a 1 Ki. 2. 10.

^b ch. 2. 23.

^c 1 Ch. 11. 6. 9

^d or, Because

they had

said, even

the blind

and the

lame, He

shall not

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the house.

^e went going

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ing.

^f 1 Sa. 23. 15.

^g 25. 29.

^h 1 Ki. 5. 2.

ⁱ 1 Ch. 14. 1.

^j hewers of

the stone

of the wall.

^k Ge. 48. 16.

^l 1 Ki. 1. 29.

^m Ps. 31. 7.

ⁿ De. 17. 17.

^o 1 Ch. 14. 3.

^p ch. 1. 2, 4, 15.

^q he was in

his own

eyes as a

bringer, &c

^r or, which

was the

reward I

gave him

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tidings.

^s or, Shimea,

^t 1 Ch. 3. 5.

^u or, Elisha-

ma,

^v 1 Ch. 3. 6.

^w Ge. 9. 5, 6.

^x or, Beeliada.

^y 1 Ch. 14. 7.

^z 1 Ch. 11. 16.

^{aa} ch. 23. 14.

^{ab} Jos. 15. 8.

^{ac} Is. 17. 5.

^{ad} 1 Ch. 11. 1.

^{ae} 12. 23.

^{af} 1 Sa. 23. 2, 4.

^{ag} 30. 8.

^{ah} Ge. 29. 14.

^{ai} 1 Sa. 18. 13.

^{aj} 1 Sa. 16. 1, 12.

^{ak} Ps. 78. 71.

^{al} Is. 28. 21.

^{am} 2 Ki. 11. 17.

^{an} Ju. 11. 11.

^{ao} 1 Sa. 23. 18.

^{ap} § i. e. The

plain of

breaches.

^{aq} or, took

them away

^{ar} De. 7. 5, 25.

^{as} 1 Ch. 26. 31.

^{at} 29. 27.

^{au} Ju. 1. 21.

^{av} Ju. 1. 8.

^{aw} 2 Ki. 7. 6.

^{ax} or, saying,

David shall

not, &c.

^{ay} Ju. 4. 14.

hold of Zion: ^a the same is the city of David.

8 And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul, ^b he shall be chief and captain. * Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

9 So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward.

10 And David ^c went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

11 ¶ And * Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and ^d masons: and they built David an house.

12 And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

13 ¶ And ^e David took ^f him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.

14 And these be the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; * Sham-muah, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,

15 Ithar also, and ^g Elishua, and Ne-
pheg, and Japhia,

16 And Elishama, and ^h Eliada, and Eliphalet.

17 ¶ But ⁱ when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, ^j and went down to the hold.

18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in ^k the valley of Rephaim.

19 And David ^l enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

20 And David came to ^m Baal-perazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place ⁿ Baal-perazim.

21 And there they left their images, and David and his men ^o burned ^p them.

22 ¶ And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

23 And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

24 And let it be, when thou ^q hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall ^r the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.

they sojourned. on a bed, &c. as the orientals during the heat of the day. 6. wheat, from the king's stores, for their men.

CHAP. V.—1. came, by their elders. thy bone, of the same blood, and desirous of mutual love. 2. feed, govern, nourish, protect, as a shepherd his sheep. 3. anointed, this was the third time: see 1 Sam. xvi. 13; 2 Sam. ii. 4. 6. Jerusalem, formerly called Jebus, and still possessed in part by the Jebusites. blind and lame, 'sentinels and patrols.' So

Geddes and Boothroyd, the original signifying 'to awake' and 'to pass on.' Josephus says, 'the defence of the wall was given insultingly to the lame and the blind.'

8. gutter, or drain, 'secret passage.'—Boothroyd. hated of David's soul, 'who detest the person of David.'—Boothroyd.

9. Millo, thought to have been a strong fort. 17. hold, or citadel, i.e. Zion which he had captured. 18. Rephaim, west of Jerusalem. 21. images, gods, carried into the battle. 24. of a going, a motion like footsteps. tops, beginnings or entrance.

25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from ^c Geba until thou come to ^c Gazer.

CHAP. VI.

AGAIN, David gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from [†] Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, [†] whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts [†] that dwelleth between the cherubims.

3 And they [§] set the ark of God [§] upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in ^{||} Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.

4 And they brought it out of ^h the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, ^{*} accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.

5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6 [¶] And when they came to [¶] Nachon's threshing-floor, Uzzah ^o put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen [†] shook it.

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and ^p God smote him there for his [§] error; and there he died by the ark of God.

8 And David was displeased, because the LORD had ^{*} made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place [†] Perez-uzzah to this day.

9 And ^{*} David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?

10 So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom [¶] the Gittite.

11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the LORD [¶] blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.

12 [¶] And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. ^a So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

13 And it was so, that when ^{*} they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed ^a oxen and fatlings.

14 And David ^{*} danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded [§] with a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing

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^a 1 Ch. 14. 16,^b Gibeon.^b 1 Ch. 16. 1. 3.^c Jos. 16. 10.^d Ps. 132. 8.^e stretched.^f 1 Ki. 8. 5. 62.[†] or, Baalah,[†] i.e. Kirjath-[†] Jeairim,[†] Jos. 15. 9. 60.[†] or, at which[†] the name,[†] even the[†] name of the[†] LORD of[†] hosts, was[†] called upon[†] 1 Sa. 4. 4.[†] Ps. 80. 1.[†] § made to[†] ride.[§] Nu. 7. 9.[†] 1 Sa. 6. 7.^{||} or, the hill.^h 1 Sa. 7. 1.[†] Ps. 30. title.[†] with.^k 1 Sa. 19. 24.[†] Ju. 9. 4.[†] or, openly.^m 1 Ch. 13. 9,[†] Chidon.[†] 1 Sa. 13. 14.[†] 15. 28.^o Nu. 4. 15.[†] or, stum-[†] bled.^p 1 Sa. 6. 19.[§] or, rashness^{||} or, of the^{||} handmaids^{||} of my ser-^{||} vants.^{*} broken.[†] i. e. The[†] breach of[†] Uzzah.^r Is. 22. 14.[†] Mat. 1. 25.[†] Ps. 119. 120.[†] 1 Ch. 17. 1,[†] &c.[¶] 1 Ch. 13. 13,[¶] 14.^v Ac. 7. 46.[†] Ex. 26. 1.^y Ge. 30. 27.[†] 39. 5.^z 1 Ch. 28. 2.[†] 1 Ch. 15. 25.[†] 29.[†] to my ser-[†] vant, to[†] David.^b 1 Ki. 5. 3.^c Nu. 4. 15.^d 1 Ki. 8. 5.^e Ex. 15. 20.[†] Ps. 30. 11.[†] Ex. 40. 18. 34[†] 1 Sa. 2. 18.^h De. 23. 14.[†] Judges.[†] 1 Ch. 17. 6.[†] Ps. 78. 71, 72.[†] Mat. 2. 6.[†] Ac. 20. 28.

before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

17 [¶] And ^b they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in ^d his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had ^{*} pitched for it: and David ^{*} offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

18 And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

19 And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed every one to his house.

20 [¶] Then [†] David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who [†] uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the [†] vain fellows [†] shamelessly uncovereth himself!

21 And David said unto Michal, *It was before the LORD,* [¶] which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD.

22 And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and ^{||} of the maid servants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child [†] unto the day of her death.

CHAP. VII.

AND it came to pass, ^{*} when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies;

2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, [¶] but the ark of God dwelleth within [¶] curtains.

3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is [†] in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee.

4 [¶] And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,

5 Go and tell [†] my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, ^b Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?

6 Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in [†] a tent and in a tabernacle.

7 In all the places wherein I have [¶] walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the [§] tribes of Israel, whom I commanded [†] to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?

8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD

one was at Gibeon, 1 Chron. xvi. 39; xxi. 29; 2 Chron. i. 3; probably decaying fast, hence David had a new one.

20. uncovered, stripped off his royal robes, vain fellows, the vulgar. 21. will I play, the vulgar man. 22. And I will yet, &c. If this is to be vile, I will be viler still.

CHAP. VII.—2. within curtains, i. e. within the curtained tabernacle. 6. walked, manifested his

CHAP. VI.—3. cart, covered carriage. 4. brought it, this was against the law, as the Kohathites had that office, Numb. vii. 9.

8. displeased, rather, grieved. 12. gladness, rejoicing, ver. 5, 15.

13. they that bare, i. e. the Levites, the error being corrected: see 1 Chron. xv. 2, 12—15. 14. danced, this was a sacred rite: see Exod. xv. 20. 14. linen, 'precious.'—Boothroyd. 17. tabernacle, the old

of hosts, ^a I took thee from the sheepcote, ^{*} from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:

9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, ^c and have cut off all thine enemies [†] out of thy sight, and have made thee ^a a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will [†] plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

11 And as [§] since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.

12 [¶] And [¶] when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, [†] I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will [†] establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

14 I ^m will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men.

15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, ^p as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And [†] thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

18 [¶] Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, ^v Who am I, O Lord God? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord God; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. ^a And is this the manner of man, O Lord God?

20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord God, [§] knowest thy servant.

21 For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them.

22 Wherefore [¶] thou art great, O LORD God: for ^a there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 And [†] what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for thy great things and terrible, for thy land, before [§] thy people, which thou re-

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^a 1 Sa. 16. 11, 12

^{*} from after.

^b De. 26. 18.

^c 1 Sa. 31. 6.

^d Ps. 89. 23.

^e Ps. 48. 14.

[†] from thy

face.

[§] Ge. 12. 2.

^f Ps. 80. 8.

^g Je. 24. 6.

^h Am. 9. 15.

ⁱ Ju. 2. 14., 15.

[†] opened the

ear.

^k Ru. 4. 4.

^l 1 Sa. 9. 15.

^m 1 Ki. 2. 1.

ⁿ 1 Ki. 8. 20.

^o Ps. 132. 11.

^p Jno. 17. 17.

[§] be thou

pleased and

bless.

[†] Ps. 89. 4, 29.

^m He. 1. 5.

ⁿ ch. 22. 51.

^o 1 Ch. 18. 1,

&c.

^p 1 Sa. 15. 23, 28

16. 14.

1 Ki. 11. 13, 34

[¶] or, the

bridle of

Ammah.

^r Jno. 12. 34.

^s Nu. 24. 17.

^t 1 Sa. 10. 27.

^u Ps. 72. 10.

^{*} or, Hadar-

ezzer,

^v 1 Ch. 18. 3.

^w Ps. 60. title.

^x Ge. 32. 10.

^y Ge. 15. 18.

[†] or, of his.

^z Jos. 11. 6, 9.

[§] Is. 55. 8.

[†] law.

^a 1 Ki. 11. 23..

25.

^b Ge. 18. 19.

^c Ps. 139. 1.

^d 2 Ch. 2. 5.

^e Ps. 48. 1.

145. 3.

^f Je. 10. 6.

^g De. 32. 39.

^h 1 Sa. 2. 2.

ⁱ Ps. 86. 8.

^j Is. 45. 5, 18,

22.

^k 1 Ki. 10. 16.

^l De. 33. 29.

^m Ps. 147. 20.

ⁿ or, Tibhath

[¶] or, Chun,

1 Ch. 18. 8.

^{*} Tou,

1 Ch. 19. 9.

[§] De. 9. 26.

Ne. 1. 10.

deemdest to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?

24 For [§] thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: ^d and thou, LORD, art become their God.

25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said.

26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

27 For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast [†] revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

28 And now, O Lord God, thou art that God, and [†] thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

29 Therefore now [§] let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord God, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed ^a for ever.

CHAP. VIII.

AND ^a after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took [¶] Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And ^{*} he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David's servants, and [†] brought gifts.

3 [¶] David smote also ^{*} Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of [¶] Zobah, as he went to recover ^{*} his border at the river Euphrates.

4 And David took [†] from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David [†] houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for an hundred chariots.

5 And ^{*} when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

7 And David took ^{*} the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from [§] Bethah, and from [¶] Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

9 [¶] When ^{*} Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer,

presence with Israel's removings. 10. I will appoint, rather, 'I have appointed.' 11. a house, a family or royal offspring. 13. for ever, often means a long time; some refer this to the Messiah. 18. sat, rather, 'remained': yet the Arabs sit to express the greatest humiliation. before the Lord, before the ark, the symbol of the Divine presence. 19. is this the manner, &c. there is no example of such kindness. 23. that God, that is, the God, the only God.—So Boethroyd.

CHAP. VIII.—1. Metheg-ammah, a name for Gath. 2. casting them down, so eastern monarchs made their

prisoners lie down, and then killed the number they pleased; perhaps the Moabites had done so. Some, however, understand this of the cities. 3. Zobah, a part of Syria, 1 Chron. xviii. 3; 1 Sam. xiv. 47. 4. seven hundred, rather thousand; see 1 Chron. xviii. 4. Seven hundred companies of ten each are meant. houghed, ham-strung, to make them useless for war: see Josh. xi. 6. Some think the chariots only were rendered useless. Michaelis says, ham-stringing the horses was a method of killing them, as they would die from loss of blood. 6. gifts, the token of subjection. 7. shields, some read, 'chains,' others,

10 Then Toi sent ^a Joram his son unto king David, to ^{*}salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer [†]had wars with Toi. And [†]Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:

11 Which also king David ^ddid dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued;

12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 And David ^ggave him a name when he returned from [†]smiting of the Syrians in ^hthe valley of salt, ^{||}being ^heighteen thousand men.

14 [¶]And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and [†]all they of Edom became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

15 And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people.

16 And ^mJoab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and ⁿJehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was ^{re}recorder;

17 And ^pZadok the son of Abitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Seraiah was the [†]scribe;

18 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the [†]Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were [†]chief rulers.

CHAP. IX.

AND David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may [†]shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

2 And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was ^uZiba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he.

3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew ^vthe kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, ^uwhich is lame on his feet.

4 And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of ^aMachir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar.

5 [¶]Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.

6 Now when [¶]Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant!

7 [¶]And David said unto him, Fear not: [¶]for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

8 And he bowed himself, and said,

B. C. 1040.

^a 1 Ch. 18. 10.
Hadoram.
^{*} ask him of peace.

^b ch. 16. 9.

^c 1 Sa. 24. 14.

^d ch. 16. 4.

^e 19. 28. 29.

[†] was a man of wars with.

[†] in his hand were.

^d 1 Ki. 7. 51.

^e 2 Ki. 25. 29.

^f Lu. 14. 15.

^g ch. 19. 17.

^h his smiting

ⁱ 2 Ki. 14. 7.

^{||} or, slaying.

^h Ps. 60. title.

ⁱ 1 Ch. 8. 34.

^j Mi. 7. 5. 6.

^k Ge. 27. 29. 37.

^l Nu. 24. 18.

^m ver. 7. 10.

ⁿ ver. 3.

^o ch. 19. 13.

^p 1 Ki. 4. 3.

^q or, remembrancer,

or, writer of chronicles.

^r 1 Sa. 11. 1. 3.

^s 1 Ch. 19. 1.

^t &c.

^u 1 Ch. 24. 3.

^v De. 23. 3. 6.

^w Ne. 13. 1. 3.

^x or, secretary.

^y 1 Sa. 30. 14.

^z or, princes,

ch. 20. 26.

^a 1 Sa. 18. 3.

^b Pr. 27. 10.

^c In thine eyes

doth David?

^d ch. 16. 1.

^e Ge. 42. 9. 16.

^f 1 Co. 13. 5.

^g Le. 19. 27.

^h Ps. 109. 4. 5.

ⁱ 1 Sa. 20. 14.

^j Is. 20. 4.

^k 47. 2.

^l ch. 17. 27.

^m Ge. 34. 30.

ⁿ Ex. 5. 21.

^o 1 Sa. 13. 4.

^p ch. 8. 3. 5.

^q Pr. 25. 8.

^r Is. 9. 9. 10.

^s Called

Merib-baal

1 Ch. 8. 34.

^t or, the men of Tob,

Ju. 11. 3. 5.

^u ch. 23. 8.

^v ver. 1. 3.

^w Nu. 13. 21.

^x Jos. 19. 28.

^y Ju. 1. 31.

What is thy servant, that thou shouldst look upon such ^ba dead dog as I am?

9 [¶]Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, ^cI have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.

10 Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son ^dshall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had ^efifteen sons and twenty servants.

11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, ^fwhose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth.

13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: ^gfor he did eat continually at the king's table; and ^hwas lame on both his feet.

CHAP. X.

AND it came to pass after this, that the ⁱking of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead.

2 Then said David, ^jI will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon.

3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, ^kThinkst thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? ^lhath not David rather sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?

4 Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, ^mand shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, ⁿeven to their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 When they told ^oit unto David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

6 [¶]And when the children of Ammon saw that they ^pstank before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired ^qthe Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maachab a thousand men, and of ^rIsh-tob twelve thousand men.

7 And when David heard of ^oit, he sent Joab, and all the host of ^dthe mighty men.

8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entering in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba, and of ^sRehob, and Ish-tob, and Maachab, were by themselves in the field.

9 When Joab saw that the front of the

'quivers,' others, 'bracelets.' 18. Cherethites, these were archers and life guards: compare 1 Kings 1. 33-38.

CHAP. IX.—3. the kindness of God, or the greatest kindness. 8. a dead dog, the language of abasement. 11. eat at my table, meaning, on public occasions and festivals; for eastern monarchs, as is well known, on other occasions eat alone; and

commonly, he was to provide for himself, verse 10.

CHAP. X.—2. his father shewed kindness, he had been a cruel enemy to Israel, but perhaps from policy shewed kindness to David, who did not forget it. 4. shaved, &c. this was offering great indignity, long beards and flowing garments being badges of honour. 5. at Jericho, now a poor place in ruins. 6. stank, were detested: see Gen. xxxiv. 30. 7. sent Joab, to invade

battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians:

10 And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put them in array against the children of Ammon.

11 And he said, ^b If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

12 Be ^d of good courage, and let us ^e play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the ^f LORD do that which seemeth him good.

13 And Joab drew nigh, and the people that were with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

15 ^g And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together.

16 And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the river: and they came to Helam; and ^h Shobach the captain of the host of Hadarezer went before them.

17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand ⁱ horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, who died there.

19 And when all the kings that were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and ^j served them. So the Syrians ^k feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XI.

AND it came to pass, ^l after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that ^m David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

2 ⁿ And it came to pass in an evening-tide, that David arose from off his bed, ^o and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he ^p saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this ^q Bathsheba, the daughter of ^r Eliam, the wife ^s of Uriah the Hittite?

4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and ^t he lay with her; ^u for she was ^v purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

B. C. 1037.

a Ge. 4. 7.

b Job 20. 12.

c Is. 29. 13.

d of the peace

e of, &c.

f Ne. 4. 20.

g Lu. 22. 32.

h Ge. 18. 4.

i De. 31. 6.

j He. 13. 6.

k 1 Sa. 4. 9.

l 1 Co. 16. 13.

m went out

n after him.

o 1 Sa. 3. 18.

p Job 1. 21.

q Job 5. 12.

r Pr. 21. 30.

s ch. 7. 2, 6.

t ch. 20. 6.

u 1 Co. 9. 25.

v 2 Ti. 2. 3.

w that is,

x Euphrates.

y or, Shophach.

z 1 Ch. 19. 16.

aa Je. 2. 22, 23.

ab Hab. 2. 15.

ac 1 Ch. 19. 15.

ad footmen.

ae 1 Ki. 21. 8, 9.

af Ps. 19. 13.

ag 52. 2.

ah Je. 9. 1. 4.

ai 17. 9.

aj 1 Sa. 18. 17.

ak 21. 25.

al Ps. 51. 14.

am strong.

an ch. 8. 6.

ao from after

ap him.

aq Ps. 18. 37, 38.

ar 48. 4, 5.

as ch. 12. 9.

at at the re-

au turn of the

av year.

aw 1 Ki. 20. 22.

ax 26.

ay 2 Ch. 36. 10.

az 1 Ch. 20. 1.

ba De. 22. 8.

bb Job 31. 1.

bc Mat. 5. 28.

bd or, Bathshuah.

be 1 Ch. 3. 5.

bf or, Ammiel.

bg Ju. 9. 53.

bh ch. 23. 39.

bi Ju. 6. 32.

bj Jerubbaal.

bk Ps. 51. title.

bl Ja. 1. 14.

bm or, and

bn when she

bo had purified

bp herself,

bq &c. she

br returned.

bs Le. 15. 19, 28.

bt 18. 19.

bu Ps. 39. 8.

bv 15. 10.

5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

6 ^c And David sent to Joab, saying, ^d Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him ^e how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and ^f wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there ^g followed him a mess of meat from the king.

9 But ^h Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from ⁱ thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house?

11 And Uriah said unto David, ^j The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and ^k my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, ^l are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.

12 And ^m David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.

13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him ⁿ drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

14 ^o And it came to pass in the morning, that David ^p wrote a letter to Joab, and sent ^q it by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ^r ye Uriah in the forefront of the ^s hottest battle, and retire ye ^t from him, that he may ^u be smitten, and die.

16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were.

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

18 ^v Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

19 And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,

20 And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approachedst ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall?

21 Who smote ^w Abimelech the son of ^x Jerubbeseth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, ^y Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

22 ^z So the messenger went, and came

their territory. 12. play the men, act valiantly. CHAP. XI.—1. year—expired, literally 'at the return of the year.' Military operations in the east usually commenced in spring, when there were provision for the horses, and cool air for the troops. 2. his bed, having reposed during the heat of the day. the roof, being flat, to take the air. washing, for

religious purification; probably her bath was in her garden. 3. Hittite, probably a proselyte. 5. told David, through fear of punishment, Lev. xx. 10. 8. Go down, &c. to cover the matter, by dwelling with his wife. 9. at the door, the place of the guards. 13. made him drunk, still to induce him to visit home. 16. observed, reconnoitred. 21. Jerub-

and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for.

23 And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.

24 And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing * displease thee, for the sword devoureth † one ^e as well as another. make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.

26 ¶ And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she ^e became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done † displeased the LORD.

CHAP. XII.

AND ^m the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And ⁿ he came unto him, and ^o said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:

3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own * meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5 And David's ^r anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing † shall surely die:

6 And he shall restore the lamb † fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

7 ¶ And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I ^u anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

9 Wherefore ^v hast thou ^w despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? ^x thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore ^y the sword shall

B. C. 1035.

^a ch. 16. 22.

^b De. 28. 30.

^c Ec. 12. 14.

^d 1 Sa. 15. 24.

^e ch. 24. 10.

^f Job 7. 20.

^g Ps. 32. 5.

^h 51. 4.

ⁱ Pr. 28. 13.

^j *be evil in*

^k *thine eyes.*

^l *so and such*

^m Ec. 9. 1, 3.

ⁿ 11. 12.

^o La. 3. 31, 32.

^p ch. 24. 10.

^q Ps. 32. 1.

^r 130. 3, 4.

^s Job 7. 21.

^t Is. 6. 7.

^u Mi. 7. 18.

^v Zec. 3. 4.

^w Is. 52. 5.

^x Eze. 36. 20,

^y 23.

^z Ro. 2. 24.

^{aa} De. 32. 39.

^{ab} Ps. 104. 29.

^{ac} ch. 12. 9.

^{ad} *was evil in*

^{ae} *the eyes of.*

^{af} *fasted a*

^{ag} *fast.*

^{ah} ch. 13. 31.

^{ai} Job 20. 12.

^{aj} Ja. 4. 9, 10.

^{ak} He. 4. 13.

^{al} Ps. 51, title.

^{am} ch. 14. 5, &c.

^{an} 1 Ki. 20. 33.

^{ao} 41.

^{ap} Is. 5. 3.

^{aq} *do hurt.*

^{ar} *morsel.*

^{as} Ps. 39. 9.

^{at} La. 3. 39, 41.

^{au} Ru. 3. 3.

^{av} Ge. 38. 24.

^{aw} Lu. 6. 41, 42.

^{ax} 9. 55.

^{ay} Ro. 2. 1.

^{az} Job 1. 20.

^{ba} *or, is worth*

^{bb} *to die,*

^{bc} *or, is a son*

^{bd} *of death.*

^{be} 1 Sa. 26. 16.

^{bf} Ex. 22. 1.

^{bg} Lu. 19. 8.

^{bh} 1 Sa. 16. 13.

^{bi} Is. 38. 1, 5.

^{bj} Jon. 3. 9.

^{bk} Job 30. 23.

^{bl} Job 7. 8, 10.

^{bm} 1 Sa. 15. 19.

^{bn} Nu. 15. 31.

^{bo} Mat. 1. 6.

^{bp} 1 Ch. 22. 9.

^{bq} ch. 11. 15, 17,

^{br} 27.

^{bs} Am. 7. 9.

^{bt} *i. e. Beloved*

^{bu} *of the*

^{bv} *LORD.*

never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will ^a take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For thou didst it secretly: ^b but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

13 And ^c David said unto Nathan, ^d I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, ^e The LORD also hath ^f put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD ^g to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

15 ¶ And Nathan departed unto his house. And ^h the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.

16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David ⁱ fasted, and went in, and ^j lay all night upon the earth.

17 And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

18 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

20 Then David ^k arose from the earth, and washed, and ^l anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and ^m worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: ⁿ for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? ^o I shall go to him, but ^p he shall not return to me.

24 ¶ And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and ^q she bare a son, and ^r he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him.

25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name ^s Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

beseth, or Jerubbaal, Judg. ix. 1. 24. shot, arrows, or perhaps stones, from their engines.

CHAP. XII.—3. lay in his bosom, was exceedingly dear to him. 8. such and such things, i. e. many other benefits. 10. sword, &c. fulfilled in the deaths

of Amnon, Absalom, and Adonijah, ch. xiii. 28, 29; xviii. 9; 1 Kin. ii. 13—25.

11. raise up evil, i. e. permit evil to rise up. he shall, &c. fulfilled, ch. xvi. 22.

13. not die, for the law demanded his temporal death, which the supreme King forbore to execute. 23. go to him seems to imply union in

26 ^v And ^a Joab fought against ^b Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.

28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called after my name.

29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.

30 And ^f he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof was a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city ^g in great abundance.

31 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

CHAP. XIII.

AND it came to pass after this, that ^k Absalom the son of David had ^l a fair sister, whose name was ^m Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

2 And Amnon ⁿ was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and ^o Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, ^p the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was ^q a very subtil man.

4 And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, ^r lean ^s from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, ^t I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister.

5 And Jonadab said unto him, ^v Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand.

6 ^w So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and ^x make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.

7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat.

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took ^y flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

9 And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, ^z Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him.

10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring

B. C. 1033.

^a 1 Ch. 20. 1.

^b De. 3. 11.

^c Ge. 39. 12.

^d humble me,

Ge. 34. 2.

^e it ought

not so to be

done.

^f Le. 18. 9, 11.

20. 17.

^g my name

be called

upon it.

^h Ge. 34. 7.

Ju. 19. 23.

20. 6.

ⁱ 1 Ch. 20. 2.

^j Le. 18. 9, 11.

^k very great.

^l ch. 12. 11.

De. 22. 25.

^m with great

hatred

greatly.

ⁿ Eze. 23. 17.

^o ch. 3. 2, 3.

1 Ch. 3. 2.

^p Pr. 6. 25.

^q 1 Ch. 3. 9.

^r 1 Ki. 21. 4.

^s 2 Co. 7. 10.

^t Ge. 37. 3.

Ju. 5. 30.

Ps. 45. 14.

^u it was mar-

vellous, or,

hidden in

the eyes of

Amnon.

^v 1 Sa. 16. 9.

^w ch. 1. 2.

Jos. 7. 6.

^x Job 2. 12.

^y Ge. 3. 1.

Je. 4. 22.

1 Co. 3. 19.

Ja. 3. 15.

^z Je. 2. 37.

^a thin.

^b morning by

morning.

^c Amnon.

^d Is. 3. 9.

Je. 8. 12.

Mi. 7. 3.

^e set not

thine heart

^f Pr. 19. 27.

Ac. 23. 15.

^g and deso-

late.

^h Ge. 24. 50.

31. 24.

ⁱ Le. 19. 17, 18.

^j Ge. 38. 12, 13.

1 Sa. 25. 4, 36.

^k Ge. 18. 6.

^l Ps. 12. 2.

55. 21.

Je. 41. 6, 7.

^m or, paste.

ⁿ Ge. 45. 1.

Jno. 3. 20.

the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

11 And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he ^o took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister.

12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not ^p force me; for ^q no ^r such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou thus ^s folly.

13 And I, whether shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; ^t for he will not withhold me from thee.

14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but being stronger than she, ^u forced her, and lay with her.

15 ^v Then Amnon hated her ^w exceedingly; ^x so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone.

16 And she said unto him, There is no cause: this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that thou didst unto her. But he would not hearken unto her.

17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her.

18 And she had ^y a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

19 ^z And Tamar put ^a ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her, and ^b laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

20 And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath ^c Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; ^d regard not this thing. So Tamar remained ^e desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

21 ^f But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth.

22 And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon ^g neither good nor bad: for Absalom ^h hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

23 ⁱ And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom ^j had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

24 And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; ^k let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant.

25 And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him.

26 Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee?

27 But Absalom pressed him, that he

another state. 30. talent of gold, ninety-three pounds three-quarters weight: but some think a talent value is meant, about 5000*l*. 31. under saws, to saws. under harrows, to harrows. under axes, to axes, i. e. made them slaves to saw, hew wood, do smith's work, mining, brickmaking, &c.

CHAP. XIII. — 2. sister, she was half-sister, by a different mother. 8. kneaded it, eastern ladies often prepare pastry, &c. 13. cause my shame to go, wipe off my disgrace. not withhold me, but the law forbade him, Lev. xviii. 9, 11. 19. arise, see Josh. vii. 6, note. head, perhaps forehead. 25. had sheepshearers, a time of feasting, verse 28; Gen.

let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

23 ¶ Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: I have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.

29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

30 ¶ And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.

31 Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent.

32 And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar.

33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead.

34 But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him.

35 And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come: as thy servant said, so it is.

36 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore.

37 ¶ But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day.

38 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years.

39 And the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

CHAP. XIV.

NOW Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom.

2 And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:

3 And come to the king, and speak on

B. C. 1030.

Ex. 4. 15.

1 Sa. 20. 41.

Ju. 19. 6, 9, 22

Ru. 3. 7.

1 Sa. 25. 36.

Es. 1. 10.

Ps. 104. 15.

* Save.

2 Ki. 6. 26, 28.

† or, will you

not, since I

have com-

manded

you?

Jos. 1. 9.

ch. 12. 1.

† sons of

valour.

§ rode.

|| no deli-

verer be-

tween them

f Nu. 35. 19.

De. 19. 12.

ch. 1. 11.

h ch. 12. 16.

i ver. 3.

* the face of

the.

† mouth.

† Ge. 27. 13.

1 Sa. 25. 24.

Mat. 27. 25.

† or, settled.

i ch. 3. 28, 29.

1 Ki. 2. 33.

ch. 19. 19.

§ that the re-

venger of

blood do

not multi-

ply to de-

stroy.

h Nu. 35. 19.

1 Sa. 14. 45.

Ac. 27. 34.

|| according to

the word

of thy ser-

vant.

* with a

great weep-

ing greatly

P Ju. 20. 2.

* ch. 3. 3.

† or, Ammi-

hur.

h ch. 13. 37, 38.

1 Job 34. 15.

He. 9. 27.

ch. 15. 8.

† or, because

God hath

not taken

away his

life, he hath

also devised

means, &c.

§ or, was

consumed.

Ps. 84. 2.

h Nu. 35. 15, 25,

28.

x Ge. 38. 12.

y 2 Ch. 11. 6.

this manner unto him. So Joab ^a put the words in her mouth.

4 ¶ And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she ^b fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, * Help, O King.

5 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, * I am indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead.

6 And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him.

7 And, behold, ^f the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband *neither* name nor remainder upon ^{*} the earth.

8 And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee.

9 And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord, O king, [†] the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house: [†] and the king and his throne be guiltless.

10 And the king said, Whosoever saith ought unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more.

11 Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, [§] that thou wouldest not suffer ^{*} the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, ^o As the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth.

12 Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak one word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on.

13 And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against ^p the people of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again ^{*} his banished.

14 For we [†] must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; [†] neither doth God respect any person: yet doth he ^v devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.

15 Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, it is because the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid.

16 For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man that would destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God.

17 Then thine handmaid said, The

xxxviii. 12; 1 Sam. xxv. 14. mother's father, see ch. iii. 3.

CHAP. XIV.—2. Tekoah, twelve miles from Jerusalem. wise, prudent. 7. kill him, as the law required, Num. xxxv. 18, 19. quench my coal, means, my posterity. 9. the iniquity be on me, she presses the decision of the case, and would be willing to take the responsibility. 11. remember, &c. who is gracious. Some understand it, Let the king confirm his promise with an oath. 13. against

37. to Talmi, his

the people of God, i. e. in a case which concerns some of the Jewish people. as one which is faulty, he has condemned himself. 14. we must needs die, &c. all must die, and Amnon too, therefore the deed may be passed over. neither doth God respect any person, for God excepteth no person.—Boothroyd. The original is, God doth not take away the soul or life, i. e. of every offender. yet doth he devise, &c. 'yea, it is his counsel that one expelled from him should not be utterly rejected.'—Houbi-gant. 15. the people have made me afraid, of insur-

word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for ^a as an angel of God, so is my lord the king [†] to discern ^b good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee.

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, ^c Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak.

19 And the king said, Is not the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid:

20 To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, ^e according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

21 [†] And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, ⁱ I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again.

22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and [§] thanked the king: and Joab said, To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of ^{*} his servant.

23 So Joab arose [†] and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

24 And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him ^o not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.

25 [†] But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom ^p for his beauty: ^r from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was ^o no blemish in him.

26 And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled it: because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) he weighed ^q the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight.

27 And ^o unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

28 [†] So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, ^b and saw not the king's face.

29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; ^c but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

30 Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is ⁱ near mine, and he hath barley there; ^f go and set it on fire.

B. C. 1027.

^{*} for rest.

^a ch. 19. 27.

Pr. 26. 28.

29. 5.

[†] to hear.

^b 1 Ki. 3. 9, 28.

1 Co. 2. 14, 15.

^c 1 Sa. 3. 17, 18.

Je. 33. 14, 25.

^d 1 Sa. 15. 13.

Ps. 36. 2.

Pr. 28. 13.

Je. 2. 22, 23.

Ro. 3. 19.

^e Ge. 33. 4.

45. 15.

Lu. 15. 20.

^f ch. 12. 11.

^g ch. 19. 27.

Job 32. 21, 22.

^h 1 Ki. 1. 5.

Mat. 14. 9.

ⁱ to come.

^j blessed.

^k or, none

will hear

thee from

the king

downward.

^l or, thy.

^m Ju. 9. 1, 2, 29.

Lu. 14. 11.

me. ch. 13. 37.

ⁿ Pr. 27. 2.

2 Pe. 2. 19.

^o ch. 3. 13.

Ge. 43. 3.

Ex. 10. 28.

^p And as

Absalom there

was not a

beautiful

man in all

Israel to

praise

greatly.

^q 1 Sa. 9. 2.

16. 7.

Mat. 23. 27.

^r Is. 1. 6.

Ep. 5. 27.

^s Ro. 16. 18.

2 Pe. 2. 3.

^t 1 Sa. 16. 1.

Is. 3. 24.

1 Co. 11. 14.

^u 1 Sa. 16. 2.

Ge. 28. 20, 21.

^v ch. 13. 38.

^w ch. 18. 18.

^x ver. 24.

^y Es. 1. 12.

Mat. 22. 3.

^z 1 Sa. 9. 13.

16. 3, 5.

[†] near my

place.

^o Ge. 20. 5.

^f Ju. 15. 4, 5.

And Absalom's servants set the field on fire.

31 Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire?

32 And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? *it had been good for me to have been there still:* now therefore let me see the king's face; and ^d if there be any iniquity in me, let him kill me.

33 So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king ^e kissed Absalom.

CHAP. XV.

AND ^f it came to pass after this, that Absalom ^h prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

2 And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy ⁱ came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.

3 And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but ^j there is no man ^k deputed of the king to hear thee.

4 Absalom said moreover, ^l O that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and ^m I would do him justice!

5 And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him.

6 And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: ⁿ so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 [†] And it came to pass ^o after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron.

8 For ^p thy servant ^q vowed a vow ^r while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.

9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

10 [†] But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.

11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, ^s that were ^t called; and they went ^u in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing.

rection in this affair. 17. as an angel, angels being wise and understanding creatures. 24. not see my face, in the east such a denial cuts to the heart. 26. he weighed the hair, an act of vanity, that the reputation of its quantity might compensate for the loss to his personal appearance. two hundred shekels, some think this was the weight, produced in part by unguents and gold dust. The common weight would exceed seven pounds: but by the 'king's weight' some understand the Babylonian, which would make two pounds, two and a half ounces. Others suppose value is meant, which would be about 25*l*., but then it is objected that the king's son would not sell his hair, which act, however, need not be implied in the valuing of it. 32. if there be iniquity, thinking it was no

crime to kill his guilty brother, and avenge his sister's cause.

CHAP. XV.—1. to run before him, affecting royal state. 2. early, eastern sovereigns rise at day-break, and transact public business. way of the gate, causes were tried at the gates of towns, to accommodate the agricultural Hebrews going and coming. 3. matters, cause. 5. kissed, the eastern salutation. 7. forty, to what this date refers is uncertain: some suppose it should be 'four.' Hebron, twenty miles from Jerusalem; there David began his reign, and Absalom was born. 8. vowed, this is thought to have been a pretence. 10. trumpet, perhaps sounded from hill to hill. 11. called, or 'invited,' probably to a feast, to partake of his peace offerings as the payment of

12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, ^a David's counsellor, from his city, *even* from ^b Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people ^c increased continually with Absalom.

13 ^d And there came a messenger to David, saying, ^e The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.

14 And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us ^f flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and ^g bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

15 And the king's servants said unto the king, ^h Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall ⁱ appoint.

16 And ^j the king went forth, and all his household ^k after him. And the king left ^l ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house.

17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

18 And all his servants passed on beside him; ^m and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 ⁿ Then said the king to ^o Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou ^p art a stranger, and also an exile.

20 Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day ^q make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go ^r whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: ^s mercy and truth be with thee.

21 And Ittai answered the king, and said, ^t As the LORD liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be.

22 And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him.

23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook ^u Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the ^v wilderness.

24 ^w And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, ^x bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city.

25 And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he ^y will bring me again, and shew me ^z both it, and his habitation:

26 But if he thus say, I have no ^{aa} delight in thee; behold, here am I, ^{ab} let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.

27 The king said also unto Zadok the priest, Art not thou a ^{ac} seer? return into the city in peace, and ^{ad} your two sons with

B. C. 1023.

^a Ps. 41. 9.
55.12-14.
Jno. 13. 18.
^b Jos. 15. 51.
^c Ps. 3. 1.
^d ver. 6.
Ju. 9. 3.
Ps. 62. 9.
Mat. 21. 9.
27. 22.

^e going up, and weeping.

^f ch. 19. 4.
Es. 6. 12.
^g ch. 19. 9.
^h Je. 14. 3, 4.
ⁱ Ps. 126. 6.
^j thrust.

^k Ps. 3. 1, 2.
55.12,&c.
^l Lu. 22. 28, 29.
Jno. 6. 66, 69.
15. 14.
^m ch. 16. 23.
17. 14, 23.

ⁿ choose.

^o Ps. 3. title.
^p at his feet.
^q ch. 16. 21, 22.
^r Jos. 16. 2.
^s ch. 1. 2.
^t ch. 19. 35.
^u ch. 8. 18.
^v ch. 16. 19.
^w ch. 18. 2.

^x make thee wander in going.

^y 1 Sa. 23. 13.
^z Ps. 61. 7.
Pr. 14. 22.
2 Ti. 1. 16, 18.

^{aa} Ru. 1. 16, 17.
Pr. 17. 17.
18. 24.
^{ab} ch. 16. 15, 16.
1 Ch. 27. 33.
^{ac} ch. 15. 30, 32.
^{ad} ch. 9. 2.

^{ae} called Cedron, Jno. 18. 1.

^b ch. 16. 2.
Mat. 3. 1.
Lu. 1. 80.
^c Nu. 4. 15.
^d ch. 15. 23.
17. 29.
^e ch. 19. 27.
^f Ps. 27. 4, 5.
42. 1, 2.
43. 3.

^g Is. 38. 22.
^h Nu. 14. 8.
2 Sa. 22. 20.
1 Ki. 10. 9.

ⁱ ch. 9. 8.
Is. 62. 4.

^j Pr. 18. 13.
^k 1 Sa. 3. 18.

^l I do obedience.
^m 1 Sa. 9. 9.
ⁿ ch. 17. 17.

you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan also son of Abiathar.

28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me.

29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there.

30 ^o And David went up by the ascent of mount Olivet, ^p and wept as he went up, and ^q had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that was with him ^r covered every man his head and they went up, ^s weeping as they went up.

31 ^t And one told David, saying, ^u Abithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, ^v turn the counsel of Abithophel into foolishness.

32 ^w And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the mount, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the ^x Archite came to meet him ^y with his coat rent, and earth upon his head:

33 Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be ^z a burden unto me:

34 But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, ^{aa} I will be thy servant, O king: as I have been thy father's servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Abithophel.

35 And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, ^{ab} that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

36 Behold, ^{ac} they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear.

37 So Hushai ^{ad} David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

CHAP. XVI.

AND ^a when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, ^b Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine.

2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses ^c be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, ^d that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

3 And the king said, And where is thy master's son? ^e And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.

4 Then ^f said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine are all that pertained unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, ^g I humbly beseech thee ^h that I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

5 ⁱ And when king David came to Ba-

his vow. 12. Giloh, a city in the tribe of Judah. 18. Cherethites, see chap. viii. 18, note. 19. the king, Absalom, king by usurpation. 23. wilderness, between Jerusalem and Jericho. 27. Art thou not a seer? may be rendered, 'Observest thou?' 30.

covered, as a mourner, being wrapped in a cloth or robe, to conceal the expression of his face; a common mourning also among the Persians, Egyptians, and Romans. 33. a burden, of no use in war, being old.

CHAP. XVI.—1. loaves, properly, cakes. bottle, see

hurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was ^b Shimei, the son of Gera: * he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left.

7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou [†] bloody man, and thou ^d man of Belial:

8 The LORD hath ^e returned upon thee all ^f the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, [§] behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man.

9 [¶] Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this [†] dead dog [†] curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.

10 And the king said, [¶] What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because [¶] the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. [¶] Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, [¶] my son, which [¶] came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjaminite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the LORD will look on mine [†] affliction, and that the LORD will [¶] requite me good for his cursing this day.

13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and ^{*} cast dust.

14 And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.

15 [¶] And ^{*} Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahiathophel with him.

16 And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, [¶] David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, [¶] God save the king, God save the king.

17 And Absalom said to Hushai, [¶] Is this thy kindness to thy friend? [¶] why wentest thou not with thy friend?

18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; [¶] but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide.

19 And again, [¶] whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

20 [¶] Then said Absalom to Ahiathophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do.

21 And Ahiathophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou [¶] art abhorred of thy father: then shall [¶] the hands of all that are with thee be strong.

22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon

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^a ch. 12. 11. 12.

^b 1 Ki. 2. 8. 44.

^c or, he still

came forth

and cursed

[†] word.

[†] ch. 15. 12.

[†] man of

blood.

^d De. 13. 13.

^e Ju. 9. 24. 56,

57.

^f 1 Ki. 2. 32. 33.

[†] ch. 1. 16.

3. 28. 29.

[§] Pr. 1. 16.

Is. 59. 7. 8.

[¶] behold thee

in thy evil.

^h ch. 16. 14.

De. 25. 18.

ⁱ Zec. 13. 7.

Mat. 21. 38.

26. 31. 45.

^k ch. 9. 8.

1 Sa. 24. 14.

^l Ex. 22. 28.

^m 1 Pe. 2. 23.

ⁿ was right

in the eyes

of, &c.

1 Sa. 18. 20.

ⁿ 2 Ki. 18. 25.

La. 3. 38.

^o Ro. 9. 20.

^{*} what is in

his mouth.

^p ch. 12. 11.

^q Ge. 15. 4.

[†] word.

[†] eye, or,

tears.

Ge. 29. 32.

1 Sa. 1. 11.

Ps. 25. 18.

[§] counselled.

Ro. 8. 28.

He. 12. 10.

^{||} bitter of

soul.

Ju. 18. 25.

^{*} dusted him

with dust.

[†] Ho. 13. 8.

[†] ch. 15. 37.

[†] fallen.

[†] ch. 15. 37.

[†] Let the

king live.

^x Jos. 2. 11.

^y Ps. 55. 21.

Pr. 17. 17.

18. 24.

^z Ju. 20. 1.

^a 1 Sa. 16. 13.

^b Ge. 22. 17.

[§] thy face, or,

presence go

^c 1 Sa. 28. 2.

29. 8.

Ga. 2. 13.

^d 1 Sa. 23. 23.

^e Is. 10. 13. 14.

^f ch. 20. 3.

^g Ge. 34. 30.

1 Sa. 13. 4.

^h Lu. 21. 6.

ⁱ Zec. 8. 13.

the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines ^a in the sight of all Israel.

23 And the counsel of Ahiathophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had enquired at the [†] oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahiathophel ^c both with David and with Absalom.

CHAP. XVII.

MOREOVER Ahiathophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and [¶] I will arise and pursue after David this night:

2 And I will come upon him while he is [¶] weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will [¶] smite the king only:

3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace.

4 And the saying ^{||} pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise ^{*} what he saith.

6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahiathophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do ^{after} his [†] saying? if not; speak thou.

7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahiathophel hath [§] given is not good at this time.

8 For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be ^{||} chafed in their minds, as [†] a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.

9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be [†] overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom.

10 And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly [¶] melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men.

11 Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, ^z from Dan even to Beer-sheba, ^b as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that [§] thou go to battle in thine own person.

12 So ^d shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: ^e and of him and of all the men that are with him there shall not be left so much as one.

13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, ^h until there be not one small stone found there.

14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the

Josh. ix. 4. 5. Bahurim, a city in Benjamin. 10. hath said, by this dispensation. 13. cast dust, easterns do so in accusing a criminal, and when abusing any one. 14. there, at Bahurim, ver. 5. 21. go in. &c. this counsel was to make the breach irreparable between father and son. 22. in the night, &c. fulfilling ch. xii. 11. 23. oracle, probably

denotes Urim and Thummim. His counsel was depended upon like a divine oracle.

CHAP. XVII.—3. the man, &c. the phrase means, when David is dead, the people will submit to thee. 8. robbed of her whelps, the bear then becomes frantic. 11. Dan, &c. Ju. xx. 1, note. 12. as the dew, suddenly, universally, heavily. 13. ropes, the allusion signi-

Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For ^a the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, ^b to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

15 ^c Then ^d said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled.

16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night ^e in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him.

17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz ^f stayed by ^g En-rogel; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David.

18 Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house ^h in Bahurim, which had a well in his court; whither they went down.

19 And ⁱ the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known.

20 And when Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And ^j the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water; for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you.

22 Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

23 ^k And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not ^l followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to ^m his city, and ⁿ put his household in order, and ^o hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

24 Then David came to ^p Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

25 ^q And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa was a man's son, whose name was ^r Ithra an Israelite, that went in to ^s Abigail the daughter of ^t Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother.

26 So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 ^u And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that ^v Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and ^w Machir the son of

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^a ch. 15. 31, 34.
2 Ch. 25. 16, 20.

^c commanded
^d or, cups.

^e Pr. 19. 21.
21. 30.
Is. 8. 10.

^f Co. 3. 19.
^g ch. 15. 35.

^h Lu. 8. 3.
ⁱ Phi. 4. 15, 16.

^j Ec. 11. 1, 2.
Is. 21. 14.

^k ch. 16. 2.
^l ch. 15. 28.

^m Jos. 2. 4, &c.
ⁿ Jos. 15. 7.

^o ch. 15. 19.
^p Ps. 3. 6.

^q 27. 1. 3.
118. 6, 7.

^r ch. 16. 5.
^s ch. 21. 17.

^t Jos. 2. 6.
^u set their heart on us

^v as.
^w La. 4. 20.

^x be to succour.
^y Ex. 1. 19.

^z Ps. 103. 13.
^a ver. 12.

^b Jos. 17. 15, 18.
^c Pr. 11. 21.

^d done.
^e Jos. 10. 11.

^f Ju. 5. 20, 21.
^g Ps. 3. 7.

^h ch. 15. 12.
ⁱ gave charge concerning his house.

^j 2 Ki. 20. 1.
^k multiplied to devour

^l Mat. 27. 5.
^m ch. 2. 8.

ⁿ Ge. 32. 2.
^o Jos. 13. 26.

^p Job 18. 8, 10.
31. 3.

^q Ps. 63. 9, 10.
^r Pr. 20. 20.

^s 30. 17.
^t Ga. 3. 13.

^u or, Jether an Ishmaelite.
^v Abigail.

^w 1 Ch. 2. 16, 17.
^x or, Jesse.

^y 1 Ch. 2. 13, 16.
^z ch. 10. 1.

^a 12. 30.
^b ch. 9. 4.

^c weigh upon mine hand.

Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim,

28 Brought beds, and ^d basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse,

29 And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, ^e for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, ^f The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, ^g in the wilderness.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them.

2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, ^k and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, ^l I will surely go forth with you myself also.

3 But ^m the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not ⁿ care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art ^o worth ^p ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou ^q succour us out of the city.

4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.

5 And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, ^r Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. ^s And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

6 ^t So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the ^u wood of Ephraim;

7 Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and ^v there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men.

8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and ^w the wood ^x devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 ^y And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and ^z his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away.

10 And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak.

11 And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest him, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten ^a shekels of silver, and a girdle.

12 And the man said unto Joab, Though I should ^b receive a thousand shekels of

fies, performing the destruction with ease. A king in Java proposed to pull down a tower, drawn by his men and elephants. 16. pass over, Jordan. 18. well, cistern, now dry. 19. a covering, eastern wells are level with the ground, and easily covered. 25. went in to, i.e. married. 28. beds, probably of skins of beasts, mats, and carpets. basons, or cups, probably wooden bowls such as the Arabs still use. earthen vessels, these are valued for cooling and refreshing water in hot weather. 29. of kine, dis-

tinguishing it from cheese of goats' and perhaps of sheeps' milk.

CHAP. XVIII.—2. hand, i.e. command. 3. art worth, &c. i.e. they would rather slay thee than ten thousand. 4. gate side, of Mahanaim. 8. wood devoured, when put to flight, they were hampered, and easily slain there. 9. oak, turpentine tree.—Boothroyd. head caught, either by the hair, having lost his helmet, or by the neck, between a forked bough. 11. ten shekels, twenty-four shillings.

silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: ^a for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Itai, saying, [†] Beware that none touch the young man Absalom.

13 Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against me.

14 Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus [§] with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the [•] midst of the oak.

15 And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.

16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people.

17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and [‡] laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

18 [¶] Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is in [§] the king's dale: for he said, [¶] I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's place.

19 [¶] Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath [‡] avenged him of his enemies.

20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not [§] bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead.

21 Then said Joab to Cush, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cush bowed himself unto Joab, and ran.

22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But [¶] howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cush. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings [‡] ready?

23 But howsoever, said he, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, [¶] and overran Cush.

24 And David sat between the two gates: and [¶] the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone.

25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near.

26 And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold another man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings.

27 And the watchman said, [¶] Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, [¶] He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, [¶] All is well. And he fell down to

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^a ver. 5.

[•] shut up.

[†] Beware whosoever ye be of, &c.

[‡] Is there peace?

[§] before thee.

[¶] Tidings is brought.

^b Ps. 58. 10.

94. 1. 4.

124. 1. 5.

[•] heart.

^c Ju. 5. 31.

Da. 4. 19.

^d Jos. 7. 26.

^e ch. 19. 4.

^f Pr. 10. 1.

17. 25.

^g Ge. 14. 17.

^h ch. 14. 27.

Job 18. 16.

19.

Is. 14. 22.

Je. 22. 30.

[†] salvation,

or, deliverance.

ⁱ Pr. 16. 15.

19. 12.

[‡] judged him from the hand, &c.

^k ver. 32.

Ge. 31. 27.

[§] be a man of tidings.

^l ch. 15. 30.

^m ch. 18. 33.

ⁿ Ps. 18. 47, 48.

[¶] be what may.

[•] By loving, &c.

[†] or, convenient.

[‡] that princes or servants are not to thee.

^o Job 34. 18.

Pr. 19. 10.

^p Jno. 20. 4.

^q 2 Ki. 9. 17.

Eze. 33. 2. 7.

[§] to the heart of thy servants.

Ge. 34. 3.

[¶] Pr. 14. 28.

[†] Ps. 71. 4, &c.

[‡] 1 Ki. 12. 16.

2 Ki. 14. 12.

[¶] Ja. 3. 14. 16.

[¶] I see the running.

^x 1 Ki. 1. 42.

Pr. 25. 13.

^y ch. 15. 14.

^z Ho. 8. 4.

[•] Peace, or,

Peace be to thee.

the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath [•] delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king.

29 And the king said, [¶] Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was.

30 And the king said unto him, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still.

31 And, behold, Cush came; and Cush said, [¶] Tidings, my lord the king: for [¶] the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee.

32 And the king said unto Cush, [¶] Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cush answered, [¶] The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is.

33 [¶] And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, [•] O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God [¶] I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

CHAP. XIX.

AND it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom.

2 And the [†] victory that day was [‡] turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.

3 And the people gat them by stealth that day [‡] into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.

4 But the [†] king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, [¶] O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!

5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day [¶] have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines;

6 [¶] In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, [†] that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day [•] I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well.

7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak [¶] comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, [•] there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than [†] all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now.

8 Then the king arose and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king: [¶] for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

9 [¶] And all the people [•] were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is [¶] fled out of the land for Absalom.

10 And Absalom, [•] whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore

girdle, a military belt, highly esteemed. 17. heap, for a monument and memorial of the battle, an ancient usage. 18. king's dale, not far from Jerusalem. the pillar, one is there at this day, but it is of

modern erection. 24. gates, outward and inward. CHAP. XIX.—4. conceived, ch. xv. 30, note. 5. shamed, 'affronted.'—Geddes. 6. hatest, lovest less, see Lu. xiv. 26. 9. at strife, 'blamed one another.'

why * speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

11 ^a And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? to bring the speech of all Israel is come to the king, *even* to his house.

12 Ye *are* my brethren, *ye are* ^c my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king?

13 And ^a say ye to Amasa, *Art* thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? ^f God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab.

14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, ^k *even as the heart of one man*; so that they sent *this word* unto the king, Return thou, and all thy servants.

15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to ^k Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

16 ^u And ⁱ Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which *was* of Bahurim, ^h *hasted* and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David.

17 And *there were* a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and ^o Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king.

18 And there went over a ferry boat to carry over the king's household, and to do ^g what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera ^o fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan;

19 And said unto the king, ^u Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember ^a that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should ^g take it to his heart.

20 For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, ^a Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he ^b cursed the LORD's anointed?

22 And David said, ^o What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? ^d shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I *am* this day king over Israel?

23 Therefore ^f the king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And the king ^g sware unto him.

24 ^u And ^k Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came *again* in peace.

25 And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, ^k Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth?

26 And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant

B. C. 1023.

^a are ye

silent?

Ju. 18. 9.

^d ch. 16. 3.

Ex. 20. 16.

Ps. 15. 3.

101. 5.

Je. 9. 4.

^b ch. 14. 17, 20.^c ch. 5. 1.

Ep. 5. 30.

^f men of

death.

1 Sa. 26. 16.

^d ch. 9. 7, 10, 13.^c ch. 17. 25.^f Ru. 1. 17.^g Pr. 18. 13.

Jno. 7. 51.

Ac. 18. 15.

^h Ju. 20. 1.

Ps. 110. 2, 3.

Ac. 4. 32.

ⁱ 1 Ki. 2. 7.^k Jos. 5. 9.

1 Sa. 11. 14, 15.

^l ch. 16. 5.

1 Ki. 2. 8.

^m ch. 17. 27.ⁿ Pr. 6. 4, 5.

Mat. 5. 25.

^o ch. 9. 2, 10.

16. 1, 2.

^p How many

days are

the years of

my life?

^q Ps. 39. 5.

1 Co. 7. 29.

Ja. 4. 14.

^r Ps. 90. 10.^s the good in

his eyes.

^t Ps. 66. 3.^u Ec. 2. 8.^v 1 Sa. 22. 15.^w Ec. 12. 3, 5.^x ch. 16. 5, 6.

&c.

Ex. 10. 16, 17.

1 Sa. 26. 21.

^y ch. 13. 33.

1 Sa. 25. 25.

^z 1 Ki. 2. 7.

Je. 41. 17.

^a Lu. 9. 54, 56.^b Ex. 22. 28.^c ch. 16. 10.^d choose.^e 1 Sa. 11. 13.

Is. 16. 5.

Mar. 6. 12.

^f Ge. 31. 55.^g 1 Ki. 2. 8, 9.^h He 6. 16.ⁱ 37, 46.^j Chimham.^k ch. 9. 6.^l ver. 15.^m ch. 16. 17.ⁿ ver. 12.^o 1 Ch. 2. 13.

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said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant is lame.

27 And ^a he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; ^b but my lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore *what* is good in thine eyes.

28 For all of my father's house were but [†] dead men before my lord the king: ^d yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?

29 And the king said unto him, ^e Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land.

30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house.

31 ^u And ⁱ Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan.

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, *even* fourscore years old: and ^u he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he *was* a very great man.

33 And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem.

34 And Barzillai said unto the king, [†] How long ^p have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem?

35 ^u I *am* this day ^r fourscore years old: and can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more ^t the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet ^v a burden unto my lord the king?

36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?

37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy servant ^u Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee.

38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt ^u require of me, that will I do for thee.

39 And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king ^u kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place.

40 Then the king went on to Gilgal, and ^u Chimham went on with him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

41 ^u And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and ⁱ have brought the king, and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan?

42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is ⁱ near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at

—Boothroyd.

12. my brethren, &c. of the same tribe. 13. Amasa, the king's nephew. 14. he, i. e. Amasa, as Jewish writers, but David is generally understood. 18. ferry-boat, may mean, 'a raft,' or 'bridge.' 24. neither dressed, &c. as a

mourner. 27. as an angel, ch. xiv. 17, note. 29. divide, &c. this was restoring things as before, for then Ziba lived on the land, and Mephibosheth on the property; but some think this was a new division.

all of the king's cost? or hath he given us any gift?

43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more *right* in David than ye: why then did ye *despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And ^a the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

CHAP. XX.

AND there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, ^d We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: ^e every man to his tents, O Israel.

2 So every man of Israel went up from after David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 ^f And David came to his house at Jerusalem: and the king took the ten women his *f* concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ^g ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were *shut up unto the day of their death, ^h living in widowhood.

4 ⁱ Then ^j said the king to Amasa, ^k Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here present.

5 So Amasa went to assemble the men of Judah: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

6 And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than ^l did Absalom: take thou ^m thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and ⁿ escape us.

7 And there went out after him Joab's men, and the ^o Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

8 When they ^p were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out.

9 And Joab said to Amasa, ^q Art thou in health, my brother? ^r And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him.

10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand: so ^s he smote him therewith ^t in the fifth ^u rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and ^v I struck him not again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri.

11 And one of Joab's men stood by him, and said, He that favoureth Joab, and he that is for David, ^w let him go after Joab.

12 And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the

B. C. 1023.

* set us at light.

a Ju. 8. 1.

12. 1.

Pr. 13. 10.

Ro. 12. 21.

Ga. 5. 15, 20.

26.

Ja. 1. 20.

3. 2, &c.

4. 1.

b 2 Ki. 15. 29.

2 Ch. 16. 4.

c 2 Ki. 19. 32.

† or, it stood

against the

outmost

wall.

d ch. 19. 43.

‡ married to

throudown

c 1 Ki. 12. 16.

2 Ch. 10. 16.

f ch. 15. 16.

§ or, They

plainly

spoke in the

beginning,

saying,

Surely they

will ask of

Abel, and

so make an

end.

De. 20. 11.

|| an house of

ward.

* bound.

† in widow-

hood of life.

§ ch. 19. 13.

|| call.

h ch. 21. 3.

i Sa. 26. 19.

j 1 Ki. 1. 33.

k by his name

|| deliver

himself

from our

eyes.

l ch. 8. 18.

m 1 Ki. 1. 38.

n Ec. 9. 14, 15.

o were scat-

tered.

p ch. 8. 16, 18.

q Lu. 22. 47.

r 1 Ki. 4. 6.

s 1 Ki. 4. 3.

† or, remem-

brancer.

t 1 Ki. 2. 5.

u ch. 8. 17.

v 1 Ki. 4. 4.

w ch. 2. 23.

‡ doubled not

his stroke.

x ch. 23. 38.

§ or, a prince

ch. 8. 18.

Ge. 41. 45.

Ex. 2. 16.

|| sought the

face, &c.

Nu. 27. 21.

man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still.

13 When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 ^a And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto ^b Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after him.

15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah, and ^c they cast up a bank against the city, and ^d it stood in the trench: and all the people that were with Joab ^e battered the wall, to throw it down.

16 ^f Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee.

17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, ^g Art thou Joab? And he answered, I am he. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear.

18 Then she spake, saying, ^h They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask counsel at Abel: and so they ended the matter.

19 I am one of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up ⁱ the inheritance of the LORD?

20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.

21 The matter is not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri ^j by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, even against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall.

22 Then the woman went unto all the people ^k in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast it out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they ^l retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

23 ^m Now ⁿ Joab was over all the host of Israel: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites:

24 And Adoram was ^o over the tribute: and ^p Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder:

25 And Sheva was scribe: and ^q Zadok and Abiathar were the priests:

26 And ^r Ira also the Jairite was ^s a chief ruler about David.

CHAP. XXI.

THEN there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David ^t enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, ^u It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

CHAP. XX.—1. *Belial*, Deut. xiii. 13 note. 2. *every man*, i. e. of the disaffected. 3. *shut up*, secluded. 6. *lord's servants*, body guards. 9. *by the beard*, it was a custom when a man asked a favour from another, he caught hold of his beard by his right hand, and of his knee with the left; such might be Joab's posture. 10. *fifth rib*, chap. ii. 23, note. 4. *Abel—Beth-maachah*, one place only, a fortified

city of Naphtali. 15. *cast up a bank*, or played an engine. *in, or close to, the trench*. 16. *raise*, prudent or discreet. 18. *ask counsel*, &c. 'make indeed, sure inquiry at Abel.'—*Dathe*. For some reason the people there were celebrated for their sagacity.

CHAP. XXI.—1. *slew*, &c. contrary to oath, Josh. ix. 15. This deed of Saul is not recorded, but sup-

2 And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but ^a of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.)

3 Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and where-with shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless ^b the inheritance of the LORD?

4 And the Gibeonites said unto him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What ye shall say, that will I do for you.

5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel,

6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, ^c whom ^f the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give them.

7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of ^h the LORD's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

8 But the king took the two sons of ^g Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of [†] Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholahite:

9 And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill [†] before the LORD: and they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest.

10 [†] And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, [†] from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

12 [†] And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of [†] Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the street of Bethshan, where the Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa:

13 And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

14 And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in [†] Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was intreated for the land.

15 [†] Moreover the Philistines had yet

B. C. 1021.

^a Jos. 9. 3, 15.

17.

^{*} or, Rapha.

[†] the staff,

or, the head

^b ch. 20. 19.

^c or, It is not

silver nor

gold that

we have to

do with

Saul or his

house, nei-

ther per-
tains it to

us to kill.

^c ch. 18. 3.

[§] candle, or,

lamp.

^d 1 Ki. 11. 36.

15. 4.

Ps. 132. 17.

|| or, cut us

off.

^e 1 Ch. 11. 29.

^{*} or, Sippai.

[†] or, Ropha.

[‡] or, Jair.

[§] or, chosen

of the

LORD.

^f 1 Sa. 10. 24.

^g 1 Ch. 20. 5, 6.

^h 1 Sa. 23. 18.

|| or, Rapha.

ch. 3. 7.

^{*} or, re-

proached.

1 Sa. 17. 10.

25. 26.

[†] 1 Sa. 16. 9.

Shammah.

[†] or, Michal's

sister.

^m 1 Ch. 20. 8.

[†] bare to

Adriel.

1 Sa. 18. 19.

ⁿ ch. 6. 17.

^o Ps. 18. title.

34. 19.

^p De. 32. 4.

Ps. 31. 3.

71. 3.

91. 2.

^r De. 21. 23.

^s He. 2. 13.

^t Ge. 15. 1.

^u Lu. 1. 69.

^v Pr. 18. 10.

^x Ps. 9. 9.

Je. 16. 19.

[§] or, pangs.

|| Belial.

^y 1 Sa. 31. 11.

[§] or, cords.

^z Ps. 116. 3, 4.

Ps. 120. 1.

Jon. 2. 2.

^b Ps. 97. 4.

^c Job 26. 11.

[†] by.

^d Jos. 18. 28.

^e Hab. 3. 5.

^f He. 12. 29.

^g Jos. 7. 26.

^h Is. 61. 1.

ⁱ Ex. 20. 21.

1 Ki. 8. 12.

war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint.

16 And Ishbi-benob, which was of the sons of ^{*} the giant, the weight of [†] whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David.

17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, ^c Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the [§] light ^d of Israel.

18 And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then ^{*} Sibbechai the Hushathite slew ^{*} Saph, which was of the sons of [†] the giant.

19 And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, slew [†] the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to ^{||} the giant.

21 And when he ^{*} defied Israel, Jonathan the son of [†] Shimeah the brother of David slew him.

22 These ^m four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAP. XXII.

AND David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had [†] delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

2 And he said, ^p The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

3 The God of my rock; ^a in him will I trust: he is my [†] shield, and the [†] horn of my salvation, my high ^v tower, and my ^{*} refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

4 I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

5 When the [§] waves of death compassed me, the floods of ^{||} ungodly men made me afraid;

6 The ^{*} sorrows ^z of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;

7 In my distress ^a I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears.

8 Then ^b the earth shook and trembled; ^c the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth.

9 There went up a smoke [†] out of his nostrils, and [†] fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

10 He ^b bowed the heavens also, and came down; and ^a darkness was under his feet.

11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did

posed to have been at Nob, (1 Sa. xxii. 18, 19,) where they were hewers of wood, &c. 6. sons, descendants. 8. the king took, &c. in human courts, the son was not to die for the father, Deut. xxiv. 16, but in Divine judgments, He who knows all hearts may act otherwise, Exod. ix. 5. 9. all seven, perhaps they had some share in Saul's crime. 10. until water dropped,

until rain fell, which showed that Jehovah was appeased. suffered neither, having assistants. 16. sword, may be here girdle or armour, the word being supplied. 17. light, i. e. joy, glory. 18. Gob, in 1 Chr. xx. 4, called Gezer; perhaps it had two names.

CHAP. XXII.—1. And David spake, &c. this chapter is the same as Psalm xviii.: see the notes there.

fly: and he was seen ^a upon the wings of the wind.

12 And he made darkness pavilions round about him, ^a dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

13 Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.

14 The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice.

15 And he sent out ^a arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.

16 And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the ^a rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his ^a nostrils.

17 He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of ^a many waters;

18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.

19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

20 He ^a brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

21 The ^a LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the ^a cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23 For all his judgments were before me: and as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.

24 I was also ^a upright ^a before him, and have kept myself from mine iniquity.

25 Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness ^a in his eye sight.

26 With ^a the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, and with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.

27 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt ^a shew thyself unsavoury.

28 And ^a the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes are upon ^a the haughty, that thou mayest bring them down.

29 For thou art my ^a lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.

30 For by thee I have ^a run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

31 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is ^a tried; he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

32 For ^a who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?

33 God is my ^a strength and power: and he ^a maketh my ^a way perfect.

34 He ^a maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and ^a setteth me upon my high places.

35 He teacheth my hands ^a to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath ^a made me great.

37 Thou hast ^a enlarged my steps under me; so that my ^a feet did not slip.

B. C. 1018.

^a Ps. 104. 3.

^a binding of waters.

^b Mal. 4. 3.

[†] caused to bow.

^c De. 32. 23.

^d Pr. 1. 28.

^e Is. 1. 15.

^f Ex. 15. 8.

^g Na. 1. 4.

^h Mat. 8. 26.

[†] or, anger.

ⁱ Ps. 74. 1.

^j or, great.

^k Is. 10. 6.

^l Zec. 10. 5.

^m ch. 3. 1.

ⁿ 19. 9, 14.

^o Ps. 2. 8.

^p Is. 55. 5.

^q Ps. 31. 8.

^r 118. 5.

^s || Sons of the stranger.

^t lie, or, yield feigned obedience.

^u De. 33. 29.

^v Ps. 81. 15.

^w 1 Sa. 26. 23.

^x 1 Ki. 8. 32.

^y Ps. 24. 4.

^z || giveth vengeance for me.

^{aa} 1 Sa. 25. 39.

^{ab} Job 1. 1.

^{ac} || to him.

^{ad} Ps. 140. 1.

^{ae} Ro. 15. 9.

^{af} || before his eyes.

^{ag} Ps. 144. 10.

^{ah} Mat. 5. 7.

^{ai} || Ps. 89. 20.

^{aj} || or, wrestle.

^{ak} Ps. 18. 26.

^{al} || Ps. 78. 70, 71.

^{am} || Ps. 72. 12, 13.

^{an} Da. 4. 37.

^{ao} || or, candle.

^{ap} Job 29. 3.

^{aq} || 2 Pe. 1. 21.

^{ar} || or, broken a troop.

^{as} De. 32. 4, 31.

^{at} || or, Be thou ruler, &c.

^{au} Ps. 110. 2.

^{av} Pr. 4. 18.

^{aw} Ho. 6. 5.

^{ax} || or, refined.

^{ay} Is. 45. 6.

^{az} || Ps. 27. 1.

^{ba} Is. 12. 2.

^{bb} || riddeth, or, looseth.

^{bc} He. 13. 21.

^{bd} Is. 53. 3.

^{be} || equalleth.

^{bf} De. 32. 13.

^{bg} || for the war.

^{bh} || multiplied me.

^{bi} Pr. 4. 12.

^{bj} || ankles.

^{bk} || filled.

38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.

39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen ^a under my feet.

40 For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou ^a subdued under me.

41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

42 They looked, but there was none to save; even ^a unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them ^a as the mire of the street, and did spread them abroad.

44 Thou ^a also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me to be ^a head of the heathen: ^a a people which I knew not shall serve me.

45 || Strangers shall ^a submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.

46 Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places.

47 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

48 It is God that ^a avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me.

49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the ^a violent man.

50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among ^a the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.

51 He ^a is the tower of salvation for his king: and sheweth mercy to his ^a anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.

CHAP. XXIII.

NOW these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, ^a and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

2 The ^a Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.

3 The God of Israel said, ^a the Rock of Israel spake to me, ^a He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

4 And ^a he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

5 Although my house be not so with God; ^a yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow.

6 ^a But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands:

7 But the man that shall touch them must be ^a fenced with iron and the staff

CHAP. XXIII.—1. last words, not the last he spoke, which are in chap. xxiv. and 1 Kin. i., but in some other sense, perhaps the last prophetic words. raised, &c. exalted from the sheepfolds. 2. in my tongue, I spake by his suggestion. 3. He that ruleth, some render, ^a There shall be a ruler over men, just, ruling

in the fear of God. 4. light of the morning, a sun that never scorches. Some apply these prophecies to Christ. 5. Although, &c. ^a Is not my house thus with God? For with me he hath made an everlasting covenant, wisely ordered, &c.—Boothroyd. 6. sons of Belial, lawless or wicked men. 7. fenced with

of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place.

8 ¶ These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: * The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Ezrite: he lifted up his spear against eight hundred, † whom he slew at one time.

9 And after him was ^a Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahoite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away:

10 He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil.

11 And after him was ^c Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. † And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines.

12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.

13 And † three ^k of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto [†] the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in ^k the valley of Rephaim.

14 And David was then in [†] an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem.

15 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate!

16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD.

17 And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: is not [†] this [†] the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

18 And ^c Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, † and slew them, and had the name among three.

19 Was he not most honourable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the first three.

20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of [†] Kabzeel, * who had done many acts, [†] he slew two † lion-like men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow:

21 And he slew an Egyptian, † a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with

B. C. 1018.

* or, Josheb-bassebet the Tachmonite, head of the three.

† or, honourable among the thirty.

† slain.

^a 1 Ch. 11. 12. 27. 4.

[§] at his command, or, over his council.

1 Sa. 22. 14.

^b ch. 8. 18.

20. 23.

^c ch. 2. 18.

^d Ge. 35. 19.

^e 1 Ch. 11. 27.

^f 1 Ch. 11. 13, 14.

|| or, for foraging.

* or, vallies.

De. 1. 24.

[§] Ju. 2. 9.

† or, the three captains over the thirty.

^h 1 Ch. 11. 15.

ⁱ 1 Sa. 22. 1.

^k ch. 5. 18.

^l 1 Sa. 22. 4. 5.

^m ch. 20. 26.

ⁿ ch. 11. 3, 6.

^o ch. 21. 1.

† Satan.

1 Ch. 21. 1.

Ja. 1. 13, 14.

^p 1 Ch. 27. 23, 24.

^q Le. 17. 10.

[§] or, Compass.

^r Ju. 20. 1.

^s Je. 17. 5.

^t 1 Ch. 11. 20.

|| slain.

|| Jos. 15. 21.

* great of acts.

^v Ex. 15. 15.

1 Ch. 11. 22.

† lions of God

‡ a man of countenance, or, sight:

called,

1 Ch. 11. 23,

a man of great stature.

^x De. 2. 36.

Jos. 13. 9, 16.

[§] or, valley.

^y Nu. 32. 1, 3.

a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

22 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men.

23 He was † more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him [§] over his ^b guard.

24 Asahel [†] the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of ^d Beth-lehem,

25 Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite,

26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkezh the Tekoite,

27 Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunmai the Hushathite,

28 Zalmon the Ahoite, Maharai the Netophathite,

29 Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeath of the children of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the * brooks of [§] Gaash,

31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,

32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,

33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite,

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

35 Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Nahari the Beerothite, armourbearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah,

38 Ira ^m an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite.

39 Uriah ⁿ the Hittite: thirty and seven in all.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND again ^o the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, ^p Go, number Israel and Judah.

2 For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, [§] Go now through all the tribes of Israel, ^r from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that ^s I may know the number of the people.

3 And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundred-fold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?

4 Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.

5 ¶ And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in ^t Aroer, on the right side of the city that lieth in the midst of the [§] river of Gad, and toward ^y Jazer:

iron, &c. armed with an axe and the shaft of a spear. 8. Tachmonite, or Hachmonite, 1 Chron. xi. 11: a name, as the Jews say, given him for his wisdom. 13. three of the thirty, or three that were chiefs of the thirty, superior to them. 15. the well, the spring of his native place. 17. the blood, so he calls water obtained at the hazard of their lives; and blood was

to be poured out, Lev. xvii. 11. 23. guard, body guard, the Cherethites and Pelethites, chap. viii. 18. CHAP. XXIV.—1. he moved. David was moved. 4. An adversary moved.—Boothroyd. Go, number, David projected ambitious conquests, and could not look to God for help, but reckoned on the numbers of his people: so Michaelis. 5. in the midst, 'within,'

6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to ^b Dan-jaan, and about to ^c Zidon,

7 And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, *even* to Beer-sheba.

8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9 And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: *f* and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

10 [†] And ^g David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, ^h I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have ⁱ done very foolishly.

11 For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet ^j Gad, David's ^k seer, saying,

12 Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three *things*; choose thee one of them, that I may *do it* unto thee.

13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, ^l Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.

14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; ^m for his mercies are ⁿ great: and ^o let me not fall into the hand of man.

15 ^p So ^q the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men.

16 And ^r when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, ^s the LORD repented him of the evil, and

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^t or, *neither land newly inhabited.*

^u Is. 27. 8.

^v 40. 1. 2.

^w 57. 16.

^x 2 Co. 2. 6.

^y Jos. 19. 47.

^z Ja. 19. 29.

^{aa} Jos. 19. 28.

^{ab} Ju. 18. 28.

^{ac} ver. 18.

^{ad} 1 Ch. 21. 15.

^{ae} Ornan.

^{af} 2 Ch. 3. 1.

^{ag} 1 Ch. 21. 17.

^{ah} &c.

^{ai} 1 Ch. 21. 5.

^{aj} Araniah.

^{ak} 1 Sa. 24. 5.

^{al} ch. 12. 13.

^{am} 1 Sa. 13. 13.

^{an} k Ge. 23. 8. 16

^{ao} 1 Sa. 22. 5.

^{ap} 1 Sa. 9. 9.

^{aq} 1 Ch. 29. 29.

^{ar} Nu. 16. 48. 50

^{as} Ps. 106. 30.

^{at} 1 Ki. 19. 21.

^{au} 1 Ch. 21. 12.

^{av} Is. 32. 8.

^{aw} Eze. 20. 40.

^{ax} 41.

^{ay} 1 Pe. 2. 5.

^{az} Ps. 103. 8, 13.

^{ba} 14.

^{bb} 119. 156.

^{bc} or, *many.*

^{bd} Mal. 1. 12. 14

^{be} Is. 47. 6.

^{bf} Zec. 1. 15.

^{bg} 1 Ch. 21. 14.

^{bh} 15.

^{bi} 27. 24.

^{bj} Ex. 12. 23.

^{bk} z ch. 21. 14.

^{bl} a Ge. 6. 6.

^{bm} 1 Sa. 15. 11.

^{bn} Ps. 78. 38.

^{bo} Joel 2. 13, 14

said to the angel that destroyed the people,

^a It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of ^d Araunah the Jebusite.

17 And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, ^e I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

18 ^f And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of [†] Araunah the Jebusite.

19 And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded.

20 And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground.

21 And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? ^h And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that ⁱ the plague may be stayed from the people.

22 And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: ^j behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood.

23 All these *things* did Araunah, ^k as the king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God ^l accept thee.

24 And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy *it* of thee at a price: ^m neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. ⁿ So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

1. e. on the interior side of the torrent. 15. *seventy thousand*, about one in twenty. 17. *saw the angel*, probably, a ministering spirit. 18. *threshing floor*, a round plot in the open air, where the corn is trodden out by oxen. 23. *did Araunah, as a king*, &c. 'Araunah offered to give to the king.'—*Booth-*

royd, following the Greek, Syriac, Arabic, &c. 24. *fifty shekels*, in 1 Chron. xxi. 25 we read, 'five hundred shekels of gold'; in Samuel the price of the floor is thought to be stated; and Chronicles include the land around: see *Table of Weights*. 25. *burnt offerings*, to expiate sin. *peace offerings*, to give thanks.

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CHAP. I.

NOW king David was old and ^a stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.

2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let [†] there be sought for my lord the king [‡] a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her [§] cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat.

3 So they sought for a fair damsel

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^a entered

^b into days.

^c Jos. 19. 18.

^d & them seek.

^e † a damsel,

^f a virgin.

^g 2 Sa. 3. 4.

^h § be a che-

ⁱ risher unto

^j || reign.

throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a ^a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

5 [†] Then [‡] Adonijah the son of Hagarth exalted himself, saying, I will [§] be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

6 And his father had not displeased him

CHAP. I.—2. *cherish*, nurse. 3. *Abishag*, clearly a concubine, chap. ii. 22. *Shunammite*, born at Shu-

nem, in Issachar, Josh. xix. 18. 6. *displeased*, 'cor-
rected.'—*Fulg.* 'grieved him.'—*Boothroyd*.

*at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom.

7 And the conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with ^c Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped him.

8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and ^e Shimei, and Rei, and ^f the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by ^h En-rogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants:

10 But ⁱ Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

11 ¶ Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of ^k Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not?

12 Now therefore come, ^l let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and ^m the life of thy son Solomon.

13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, ¶ Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign?

14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and ⁿ confirm thy words.

15 ¶ And Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old: and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king.

16 And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And ^o the king said, ^p What wouldest thou?

17 And she said unto him, ^q My lord, ^r thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.

18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not:

19 And ^s he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldst tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall ^t sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted ^u offenders.

22 ¶ And lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, ^v he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

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* from his days.

a 2 Sa. 3. 3, 4.

1 Ch. 3. 2.

† his words were with Joab.

b ver. 19.

c 2 Sa. 20. 25.

d ch. 2. 22, 28.

‡ helped after Adonijah.

e ch. 4. 18.

f 2 Sa. 23. 8.

§ Let king Adonijah live.

|| or, the well Rogel.

2 Sa. 17. 17.

¶ 2 Sa. 12. 1. &c.

* before the king.

h 2 Sa. 3. 4.

i 2 Sa. 4. 9.

Ps. 34. 19, 22.

72. 14.

136. 24.

138. 7.

k Pr. 11. 14.

27. 9.

l ver. 17.

m Ju. 9. 5.

2 Ki. 11. 1.

2 Ch. 21. 4.

n 1 Ch. 22. 9.

o Ne. 2. 3.

Da. 2. 4.

† fill up.

f 2 Sa. 20. 6.

‡ the mule which be- longeth to me.

Es. 6. 8.

r 2 Ch. 32. 30.

s Es. 7. 2.

Mat. 20. 21.

32.

§ What to thee?

t ch. 19. 16.

1 Sa. 10. 1.

16. 3, 12.

2 Sa. 2. 4.

5. 3.

2 Ki. 9. 3.

11. 12.

u Ge. 18. 12.

1 Pe. 3. 6.

v 2 Sa. 15. 10.

2 Ki. 9. 13.

11. 14.

x ver. 30.

y ver. 7. 9, 25.

z Jos. 1. 5. 17.

1 Sa. 20. 13.

a ver. 47.

b 2 Sa. 8. 18.

23. 20. 23.

c ch. 2. 10.

De. 31. 16.

|| sinners.

d Ex. 30. 23, 25.

32.

Ps. 89. 20.

e 1 Ch. 29. 22.

f 1 Sa. 10. 24.

* or, flutes.

g Ro. 13. 7.

1 Pe. 2. 17.

24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

25 For ^h he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, ⁱ God save king Adonijah.

26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

28 ¶ Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba. And she came ^k into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

29 And the king sware, and said, As the LORD liveth, ^l that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

30 Even ^m as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, ⁿ Let my lord king David live for ever.

32 ¶ And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.

33 The king also said unto them, ^o Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon ^p mine own mule, and bring him down to ^q Gihon:

34 And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet ^r anoint him there king over Israel: and ^s blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so too.

37 As ^t the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and ^u make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and ^v Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon.

39 And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and ^w anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; ^x and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with ^y pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

41 ¶ And Adonijah and all the guests

his mother, but not the mother of Absalom, who was Maacah, 2 Sam. iii. 3. 7. helped him, took his side, for he was the oldest surviving son, but the monarchy was not hereditary. 9. slew sheep, &c. made a banquet. En-rogel, a fountain in the royal gardens; the

orientals have their banquets near such fountains and under trees. 12. life of—Solomon, eastern monarchs often destroy other branches of the royal house. 13. swear, this oath is not recorded. 33. mine own mule, evidently distinguished from those

that *were* with him heard it ^a as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is *this* noise of the city being in an uproar?

42 And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for *thou art* a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule:

45 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard.

46 And also Solomon ^o sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

47 And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. "And the king bowed himself upon the bed.

48 And also thus said the king, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which hath ^a given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.

49 And ^a all the guests that *were* with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

50 "And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

52 And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, ^a there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

CHAP. II.

NOW the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

2 I ^m go the way of all the earth: ^a be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;

3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper ^p in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

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^a Job 20. 4. 5.
Pr. 14. 13.
Ec. 7. 4. 6.
Lu. 17. 26. 29.

^b 2 Sa. 7. 25.
^c Ps. 132. 12.
^d 2 Ki. 20. 3.
^e ch. 8. 25.
^f 2 Sa. 7. 12. 13.

^g *he cut off from thee from the throne.*

^h 2 Sa. 18. 27.
ⁱ 2 Sa. 3. 39. 18. 5. 7.

^j 2 Sa. 3. 27.
^k 2 Sa. 20. 10.
^l *put.*

^m Pr. 20. 26.
ⁿ 2 Sa. 12. 31. 38.

^o 2 Sa. 9. 7. 10. 19. 28.
^p 2 Sa. 17. 27.
^q 1 Ch. 29. 23.

^r 2 Sa. 16. 5.
^s *strong.*
^t ver. 37.

^u 2 Sa. 19. 18.
^v 2 Sa. 19. 23.
^w Ge. 47. 31.

^x Ex. 20. 7.
^y Job 9. 28.
^z ch. 3. 6.

^{aa} Ge. 42. 38.
^{ab} 44. 31.
^{ac} Pr. 28. 1.

^{ad} Is. 21. 4. 5.
^{ae} Da. 5. 4. 6.
^{af} ch. 1. 21.

^{ag} Ac. 2. 29.
^{ah} 13. 36.
^{ai} 2 Sa. 5. 7.

^{aj} 1 Ch. 29. 26. 27.
^{ak} ch. 2. 28.

^{al} 2 Ch. 1. 1.
^{am} 1 Sa. 16. 4. 5.
^{an} 1 Sa. 14. 45.

^{ao} 2 Sa. 14. 11.
^{ap} Ac. 27. 34.
^{aq} ch. 1. 5.

^{ar} 2 Sa. 14. 24. 28.
^{as} Pr. 24. 21.

^{at} 1 Ch. 22. 9. 10. 28. 5. 7.
^{au} Pr. 21. 30.
^{av} Da. 2. 21.

^{aw} *turn not away my face.*
^{ax} Ps. 132. 10.

^{ay} Ge. 47. 29.
^{az} De. 31. 14.
^{ba} Jos. 23. 14.

^{bb} De. 17. 19. 20.
^{bc} ch. 1. 3. 4.
^{bd} *or, do wisely*

^{be} 1 Sa. 18. 5. 14. 40.
^{bf} De. 29. 9.
^{bg} Jos. 1. 7.

^{bh} Ex. 20. 12.

4 That the LORD may ^b continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, ^c If thy children take heed to their way, to ^d walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, ^e there shall not ^f fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

5 Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah ^g did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto ^h Abner the son of Ner, and unto ⁱ Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and ^j shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet.

6 Do therefore ^k according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

7 But shew kindness unto the sons of ^l Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that ^m eat at thy table: for so ⁿ they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.

8 And, behold, *thou hast* with thee ^p Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a ^q grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but ^r he came down to meet me at Jordan, and ^s I swore to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword.

9 Now therefore ^t hold him not guiltless: for thou *art* a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head ^u bring thou down to the grave with blood.

10 So ^v David slept with his fathers, and was buried in ^w the city of David.

11 And the days that David ^x reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

12 "Then ^y sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

13 "And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, ^z Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on.

15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was ^a mine, and *that* all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for ^b it was his from the LORD.

16 And now I ask one petition of thee, ^c deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on.

17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me ^d Abishag the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.

19 "Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and ^e bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for

of the princes, and no subject dared to ride on it. 42. *valiant*, 'worthy.' 46. *sitteth*, &c. reigneth conjointly with David. 50. *caught hold*, &c. the Jewish law provided no such asylum; it seems to have been a custom borrowed from the heathen.

CHAP. II.—4. *continue*, 'confirm.' 5. *the blood of war*, shed then, he shed in peace. 9. *hold him*

not guiltless, Shimei seems to have been an irreconcilable enemy to the dynasty, and peace of the kingdom; and as such, he was transferred to Solomon, who punished him for a different offence from that committed against David. 10. *city of David*, that part of Jerusalem named after himself. 15. *mine*, by right of primogeniture. *set their faces on me*,

the king's mother; ^a and she sat on his right hand.

20 Then she said, ^c I desire one small petition of thee; ^d I pray thee, say me not nay. And the king said unto her, ^e Ask on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay.

21 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

22 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, ^a And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for ^b Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, ^k God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah ^m have not spoken this word against his own life.

24 Now therefore, as the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he ^o promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

25 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died.

26 ⁿ And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to ^p Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art ^q worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, ^r because thou barest the ark of the LORD God before David my father, and because ^s thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might ^t fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

28 ^u Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab ^v had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and ^w caught hold on the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, ^x he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him.

30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.

31 And the king said unto him, ^y Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; ^z that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

32 And the LORD ^{aa} shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous ^{ab} and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing thereof, ^{ac} to wit, ^{ad} Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and ^{ae} Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah.

33 Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and ^{af} upon the

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^a Ps. 45. 9.^b Pr. 25. 5.^c Mat. 20. 20.^d Mat. 7. 7. 11.^e 18. 19.^f Mar. 11. 24.^g Jno. 14. 13.^h 14. 15.ⁱ Ja. 4. 3.^j Nu. 25. 11.^k 13.^l 1 Sa. 2. 35.^m 1 Ch. 6. 53.ⁿ 24. 3.^o ver. 27.^p ver. 8.^q 2 Sa. 16. 5.^r ch. 1. 7.^s Ru. 1. 17.^t 2 Sa. 15. 23.^u Ps. 64. 8.^v 140. 9.^w Pr. 18. 6. 7.^x Ec. 10. 12.^y Le. 20. 9.^z Jos. 2. 29.^{aa} 2 Sa. 1. 16.^{ab} 2 Sa. 7. 11. 13.^{ac} 1 Ch. 22. 10.^{ad} 1 Sa. 27. 2.^{ae} Jos. 21. 18.^{af} a man of death.^{ag} 1 Sa. 23. 6.^{ah} 2 Sa. 15. 21.^{ai} 29.^{aj} 1 Sa. 22. 20.^{ak} 23.^{al} 1 Sa. 2. 31.^{am} 36.^{an} 3. 12. 14.^{ao} Mat. 26. 56.^{ap} Ps. 15. 4.^{aq} ch. 1. 7.^{ar} De. 32. 35.^{as} ch. 1. 50.^{at} Ec. 8. 2.^{au} Ro. 13. 5.^{av} 2 Sa. 16. 5.^{aw} Jno. 8. 9.^{ax} Ro. 2. 15.^{ay} 1 Jno. 3. 20.^{az} Pr. 5. 22.^{ba} Eze. 17. 19.^{bb} Ho. 4. 9.^{bc} Pr. 25. 5.^{bd} Ex. 21. 14.^{be} Nu. 35. 33.^{bf} De. 19. 13.^{bg} 21. 8, 9.^{bh} 2 Ki. 9. 26.^{bi} Pr. 28. 17.^{bj} 2 Ch. 1. 1.^{bk} Ju. 9. 24. 57.^{bl} Ps. 7. 16.^{bm} 2 Ch. 21. 13.^{bn} ch. 7. 8.^{bo} 9. 24.^{bp} 2 Sa. 3. 27.^{bq} 2 Sa. 5. 5.^{br} 2 Sa. 20. 10.^{bs} ch. 7. 1.^{bt} ch. VI.^{bu} 2 Sa. 3. 29.^{bv} ch. 22. 43.^{bw} Le. 17. 3. 5.^{bx} De. 12. 2, 4, 5.

head of his seed for ever: ^b but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the LORD.

34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

35 ⁿ And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and ^o Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of ^p Abiathar.

36 ^q And the king sent and called for ^r Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither.

37 For it shall be, ^s that on the day thou goest out, and passest over ^t the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: ^u thy blood shall be upon thine own head.

38 And Shimei said unto the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

39 And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto ^v Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants be in Gath.

40 And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath.

41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again.

42 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, ^w Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word that I have heard is good.

43 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and ^x the commandment that I have charged thee with?

44 The king said moreover to Shimei, ^y Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the LORD shall ^z return thy wickedness upon thine own head;

45 And king Solomon ^{aa} shall be blessed, and ^{ab} the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever.

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the ^{ac} kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

CHAP. III.

AND ^d Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the ^e city of David, until he had made an end of building his ^f own house, and ^g the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

2 Only ^h the people sacrificed in high

^a regarded me.' 19. right hand, place of dignity. 22. ask—the kingdom, to possess the king's wives and concubines indicated a right to the throne. 23. against his own life, being an act of treason. 25. by—Benaiah, the public executioner in the east was often a great personage. 27. thrust out Abiathar, from this time the line by Eli was expelled the

priesthood, as predicted 1 Sam. ii. 31—35. 34. in his own house, in a sepulchre within its precincts. 46. fell upon him, for perjury and disobedience.

CHAP. III.—1. Pharaoh's daughter, to wife; many think she became a proselyte. He had a wife before: compare chap. xi. 42; xiv. 21. building—the wall, this was no doubt built before, but it was probably

places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD, until those days.

3 And Solomon ^a loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; ^c for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

5 ^f In ^d Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon ^e in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great ^g mercy, according as he ^f walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: ^h and I ^g am but a little child: I know not ^h how ^h to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou ⁱ hast chosen, a great people, ^k that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9 Give ^m therefore thy servant an [†] understanding heart [†] to judge thy people, that I may ^o discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast ^p not asked for thyself ^q long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding ^q to discern judgment;

12 Behold, ^r I have done according to thy words: ^s lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

13 And I have also ^t given thee that which thou hast not asked, both ^v riches, and honour: so that there ^u shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, ^w as thy father David did walk, then I will ^w lengthen thy days.

15 And Solomon ^x awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and ^y made a feast to all his servants.

16 ^z Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman

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^a De. 6. 5.

^b 30. 16, 20.

^c Ps. 31. 23.

^d Ro. 8. 28.

^e 1 Co. 8. 3.

^f Jno. 3. 20.

^g 1 Ch. 16. 39.

^h 2 Ch. 1. 7, &c.

ⁱ Nu. 12. 6.

^j Mat. 1. 20.

^k 2. 13, 19.

^l or, bounty.

^m ch. 2. 4.

ⁿ 9. 4.

^o 2 Ki. 20. 3.

^p Ps. 15. 2.

^q 1 Ch. 29. 1.

^r Nu. 27. 17.

^s De. 7. 6.

^t Ge. 13. 16.

^u 15. 5.

^v Ge. 43. 30.

^w Is. 49. 15.

^x Je. 31. 20.

^y Ho. 11. 8.

^z Pr. 2. 3, 9.

[†] Ja. 1. 5.

[†] hearing.

[†] were hot.

[†] Ps. 72. 1, 2.

[†] He. 5. 14.

[†] Ja. 4. 3.

[†] many days

[†] in the midst

[†] of him.

[†] to hear.

[†] 1 Jno. 5. 14.

[†] 15.

[†] ch. 10. 24.

[†] Ec. 1. 16.

[†] or, the chief

[†] officer.

[†] or, secre-

[†] taries.

[†] 2 Sa. 8. 16.

[†] 20. 24.

[†] Mat. 6. 33.

[†] Ep. 3. 20.

[†] or, remem-

[†] brancer.

[†] ch. 10. 23, 25,

[†] &c.

[†] Pr. 3. 16.

[†] ch. 2. 35.

[†] or, hath not

[†] been.

[†] ch. 2. 27.

[†] ch. 15. 5.

[†] 2 Sa. 8. 18.

[†] 20. 26.

[†] 2 Sa. 15. 37.

[†] 1 Ch. 27. 33.

[†] Ps. 91. 16.

[†] Pr. 3. 2.

[†] Ge. 41. 7.

[†] ch. 5. 14.

[†] or, levy.

[†] ch. 8. 65.

[†] Ge. 40. 20.

[†] Es. 1. 3.

[†] Da. 5. 1.

[†] Mar. 6. 21.

[†] or, Ben-hur

[†] or, Ben-

[†] dekar.

[†] or, Ben-

[†] hesed.

was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.

19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.

20 And ^b she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in my bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.

22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.

23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.

24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for ^c her bowels yearend upon her son, and she said, O my lord, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.

27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.

28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was ^d in him, to do judgment.

CHAP. IV.

So king Solomon was king over all Israel.

2 And these were the princes which he had: Azariah the son of Zadok ^e the priest, 3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, ^f scribes; ^g Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder.

4 And ^h Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host, and Zadok and ⁱ Abiathar were the priests:

5 And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan was principal officer, and ^j the king's friend:

6 And Ahishar was over the household: and ^k Adoniram the son of Abda was over the ^l tribute.

7 ^m And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.

8 And these are their names: ⁿ The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim:

9 [†] The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan:

10 [†] The son of Heshed, in Aruboth; to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hephher:

enlarged; David interested himself in it, Psal. 11. 18. 3. in high places, this was an irregularity. 4. the great high place, the tabernacle being there, and therefore it was the proper place for worship. 7. a little child, 'a very young man,' then about twenty; or it may be a figure, 'as a little child, unable to walk firmly.' to go out, &c. to conduct affairs. 15. a dream, but one way of Divine revelation to God's prophets. 16. harlots, or tavern keepers;

for mere harlots would not have ventured into the king's presence. 27. she is the mother, an infallible decision. 28. feared, 'reverenced.'

CHAP. IV.—2. princes, i. e. principal officers. 3. scribes, like our clerks of court, writing down causes, examining witnesses, &c. 4. priests, high priests. 5. the officers, the governors of provinces.—Booths. 7. provided victuals, collected revenues, paid in the produce of the soil. each man his month, taking

11 *The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

12 Baana the son of Ahilud; to him pertained Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, even unto the place that is beyond Jokneam:

13 †The son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him pertained ^c the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him also pertained ^f the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brasen bars:

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo had ^g Mahanaim:

15 Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

16 Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Alloth:

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:

18 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin:

19 Geber the son of Uri was in the country of Gilead, in ^m the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer which was in the land.

20 †Judah and Israel were many, ^c as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, ^p eating and drinking, and making merry.

21 And ^a Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from ^t the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: ^v they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 †And Solomon's ^h provision for one day was thirty ^{*} measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,

23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallow-deer, and fatted fowl.

24 For he had dominion over all the region on this side the river, from Tiph-sah even to Azzah, over ^b all the kings on this side the river: and ^c he had peace on all sides round about him.

25 And Judah and Israel ^d dwelt [†] safely, ^e every man under his vine and under his fig tree, ^f from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

26 †And ^a Solomon had forty thousand stalls of [†] horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

27 And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.

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* or, Ben-abinadab.
† or, mules,
or, swift
beasts.

Es. 8. 14.

Mi. 1. 13.

a ch. 3. 12.

† or, Ben-geber.

b Ge. 25. 6.

c Nu. 32. 41.

d Ac. 7. 22.

e ch. 3. 12.

f De. 3. 4.

g 1 Ch. 15. 19.

Ps. 89. title.

h 1 Ch. 2. 6.

6. 33.

Ps. 88. title.

§ or, to Mahanaim.

i Pr. 1. 1.

Ec. 12. 9.

k Ca. 1. 1.

l ch. 10. 1.

2 Ch. 9. 1, 23.

m De. 3. 8.

n 2 Ch. 2. 3.

Huram.

o ch. 3. 8.

Ge. 22. 17.

Pr. 14. 28.

p Ps. 72. 3, 7.

Mt. 4. 4.

r 2 Sa. 5. 11.

1 Ch. 14. 1.

Am. 1. 9.

s 2 Ch. 9. 26.

Ps. 72. 8.

t Ge. 15. 18.

Jos. 1. 4.

v Ps. 68. 29.

x 1 Ch. 22. 8.

28. 3.

|| bread.

* cors.

y Ps. 110. 1.

Mal. 4. 3.

z ch. 4. 24.

2 Ch. 22. 9.

† say.

a 2 Sa. 7. 13.

1 Ch. 17. 12.

22. 10.

b Ps. 72. 11.

c 1 Ch. 22. 9.

d Je. 23. 6.

e confidently.

f Zec. 3. 10.

g 2 Ch. 2. 8, 10.

h Ju. 20. 1.

i 2 Ch. 1. 14.

j De. 17. 16.

§ say.

25 Barley also and straw for the horses and [†] dromedaries brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge.

29 † And ^a God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children ^b of the east country, and all ^d the wisdom of Egypt.

31 For he was ^e wiser than all men; ^f than Ethan the Ezrahite, ^h and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

32 And ⁱ he spake three thousand proverbs: and his ^k songs were a thousand and five.

33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

34 And [†] there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

CHAP. V.

AND ^a Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: ^r for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, 3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God ^a for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD ^d put them under the soles of his feet.

4 But now the LORD my God hath given me ^e rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

5 And, behold, I [†] purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, ^a as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.

6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me ^f cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt ^g appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

7 † And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the

their turns monthly. 19. the only officer, rather, 'the first or chief officer.' 21. all kingdoms, over the provinces. from the river, Euphrates. These boundaries included Syria, Damascus, Moab, and Ammon.

22. measures, or cors, being each seventy-six gallons wine measure. 23. roebucks, or antelopes. fallow-deer, or buffaloes. fatted fowl, or game. Calvisius reckons the men fed daily by the king at 54,000! these must have included the guards, who had their rations. brought presents, 'were compelled to bring presents.'—Horsley.

25. under his vine, &c. not confined, for security, to fortified places, but scattered in the rural districts. 26. forty thousand stalls, in 2 Chron. ix. 25, it is four thousand; hence it is supposed that the horses are meant here, and the stalls there, adapted each for ten horses. 28. dromedaries, the word may signify a very swift kind of horse, which was necessary to communicate with the distant provinces; but the one-humped

camel, or dromedary, is very swift. 29. largeness, an intellectual capacity difficult to limit, as the sand on the sea shore.

30. children of the east, may mean Chaldeans, Persians, and Arabians, famed for knowledge; but some think that the word rendered 'east,' means 'ancients.' of Egypt, deemed the fountain of the arts and sciences: see Acts vii. 22. 31. than all men, may mean, of his own time, of all times. 32. three thousand, not one-third of which are in the sacred volume: many might be repetitions, or referring to matters not strictly within its limits.—Ed.

33. spake of trees, i. e. he was a natural historian. cedar, the most valuable product of the vegetable kingdom: hyssop, the least.

CHAP. V.—6. that they hew, &c. the Israelites were agriculturists, but the Tyrians skilled in cutting and preparing wood, and in architecture, &c. Sidonians, from this it appears that Tyre and Sidon formed one kingdom. 7. Blessed, &c. hence some infer that

LORD this day, which hath given unto David ^a a wise son over this great people.

8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have [†] considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: ^b and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt [§] appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, ^d in giving food for my household.

10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire.

11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand * measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as ^f he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

13 [†] And king Solomon raised a [†] levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home; and ^b Adoniram was over the levy.

15 And [†] Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains;

16 Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which ^{were} over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.

17 And the king commanded, and they hewed great stones, [†] costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the [†] stone-squarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

CHAP. VI.

AND ^o it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that [†] he [†] began to build the house of the LORD.

2 And [†] the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits ^{was} the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits ^{was} the breadth thereof before the house.

4 And for the house he made [†] windows [†] of narrow lights.

5 [†] And [†] against the wall of the house he built [†] chambers round about, against

B. C. 1014.

^a Pr. 13. 1.

23. 24.

* ribs.

† heard.

† narrow.

ings, or, re-

baisements.

^b 2 Ch. 2. 16.^c send.^d ch. 5. 18.

De. 27. 5, 6.

^e Ezr. 3. 7.

Eze. 27. 17.

Ac. 12. 20.

|| shoulder.

* cors.

^f ver. 38.

† or, the

vaultbeams

and the

ceilings

with cedar.

^f ch. 3. 12.

† tribute of

men.

^g ch. 2. 4.

9. 4.

^h ch. 4. 6.ⁱ ch. 9. 21.

2Ch. 2. 17, 18

^k 2 Sa. 7. 13.

1 Ch. 22. 10.

^l Ex. 25. 8.

Le. 26. 11.

2 Co. 6. 16.

Re. 21. 3.

^m De. 31. 6.ⁿ 1 Ch. 22. 2.

Is. 28. 16.

1Co. 3. 11, 12.

1 Pe. 2. 6, 7.

Re. 21. 14.

21.

^o or, from the

floor of the

house unto

the walls,

&c. and so,

ver. 16.

|| or, Gildiles.

Eze. 27. 9.

^p 2 Ch. 3. 1, 2.^q ch. 8. 6.

Ex. 26. 33.

Le. 16. 2.

2 Ch. 3. 8.

Eze. 45. 3.

Heb. 9. 3.

* or, gourds.

† openings

of flowers.

^r Ac. 7. 47.

† built.

^s Eze. 41. 1.

&c.

^t shut up.

|| or, win-

dows broad

within, and

narrow

without:

or, skewed

and closed.

^u Eze. 40. 16.

41. 16.

* or, upon,

or, joining

to.

† floors.

the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made * chambers round about:

6 The nethermost chamber ^{was} five cubits broad, and the middle ^{was} six cubits broad, and the third ^{was} seven cubits broad: for without in the wall of the house he made [†] narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

7 And ^o the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

8 The door for the middle chamber ^{was} in the right [†] side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

9 So ^o he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house [†] with beams and boards of cedar.

10 And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

11 [†] And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

12 Concerning this house which thou art in building, [§] if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, ^k which I spake unto David thy father:

13 And [†] I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not ^m forsake my people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, [§] both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the ^p most holy place.

17 And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits long.

18 And the cedar of the house within ^{was} carved with * knops and [†] open flowers: all ^{was} cedar; there was no stone seen.

19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

20 And the oracle in the forefront ^{was} twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with [§] pure gold; and ^o covered the altar which ^{was} of cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle: and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house:

Hiram worshipped God; but this might only be a courteous form of speaking. 8. fir, perhaps rather pine, cypress, or cedar. 9. sea, that is, the Mediterranean. floats, or rafts. accomplish, &c. satisfy my wishes. food, &c. wheat in exchange for timber. 15. hewers, of stone, the wood being hewn in Lebanon.

CHAP. VI.—2. threescore, &c. about one hundred and nine feet. twenty, &c. about thirty-six feet. thirty, &c. about eighteen feet. 4. windows, &c. probably latticed. 5. chambers, or galleries, chambers round, or 'side cells.' 15. built—within, wainscoted, as we say. 18. knops, egg-shaped. 20. pure gold, plates of gold.

The ornaments of the temple.

I. KINGS.

Solomon's other buildings.

also ^a the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 [†] And within the oracle ^b he made two cherubims of [†] olive tree, each ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubims were of one measure and one size.

26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub.

27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and [†] they ^c stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and [†] open flowers, within and without.

30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

31 [†] And for the entering of the oracle he made posts of olive tree: the lintel and side posts were [§] a fifth part of the wall.

32 The [¶] two doors also were of olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and [¶] open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees.

33 So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, [†] a fourth part of the wall.

34 And the two doors were of fir tree: the [§] two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.

35 And he carved thereon cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work.

36 [†] And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

37 [†] In [†] the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif:

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished [¶] throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he ^m seven years in building it.

CHAP. VII.

BUT Solomon was building his own house ⁿ thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

2 [†] He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

3 And it was covered with cedar above upon the ^{*} beams, that lay on forty five pillars, fifteen in a row.

B. C. 1005.

^a Ex. 30. 1, 3, 6.

^{*} sight against sight.

^b Ex. 37. 7. 9.

2 Ch. 3. 10. 12

[†] or, spaces and pillars were

square in prospect.

[†] trees of oil, or, oily.

[§] or, according to them

[¶] or, according to them

^{*} from floor to floor,

[†] or, the cherubims stretched forth their wings.

^c Ex. 25. 20.

37. 9.

2 Ch. 5. 8.

^d 2 Ch. 8. 11.

[†] openings of flowers.

[§] or, five-square.

^e Jno. 10. 23.

Ac. 3. 11.

[¶] or, leaves of the doors

^{*} openings of flowers.

^f ver. 40.

2 Ch. 4. 11.

Hiram.

^g 2 Ch. 2. 14.

[†] the son of a widow woman.

^h 2 Ch. 4. 16.

ⁱ Ex. 31. 3.

36. 1.

[†] or, four-square.

^j Eze. 41. 23..

25.

[§] fashioned.

^k 2 Ki. 25. 17.

2 Ch. 3. 12.

4. 15.

^l Eze. 52. 21.

ver. 1.

[¶] or, with all the appurtenances thereof, and with all the ordinances thereof.

^m ver. 1. 9.

ⁿ ch. 9. 10.

2 Ch. 8. 1.

^o 2 Ch. 3. 16.

4. 13.

^p Eze. 52. 23.

^q 2 Ch. 3. 17.

^r ch. 6. 3.

^{*} ribs.

[†] i. e. He shall establish.

[†] i. e. In it is strength.

4 And there were windows in three rows, and ^{*} light was against light in three ranks.

5 And all the [†] doors and posts were square, with the windows: and light was against light in three ranks.

6 [†] And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch was [§] before them: and the other pillars and the thick beam were [¶] before them.

7 [†] Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar ^{*} from one side of the floor to the other.

8 [†] And his house where he dwelt had another court within the porch, which was of the like work. Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, ^d whom he had taken to wife, like unto this porch.

9 All these were of costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court.

10 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

11 And above were costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and cedars.

12 And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, ^e and for the porch of the house.

13 [†] And king Solomon sent and fetched ^f Hiram out of Tyre.

14 He ^g was [†] a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and ^h his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and ⁱ he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

15 For he [§] cast ^k two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.

16 And he made two chapters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapter was five cubits:

17 And nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter.

18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapters that were upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter.

19 And the chapters that were upon the top of the pillars were of lily work in the porch, four cubits.

20 And the chapters upon the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the belly which was by the network: and the pomegranates were ^o two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapter.

21 And ^p he set up the pillars in [†] the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof [†] Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof [†] Boaz.

22. altar, of incense. 23. cherubims, see Exod. xxv. 18. 36. inner court, court where the priests officiated.

CHAP. VII.—1. own house, royal palace. thirteen

years, after the completion of the temple: see chap. ix. 10. 2. house of—Lebanon, so called, perhaps, from being built of cedar. 10. costly stones blocks of marble. 16. chapters, capitals.

22 And upon the top of the pillars *was* *hly* work: so *was* the work of the pillars finished.

23 † And he made ^a a molten sea, ten cubits † from the one brim to the other: *it was* round all about, and his height *was* five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

24 And under the brim of it round about *there were* knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, ^b compassing the sea round about: the knops *were* cast in two rows, when it *was* cast.

25 It stood upon ^c twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.

26 And it *was* an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof *was* wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained ^d two thousand baths.

27 † And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits *was* the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

28 And the work of the bases *was* on this manner: they had borders, and the borders *were* between the ledges:

29 And on the borders *that were* between the ledges *were* lions, oxen, and ^e cherubims: and upon the ledges *there was* a base above: and beneath the lions and oxen *were* certain additions made of this work.

30 And every base had four brassen wheels, and plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver *were* undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the chapter and above *was* a cubit: but the mouth thereof *was* round after the work of the base, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it *were* gravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.

32 And under the borders *were* four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels *were* † joined to the base: and the height of a wheel *was* a cubit and half a cubit.

33 And the work of the wheels *was* like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes, *were* all molten.

34 And *there were* four undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the undersetters *were* of the very base itself.

35 And in the top of the base *was* *there* a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof *were* of the same.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the † proportion of every one, and additions round about.

37 After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one size.

38 † Then † made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: and every

B. C. 1005.

a 2 Ki. 25. 13.

2 Ch. 4. 2.

Je. 52. 17.

* shoulder.

† from his

brim to his

brim.

† Hiram.

ver. 13.

b 2 Ch. 4. 3.

c Je. 52. 20.

§ upon the

face of the

pillars.

d 2 Ch. 4. 5.

e Ex. 27. 3.

|| made

bright, or,

scoured.

* in the thick-

ness of the

ground.

f Eze. 1. 10.

10. 1.

41. 18. 19.

Ho. 5. 14.

Re. 4. 6. 7.

5. 5.

g Ge. 33. 17.

h Jos. 3. 16.

i Ge. 3. 24.

Ex. 25. 18.

37. 7.

He. 9. 5.

† for the ex-

ceeding

multitude.

† searched.

l Ch. 22. 14.

k Ex. 37. 25.

l Ex. 25. 30.

Le. 24. 5. 8.

§ ash pans.

|| in the base.

* holy things

of David.

m 2 Sa. 8. 11.

n 2 Ch. 5. 2.

&c.

† princes.

o 2 Sa. 6. 17.

p 2 Sa. 5. 7. 9.

† nakedness.

r Le. 23. 34.

2 Ch. 7. 8.

s 2 Ch. 4. 6.

t Nu. 4. 15.

De. 31. 9.

Jos. 3. 3. 6.

1 Ch. 15. 14.

15.

laver *was* four cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver.

39 And he put five bases on the right ^{*} side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.

40 † And † Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD:

41 The two pillars, and the *two* bowls of the chapters that *were* on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapters which *were* upon the top of the pillars;

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, *even* two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapters that *were* § upon the pillars;

43 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;

44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;

45 And ^{*} the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, *were* of † bright brass.

46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, ^{*} in the clay ground between ⁵ Succoth and ^h Zarthan.

47 And Solomon left all the vessels *un-* weighed, † because they *were* exceeding many: neither *was* the weight of the brass † found out.

48 And Solomon made all the vessels that *pertained* unto the house of the LORD: ^h the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon ⁱ the shewbread *was*,

49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold.

50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple.

51 So *was* ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the ^{*} things ^m which David his father had dedicated; *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

CHAP. VIII.

THEN ^{*} Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the † chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, ^o that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD ^p out of the city of David, which is Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the ^r feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

3 And all the elders of Israel came, ^t and the priests took up the ark.

23. molten sea, brassen laver, so called from its vast size, holding sixteen thousand gallons. Exod. xxx. 18; 2 Kin. xxv. 13. 24. knops, see chap. vi. 18, note. 27. bases, or pedestals. 28. lavers, for the priests to wash the burnt offerings in. 40. shovels, rather

besoms, to sweep the ashes. basons, to receive the blood. 48. altar of gold, for incense. 49. tongs, to take the wicks out of the oil. 50. bowls, to keep the oil in. censers, on which incense was burnt.

CHAP. VIII.—2. feast, of tabernacles.

4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD,^b and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.

5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, ^dsacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto ^ehis place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims.

7 For the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

8 And they drew out the staves, that the ^{*}ends of the staves were seen out in the [†]holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.

9 There ^kwas nothing in the ark [†]save the two tables of stone, which Moses ^mput there at Horeb, [‡]when ^othe LORD made ^aa covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud [†]filled the house of the LORD,

11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

12 [¶]Then ^sspake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell [†]in the thick darkness.

13 I ^uhave surely built thee an house to dwell in, ^{*}a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.

14 And the king turned his face about, and ^zblessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;)

15 And he said, ^oBlessed be the LORD God of Israel, which ^cspake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled *it*, saying,

16 Since ^dthe day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that [†]my name might be therein; but I chose ^eDavid to be over my people Israel.

17 And [†]it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

18 And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart.

19 Nevertheless ^mthou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name.

20 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, ^oas the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

21 And I have set there a place for the

B. C. 1004.

^a De. 31. 26.

^b 2 Ch. 1. 33.

^c Ex. 9. 33.

^d Ezr. 9. 5.

^e Is. 1. 15.

^f 2 Sa. 6. 13.

^g Ex. 15. 11.

^h 2 Sa. 7. 22.

ⁱ De. 7. 9.

^j Ne. 1. 5.

^k Da. 9. 4.

^l Ex. 26. 33, 34.

^m Ge. 17. 1.

ⁿ 2 Ki. 20. 3.

^o heads.

[†] There shall

not be cut

off unto

thee a man

from my

sight.

[‡] or, ark.

[§] 2 Ch. 5. 9.

[¶] ch. 2. 4.

^{||} only if.

^{||} Ex. 25. 21.

^{||} De. 10. 2.

^{||} He. 9. 4.

^{||} Ex. 40. 20.

^{||} 2 Sa. 7. 25.

^{||} or, where.

^{||} Ex. 34. 27, 28.

^{||} De. 4. 13.

^{||} 2 Ch. 2. 6.

^{||} Is. 66. 1.

^{||} Je. 23. 24.

^{||} Ac. 7. 49.

^{||} 17. 24.

^{||} 2 Co. 12. 2.

^{||} Ex. 40. 34, 35.

^{||} 2 Ch. 5. 13, 14.

^{||} 7. 2.

^{||} 2 Ch. VI.

^{||} Le. 16. 2.

^{||} Ps. 18. 11.

^{||} 97. 2.

^{||} 2 Sa. 7. 13.

^{||} De. 12. 11.

^{||} Ps. 132. 14.

^{||} Da. 6. 10.

^{||} or, in this

place.

^{||} 2 Sa. 6. 18.

^{||} 2 Ch. 20. 9.

^{||} Ne. 1. 6.

^{||} Lu. 1. 68.

^{||} or, in this

place.

^{||} 2 Sa. 7. 5, 25.

^{||} 2 Sa. 7. 6.

^{||} and he re-

quire an

oath of him

Le. 5. 1.

^{||} Ex. 22. 11.

^{||} De. 12. 11.

^{||} 1 Sa. 16. 1.

^{||} De. 25. 1.

^{||} 2 Sa. 7. 2.

^{||} 1 Ch. 17. 1.

^{||} Le. 26. 17.

^{||} De. 28. 25.

^{||} Le. 25. 39, 40.

^{||} Ne. 1. 9.

^{||} or, toward.

^{||} 2 Sa. 7. 5, 12.

^{||} 13.

^{||} Le. 26. 19.

^{||} De. 28. 23.

^{||} 1 Ch. 28. 5, 6.

ark, wherein is ^a the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 [¶]And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and ^cspread forth his hands toward heaven:

23 And he said, LORD God of Israel, ^{*}there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, [†]who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that [‡]walk before thee with all their heart:

24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it* is this day.

25 Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, [†]There [†]shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; [§]so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me.

26 And [¶]now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

27 But [¶]will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and [¶]heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, [¶]My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall [¶]make ^{*}toward this place.

30 And [¶]hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray [†]toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

31 [¶]If any man trespass against his neighbour, [†]and [¶]an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house:

32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, [†]condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 [¶]When [¶]thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and [†]shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee [¶]in this house:

34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

35 [¶]When [¶]heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:

36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy

4. tabernacle, probably that made by Moses, and now at Gibeon, 2 Ch. 1. 3. 5. not be told, a vast number. 9. nothing in the ark, the manna, rod, and law, said to be in it, must have been only preserved near it, Heb. ix. 4. 10. the cloud, the symbol of Jehovah's

presence. 12. thick darkness, meaning the cloud, Exod. xx. 21; Deut. v. 22. 21. covenant, meaning the tables of stone. 24. that thou promisedst, i. e. that Solomon should build him a house. 27. will God, &c. is not distrust, but admiration. heaven of

people Israel, that thou^a teach them^b the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 ¶ If^c there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness *there be*;

38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, *even* thou only, ^d knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)

40 That^e they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

41 Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake;

42 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy^f strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house;

43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: ^g that all people of the earth may know thy name, to^h fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know thatⁱ this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

44 ¶ If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD ^j toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have built for thy name:

45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their^k cause.

46 If they sin against thee, (^l for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives^m unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

47 Yetⁿ if they shall^o bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, ^p We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

48 And so^q return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and^r pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:

49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their^s cause,

50 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and^t give them compassion before them who carried them captive,

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^a Ps. 25. 4.

27. 11.

94. 12.

143. 8.

^b 1 Sa. 12. 23.^c De. 9. 29.

Ne. 1. 10.

^d De. 4. 20.

Je. 11. 4.

^e De. 28. 21.

&c.

^f 2 Ch. 20. 9.^g or, jurisdiction.^h Ex. 19. 5.

De. 14. 2.

ⁱ 1 Sa. 16. 7.

1 Ch. 28. 9.

Ps. 11. 4.

Je. 17. 10.

Ac. 1. 24.

^k Ps. 130. 4.^l 2 Sa. 6. 18.^m De. 12. 10.ⁿ Jos. 21. 45.

23. 14.

^o fallen.^p De. 3. 24.^q De. 31. 6.

Jos. 1. 5.

^r Ps. 110. 3.

119. 36.

Phi. 2. 13.

He. 13. 21.

^s 1 Sa. 17. 46.

2 Ki. 19. 19.

Ps. 67. 2.

^t Ps. 102. 15.^u thy name is called upon this house.^v the way of the city.^w the thing of a day in his day.^x Jos. 4. 24.

1 Sa. 17. 46.

2 Ki. 19. 19.

^y De. 4. 35, 39.^z or, right.^{aa} ch. 11. 4.

15. 3, 14.

2 Ki. 20. 3.

^{bb} 2 Ch. 6. 36.

Pr. 20. 9.

Ec. 7. 20.

Ja. 3. 2.

1 Jno. 1. 8, 10.

^{cc} 2 Ch. 7. 4, &c.^{dd} Le. 26. 34, 44.

De. 28. 36, 64.

^{ee} Le. 26. 40.^{ff} bring back to their heart.^{gg} Ne. 1. 6.

Ps. 106. 6.

Da. 9. 5.

^{hh} Je. 23. 12, 14.ⁱⁱ Da. 6. 10.^{jj} 2 Ch. 4. 1.^{kk} Le. 23. 34.^{ll} or, right.^{mm} Jos. 13. 5.

Ju. 3. 3.

ⁿⁿ 2 Ki. 14. 25.^{oo} Ge. 15. 18.

Nu. 34. 5.

^{pp} Exr. 7. 6.

Ps. 106. 46.

^{qq} or, thanked.

that they may have compassion on them:

51 For^{cc} they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, ^{dd} from the midst of the furnace of iron:

52 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.

53 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, ^{ee} as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God.

54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

55 And he stood, ^{ff} and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: ^{gg} there hath not^h failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: ⁱⁱ let him not leave us, nor forsake us:

58 That he may^{jj} incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel ^{kk} at all times, as the matter shall require:

60 That^{ll} all the people of the earth may know that^{mm} the LORD is God, and that there is none else.

61 Let yourⁿⁿ heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

62 ¶ And^{oo} the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because ^{pp} the brasen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon held^{qq} a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from^{rr} the entering in of Hamath unto^{ss} the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, *even* fourteen days.

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they^{tt} blessed the king, and

heavens, third heaven, where the throne of God is. 41. thou shalt send, their commission for war was to be from God. 63. two and twenty thousand, i. e.

in the fourteen days of the feast of dedication and of tabernacles, ver. 65. 64. middle, &c. i. e. the court of the priests.

went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

CHAP. IX.

AND ^a it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, ^b and the king's house, and ^c all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

² That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, ^d as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

³ And the LORD said unto him, ^e I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; ^f and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

⁴ And if thou wilt ^g walk before me, ^h as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:

⁵ Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, ⁱ as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

⁶ But ^j if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

⁷ Then ^k will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed ^l for my name, will I cast out of my sight; ^m and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

⁸ And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, ⁿ Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?

⁹ And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

¹⁰ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,

¹¹ (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

¹² And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they ^o pleased him not.

¹³ And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? ^p And he called them the land of ^q Cabul unto this day.

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^a ch. 5. 13.^b 2 Sa. 5. 9.^c 2 Ch. 7. 11, &c.^d Jos. 19. 36.^e Jos. 17. 11.^f Ju. 1. 29.^g ch. 7. 1.^h 2 Ch. 8. 6.ⁱ Jos. 16. 10.^k ch. 3. 5.^l Jos. 16. 3.^m 2 Ch. 8. 5.ⁿ 2 Ki. 20. 5.^o Ps. 10. 17.^p ch. 4. 26.^q De. 11. 12.^r the desire of Solomon which he desired.^s Ge. 17. 1.^t ch. 11. 46, 38.^u 14. 8.^v 15. 5.^w ch. 2. 4.^x 6. 12.^y 2 Sa. 7. 12, 16.^z 1 Ch. 22. 10.^{aa} Ps. 132. 12.^{ab} Ju. 3. 1.^{ac} Jos. 15. 63.^{ad} Ju. 1. 28.^{ae} 2 Sa. 7. 14.^{af} 2 Ch. 7. 19, 20.^{ag} Ps. 89. 30, &c.^{ah} Ge. 9. 25, 26.^{ai} Ezr. 2. 55, 58.^{aj} Ne. 7. 57.^{ak} 11. 3.^{al} Le. 25. 39.^{am} De. 4. 26.^{an} 2 Ki. 17. 23.^{ao} 25. 21.^{ap} Je. 7. 14.^{aq} 2 Ch. 8. 10.^{ar} De. 28. 37.^{as} Ps. 44. 14.^{at} ch. 3. 1.^{au} 2 Sa. 5. 9.^{av} 2 Ch. 32. 5.^{aw} De. 29. 24.^{ax} 26.^{ay} Je. 22. 8, 9.^{az} upon it.^{ba} ch. 22. 48.^{bb} Nu. 33. 35.^{bc} De. 2. 8.^{bd} 1 Ki. 10. 11.^{be} Job 22. 24.^{bf} Ps. 45. 9.^{bg} Is. 13. 12.^{bh} 2 Ch. 3. 1, &c.^{bi} Mat. 12. 42.^{bj} Lu. 11. 31.^{bk} S were not right in his eyes.^{bl} m Ju. 14. 12.^{bm} Pr. 1. 6.^{bn} Jos. 19. 27.^{bo} || i. e. displeasing, or, dirty.

¹⁴ And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

¹⁵ And this is the reason of ^a the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and ^b Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and ^c Hazor, and ^d Megiddo, and ^e Gezer.

¹⁶ For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, ^f and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it ^g for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

¹⁷ And Solomon built Gezer, and ^h Beth-horon the nether,

¹⁸ And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,

¹⁹ And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for ⁱ his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and ^j that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

²⁰ And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel,

²¹ Their children ^k that were left after them in the land, ^l whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, ^m upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of ⁿ bondservice unto this day.

²² But of the children of Israel did Solomon ^o make no bondmen: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

²³ These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's work, ^p five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

²⁴ But ^q Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: ^r then did he build Millo.

²⁵ And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense ^s upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

²⁶ And king Solomon made a navy of ships in ^t Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the ^u shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.

²⁷ And ^v Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

²⁸ And they came to ^w Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

CHAP. X.

AND when the ^x queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came ^y to prove him with hard questions.

² And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones:

CHAP. IX.—3. *hallowed*, by filling it with the cloud. 7. *cut off*, &c. fulfilled during the Babylonish captivity and destruction of Jerusalem, and by the present dispersion of the Jews. 11. *twenty cities*, not of Israel, but tributary cities: see 2 Chron. viii. 2; Josh. ix. 27; or only the tribute of the twenty cities. 13. *the land of Cabul*, Michaelis renders, 'the land given for a debt.' This seems the probable meaning, out of many given by critics. 15. *levy*, probably of men, ch. v. 13. 17. *built*, 'rebuilt.' 18. *Tad-*

mor, built probably to facilitate commerce. 19. *of store*, of arms and provisions. *chariots*, i. e. of war. 21. *their children*, supposed to have become proselytes. 25. *three times*, i. e. passover, pentecost, feast of tabernacles. 28. *Ophir*, thought to be a country beyond the Ganges.

CHAP. X.—1. *Sheba*, some think in Arabia, but there are strong claimants for Abyssinia. *concerning the name*, &c. his knowledge of the true God. *hard questions*, parables, riddles, and enigmas, commonly

and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her * questions: there was not *any* thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his * cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.

7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

8 Happy *are* thy men, happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

9 Blessed *is* be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, *to* do judgment and justice.

10 And she *gave* the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

11 And *the* navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of *algum* trees, and precious stones.

12 And the king made of the *almug* trees * pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such *almug* trees, nor were seen unto this day.

13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba, all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside *that* which Solomon gave her *of* his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

14 *Now* the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,

15 Beside *that* he had of the merchants, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and *of* all the kings of Arabia, and of the ligovernors of the country.

16 *And* king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of gold went to one target.

17 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

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a 2 Ch. 9. 17, &c.

* words.
† on the hinder part thereof.

‡ hands.
§ standing.

|| so.
¶ or, butlers.

b 1 Ch. 26. 16.
c 2 Ch. 9. 20, &c.

† or, there was no silver in them

word.

† or, sayings.

d Ge. 10. 4.
e 2 Ch. 20. 36.

|| thou hast added wisdom and goodness to the fame.

* or, elephants' teeth.

e Pr. 8. 34.

† sought the face of.

f ch. 5. 7.

g 2 Sa. 8. 15.
h Ps. 72. 2.

Pr. 8. 15.
i Ps. 72. 10, 15.

j Is. 2. 7.
k ch. 9. 27.

l 2 Ch. 1. 15.. 17.

† gave.

§ *algum* trees

2 Ch. 2. 8. 9, 10, 11.

|| the going forth of the horses which was Solomon's.

m De. 17. 16.
n 2 Ch. 9. 28.

* a prop. or, rails.

o Eze. 27. 7.
p Jos. 1. 4.

2 Ki. 7. 6.

† according to the hand of king Solomon.

† by their hand.

p De. 17. 17.
q Ne. 13. 26.

§ or, beside.

r 2 Ch. 9. 24.
s Ps. 72. 10.

|| or, captains.

s Ex. 34. 16.
t De. 7. 3, 4.

18 *Moreover* *the* king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round *behind*: and there were *four* stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not *the* like made in any kingdom.

21 *And* *all* king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; *none* were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

22 For the king had at sea a navy of *Tharshish* with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, * ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

24 *And* all the earth *sought* to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 *And* Solomon *gathered* together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

27 *And* the king *made* silver *to be* in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.

28 *And* *Solomon* *had* horses brought out of Egypt, and *linen* yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: *and* so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out *by* their means.

CHAP. XI.

BUT king Solomon loved many strange women, *together* with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

2 Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, *Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods:* Solomon clave unto these in love.

3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

used in those days: Ju. xiv. 12. 2. heart, 'mind.'

5. his ascent, &c. 'his burnt offerings which he offered in the house of Jehovah.'—Boothroyd. no more spirit, an Hebraism to express astonishment.

10. an hundred and twenty talents, 540,000*l*. 11. *almug*, lignum-vite, or sandal, or cypress.

13. whatsoever, &c. great personages usually ask and have in the east.

14. was six hundred, &c. more than four millions sterling in bullion only, beside tribute from Arabia.

15. merchantmen, 'port-collectors.'—Boothroyd. 16. targets, 'shields.' 17. shields, smaller shields; A. Clarke calls them large.

18. overlaid, some understand, 'inlaid.' 22. Tharshish, some think in Spain, others in the Indian ocean.

23. exceeded, his yearly income computed at above a hundred and forty-two millions sterling.

24. earth, refers to Solomon's dominions.

25. present, or fixed tribute, garments, of very rich stuffs. horses, which were very rare.

28. linen yarn, critics in general disapprove of this translation; C. Taylor conjectures that the passage means, 'strings of horses were brought out of Egypt.'

CHAP. XI.—1. strange, 'foreign,' addicted to idolatry.

3. seven hundred, a numerous harem is a part of oriental state. princesses, daughters of petty chiefs. concubines, or secondary wives.

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, ^a that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his ^b heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after ^d Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after [†] Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and [§] went not fully after the LORD, as ^d David his father.

7 Then [§] did Solomon build an high place for [†] Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in [‡] the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 [¶] And [¶] the LORD was angry with Solomon, because [¶] his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, ^o which had appeared unto him twice,

10 And [¶] had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.

11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this ^{*} is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, [†] I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it [¶] for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

13 Howbeit ^{*} I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give [¶] one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake [‡] which I have chosen.

14 [¶] And the LORD ^a stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom.

15 For ^c it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, ^a after he had smitten every male in Edom;

16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:)

17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, [†] to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child.

18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

19 And Hadad ^a found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

21 And [†] when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead,

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* Send me away.

^a Ne. 13. 26.^b ch. 8. 61.^c Lu. 22. 35.^d Ju. 2. 13.[†] Not.[‡] Molech.

ver. 7.

^e 2 Sa. 16. 11.

Is. 45. 5.

Eze. 38. 16.

[§] fulfilled not after.

Nu. 14. 24.

^f Ps. 60. title.^g Nu. 33. 52.^h 2 Sa. 8. 3.

10. 8, 18.

ⁱ Nu. 21. 29.

Ju. 11. 24.

^k 2 Ki. 23. 13.^l Ps. 78. 58.

90. 7, 8.

^m ch. 12. 2.ⁿ 2 Ch. 13. 6.^o Pr. 4. 23.

Is. 29. 13, 14.

Ho. 4. 11.

^p ch. 3. 5.

9. 2.

^q 2 Sa. 20. 21.^r ch. 6. 12.^s ch. 9. 24.^{||} closed.^{*} is with thee[†] did work.[‡] ch. 12. 15, 16.[§] burden.^{||} Ps. 132. 1, 17.

Is. 9. 7.

^{||} Lu. 1. 32, 33.^{||} ch. 14. 2.^{||} 2 Sa. 7. 15.^{||} Ps. 89. 33.^{||} ch. 12. 20.^{||} De. 12. 11.^{||} Je. 33. 15, 16.^{||} 1 Ch. 5. 26.^{||} Is. 10. 5, 26.

13. 17.

^{||} 1 Sa. 15. 27.

24. 5.

^{||} 2 Sa. 8. 14.^{||} 1 Ch. 18. 12.

13.

^{||} d ver. 11, 13.^{||} e Nu. 24. 19.^{||} De. 20. 13.^{||} f Mat. 2. 13, 14.^{||} g ver. 5, 7.^{||} 1 Ch. 28. 9.^{||} 2 Ch. 15. 2.^{||} Je. 2. 13.^{||} Ho. 4. 17.^{||} h Je. 39. 4, 21.^{||} Ac. 7. 10, 21.^{||} i Job 11. 6.^{||} Ps. 103. 10.^{||} Hab. 3. 2.^{||} k ch. 12. 16, 17.^{||} l Ex. 4. 19.^{||} 1 Ki. 2. 10, 34.^{||} m ch. 15. 4.^{||} 2 Ki. 8. 19.^{||} Ps. 132. 17.^{||} § lamp, or,

candle.

Hadad said to Pharaoh, ^{*} Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.

22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, ^c But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, [†] Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

23 [¶] And ^a God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of [†] Zobah:

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, ^a when David slew them of [†] Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

26 [¶] And [¶] Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, even he [†] lifted up his hand against the king.

27 And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: ^a Solomon built Millo, and ^{||} repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

28 And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he [†] was industrious, he made him ruler over all the [†] charge of the house of Joseph.

29 And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet [¶] Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field:

30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and ^b rent it in twelve pieces:

31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for ^d thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

32 (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

33 Because [§] that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as ^d did David his father.

34 Howbeit [†] I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes:

35 But [¶] I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes.

36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that [¶] David my servant may have a [§] light always before me in Jerusalem, the city

4. perfect, sincere. 7. Chemosh, perhaps the same with Baal-peor: see Nu. xxv. 3. the hill, &c. 'the mount of Olives,' called, from this act, the mount of corruption, 2 Kings xxiii. 13. 11. rend, divide asunder. 15. in Edom, to conquer it, 2 Sam. viii. 14. 17. a little child, properly, very young. 21. mine

own country, to recover it. 25. all the days, his latter idolatrous days. 26. Zereda, somewhere in Ephraim, but nowhere else mentioned. 28. ruler, or king's collector of the revenues of Ephraim and Manasseh. 29. Shilonite, a native of Shiloh, chap. xiv. 2. 35. a light, i. e. his posterity shall not fail,

which I have chosen me to put my name there.

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do *that is* right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that *a* I will be with thee, and *b* build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.

40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt unto the death of Solomon.

41 *¶* And *c* the rest of the *a* acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

42 And *s* the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* forty years.

43 And *a* Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and *i* Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XII.

AND *a* Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

2 And it came to pass, when *m* Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in *n* Egypt, heard of *it*, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt);

3 That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our *r* yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

6 *¶* And king Rehoboam *t* consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, *v* If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak *u* good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But *z* he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him:

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a Jos. 1. 5.*b* 2Sa. 7. 11, 27.*c* Pr. 10. 14.

18. 6, 7.

Is. 47. 6.

d Ex. 1. 13, 14.

5. 5. 9, 18.

Is. 58. 6.

Je. 28. 13, 14.

e 2 Ch. 9. 29.** or, words,**or, things.**f* Pr. 10. 11, 32.

15. 1.

Ec. 10. 12.

Ja. 3. 17.

g 2 Ch. 9. 30.*† days.**‡ hardly.**h* 2 Ch. 9. 31.*i* Mat. 1. 7.

called

Rehoboam.

k 2 Ch. 10. 1.

&c.

l ver. 24.

Ju. 14. 4.

2 Ch. 10. 15.

22. 7.

25. 20.

m ch. 11. 26.*n* ch. 11. 40.*o* ch. 11. 11, 31.*p* 2 Sa. 20. 1.*q* ch. 4. 7.*r* 1 Sa. 8. 11.

18.

Mat. 11. 29.

30.

23. 4.

s Jno. 5. 3.

ch. 4. 6.

5. 14.

t Job 12. 12.

32. 7.

Pr. 27. 10.

Je. 42. 2. 4.

43. 2.

*§ strength-**ened him-**self.**u* 2 Ki. 17. 21.*|| or, fell**away.**v* 2 Ch. 10. 7.

Pr. 15. 1.

Mat. 20. 26.

27.

Lu. 9. 45.

Ec. 10. 4.

Zec. 1. 13.

y 2 Ch. 25. 15.

16.

Pr. 1. 2. 5.

19. 20.

25. 12.

z ch. 11. 13, 32.*a* 2 Ch. 11. 1.

9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?

10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, *c* My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, *d* I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 *¶* So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

13 And the king *f* answered the people *roughly*, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father *also* chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; *g* for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD *h* spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 *¶* So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, *p* What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

17 But *as for* the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam *q* sent Adoram, who *was* over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam *r* made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So *s* Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah *only*.

21 *¶* And when *a* Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen

chap. xv. 4; 2 Sam. xiv. 7; xxii. 29; 2 Kin. viii. 19; Psal. cxxxii. 17. 37. *thy soul desireth*, hence he had aspired to the crown; the prophecy does not approve it, but foretells his degree of success. 39. *not for ever*, to Messiah is given the throne of David, of whose kingdom there shall be no end, Lu. i. 32, 33. 40. *sought to kill*, &c. having heard from the prophet, or from Jeroboam's boasting. 41. *acts of Solomon*, now lost annals, but doubtless not necessary.

CHAP. XII.—4. *grievous*, exacting tribute for his buildings, court, horses, and chariots. 6. *stood before Solomon*, as his ministers and counsellors. 7. *speak good words*, make concessions. 8. *grown*

up with, they must all have been forty years old, and brought up with the prince, according to eastern custom.

10. *My little finger shall be, or is thicker*, &c. proverbial, meaning that as the loins are thicker than the little finger, such should be the proportionable increase of burdens he would lay on beyond his father. 11. *scorpions*, thongs, with sharp iron points. 15. *from the Lord*, permitting it on account of Israel's departure from God, seen in their speedy embrace of idolatry; the agents in the affair were all voluntary. 16. *What portion?* &c. We no longer own allegiance to David's posterity. *tents*, homes, to choose a king. 18. *sent Adoram*, to test the obedience of Israel by collecting the tribute. 19. *Israel rebelled*, this was

men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22 But ^b the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; ^c for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

25 ^d Then Jeroboam ^e built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built ^f Penuel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

27 If this people ^g go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and ^h made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: ⁱ behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he set the one in ^j Beth-el, and the other put he in ^k Dan.

30 And this thing became ^l a sin: for the people went to *worship* before the one, *even* unto Dan.

31 And he made an ^m house of high places, ⁿ and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the ^o feast that is in Judah, and he ^p offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth-el, ^q sacrificing unto the calves that he had made; ^r and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So he ^s offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even* in the month which he had ^t devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, ^u and ^v burnt incense.

CHAP. XIII.

AND, behold, there ^w came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Beth-el: ^x and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, ^y Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

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^a Is. 7. 14.
Mat. 16. 1.
Lu. 17. 20.
Jno. 2. 18.

^b 1 Co. 1. 22.
^c 2 Ch. 11. 2.
^d Ps. 105. 15.
Je. 20. 2. 4.
Am. 7. 10. 17.
Mar. 14. 44.

^e Lu. 6. 6. 10.
^f ver. 15.
^g Ju. 9. 45.
^h Ju. 8. 17.
ⁱ Ex. 8. 8.

^j 9. 28.
10. 17.
Nu. 21. 7.
Ac. 8. 24.
Ja. 5. 16.

^k *the face of the LORD.*
^l De. 12. 5. 6.
^m 1 Sa. 9. 7.
ⁿ 2 Ki. 5. 15.
^o Nu. 22. 18.

^p 24. 13.
^q 2 Ki. 10. 29.
17. 16.
^r Mar. 6. 11.
2 Co. 11. 9. 10.

^s Ex. 32. 4. 8.
^t Ro. 16. 17.
^u 1 Co. 5. 11.
^v Ep. 5. 11.
^w Ge. 28. 19.

^x Ho. 4. 15.
^y Ju. 18. 29.
^z 2 Ki. 17. 21.
^{aa} Eze. 13. 2. 16.
Mar. 7. 22.

^{ab} son.
^{ac} ch. 13. 32.
^{ad} Nu. 3. 10.
^{ae} 2 Ki. 17. 32.
2 Ch. 11. 14. 15.

^{af} Eze. 44. 7. 8.
^{ag} ch. 8. 2. 5.
Le. 23. 33. 34.
Nu. 29. 12.

^{ah} or, went up to the altar, &c.
^{ai} or, to sacrifice.
^{aj} Am. 7. 13.

^{ak} or, went up to the altar, &c.
^{al} 1 Co. 4. 11. 12.
2 Co. 11. 27.

^{am} Nu. 15. 39.
^{an} to burn incense.
^{ao} ch. 13. 1.

^{ap} ver. 8. 9.
^{aq} 2 Ki. 21. 17.
^{ar} ch. 12. 32. 33.

^{as} a word was.
^{at} ch. 20. 35.
1 Th. 4. 15.

^{au} or, to offer.
^{av} 2 Ki. 23. 15. 16.
Is. 42. 9.

^{aw} 46. 10.
48. 5. 7.
^{ax} Je. 5. 31.
Mat. 7. 15.

3 And he gave ^a a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, ^b Lay hold on him. And ^c his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, ^d Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought ^e the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and ^f I will give thee a reward.

8 And the man of God said unto the king, ^g If thou wilt give me half thine house, ^h I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

9 For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, ⁱ Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

11 ^j Now there dwelt ^k an old prophet in Beth-el; and his ^l sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting ^m under an oak: and he said unto him, ⁿ Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.

15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

16 And he said, ^o I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

17 For ^p it was said to me ^q by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

18 He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. ^r But he lied unto him.

the separation of the ten tribes. 24. *hearkened, &c.* a proof that much true religion still existed among the people. 25. *built*, rather, repaired and fortified it: so also *Penuel*. 28. *made two calves*, for symbolical worship, after ideas acquired in Egypt. 33. *he offered*, performed the functions of high priest himself.

CHAP. XIII.—1. *man of God*, 'prophet.' 2. *Josiah by name*, fulfilled three hundred and sixty years after, 2 Kin. xxiii. 15—20. 6. *face*, favour. 9. *eat no bread*, have no unnecessary intercourse with idolaters. *by the same way*, lest the idolaters should waylay him. 11. *an old prophet*, Josephus says, a false one. Some think a true one, from verse 21.

19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

20 [¶] And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back :

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the ^o place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water ; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

23 [¶] And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And when he was gone, [¶] a lion met him by the way, and slew him : and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase : and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is [†] the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD : therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath ^{*} torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.

27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.

28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase : [¶] the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor [†] torn the ass.

29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back : and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave ; and they mourned over him, saying, [¶] Alas, my brother !

31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried ; [¶] lay my bones beside his bones :

32 For [¶] the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of ^{*} Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

33 [¶] After [¶] this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places : whosoever would, he [¶] consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

34 And [¶] this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even [¶] to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

B. C. 975.

a ch. 11. 31.

b 1 Sa. 9. 7, 8.

c in thine hand.

† or, cakes.

† or, bottle.

c ver. 9.

d ch. 11. 29.

§ stood for his hoariness.

e Ps. 139. 1, 4.

Pr. 21. 30.

Am. 3. 7.

Ac. 10. 19, 20.

f ch. 20. 36.

1 Co. 11. 30.

1 Pe. 4. 17.

§ Ps. 33. 10.

|| hard.

h ch. 16. 2.

2 Sa. 12. 7, 8.

i Le. 10. 3.

Ps. 119. 120.

Pr. 11. 31.

Eze. 9. 6.

Ee. 12. 28, 29.

k ch. 11. 31.

* broken.

l ch. 11. 33, 38.

15. 5.

m ch. 12. 28.

2 Ch. 11. 15.

n De. 9. 8, 16.

Je. 7. 9, 10.

Eze. 8. 3, 17.

1 Co. 10. 22.

o Ne. 9. 26.

Ps. 50. 17.

Eze. 23. 35.

p Da. 6. 22, 24.

Ac. 16. 26.

† broken.

q ch. 15. 29.

r ch. 21. 21.

2 Ki. 9. 8.

s De. 32. 36.

2 Ki. 14. 26.

t Je. 22. 18.

u ch. 16. 4.

v 2 Ki. 23. 17.

18.

x ver. 17.

y ver. 2.

z Ki. 23. 16.

19.

a ch. 16. 24.

2 Ch. 12. 12.

19. 3.

Job 19. 28.

Eze. 18. 14.

b ch. 12. 31, 32.

2 Ch. 11. 15.

13. 9.

† returned and made.

c ch. 15. 27, 29.

§ filled his hand.

Ju. 17. 12.

d ch. 12. 30.

e ch. 14. 10.

f 2 Ki. 17. 6.

Ps. 52. 5.

g Jos. 23. 15, 16.

CHAP. XIV.

AT that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam ; and get thee to Shiloh : behold, there is Abijah the prophet, which told me that [¶] I should be king over this people.

3 And [¶] take ^{*} with thee ten loaves, and [†] cracknels, and a [¶] cruse of honey, and go to him : he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.

4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Abijah. But Abijah could not see ; for his eyes [¶] were set by reason of his age.

5 [¶] And [¶] the LORD said unto Abijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son ; for he is sick : thus and thus shalt thou say unto her : for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself to be another woman.

6 And it was so, when Abijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, [¶] thou wife of Jeroboam ; why feignest thou thyself to be another ? for I am sent to thee with ^{||} heavy tidings.

7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, [¶] Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel,

8 And [¶] rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee : and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, [¶] who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes ;

9 But hast done evil above all that were before thee : [¶] for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, [¶] to provoke me to anger, and [¶] hast cast me behind thy back :

10 Therefore, behold, [¶] I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and [¶] will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, [¶] and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him [¶] that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat ; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat : for the LORD hath spoken it.

12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house : and [¶] when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him : for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him [¶] there is found some good thing toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

14 Moreover [¶] the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day : but what ? even now.

15 For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall [¶] root up Israel out of this [¶] good land,

though wicked like Balaam : verse 18. 24. a lion, Palestine was then pestered with lions : see Judg. xiv. 5 ; 1 Sam. xvii. 34 ; 2 Kin. xvii. 25.

CHAP. XIV.—3. take, presents to prophets being usual, 1 Sa. ix. 7. cracknels, perforated cakes, like those of the passover. 10 cut off, &c. the phraseology here may mean every dog, the eastern customs not

allowing its application to any but the canine species. shut up and left, i. e. bond or free. 11. shall the dogs eat, die unburied. 13. some good, the Jews say he disapproved of the golden calves. 14. a king, that is, Baasha, chap. xv. 27. but what ? even now, i. e. the prophecy already begins to be accomplished. 15. root up, see 2 Kin. xv. 29 ; xvi. 6.

which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them ^a beyond the river, ^b because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, ^c who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

17 ^d And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to ^e Tirzah: and ^f when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died;

18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant Abijah the prophet.

19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he ^g warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he ^h slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21 ⁱ And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. ^j Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city ^k which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess.

22 And ^l Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they ^m provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed above all that their fathers had done.

23 For they also built them ⁿ high places, and ^o images, and groves, on every high hill, and ^p under every green tree.

24 And ^q there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

25 ^r And ^s it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:

26 And ^t he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold ^u which Solomon had made.

27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brassen shields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the ^v guard, which kept the door of the king's house.

28 And it was so, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.

29 ^w Now ^x the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

30 And there was ^y war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And ^z Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XV.

NOW ^a in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijah over Judah.

river, Euphrates. 19. chronicles, not the canonical, but the annals of the kingdom, from which they were compiled.

CHAP. XV.—2. three, according to Hebrew reckoning, including parts of years. 3. walked, practised.

B. C. 956.

a 2 Ki. 15. 29.

b Ex. 24. 13.

c De. 12. 3. 4.

d 2 Ch. 13. 2.

e Michaiiah the

daughter

of Uriel.

f 2 Ch. 11. 21.

g Absalom.

h ch. 12. 30.

i ch. 11. 4.

j Ps. 119. 80.

k 2 Ch. 21. 7.

l ch. 16. 6. 23.

m Ca. 6. 4.

n or, candle.

o ch. 11. 36.

p ver. 12.

q ch. 14. 8.

r 2Sa. 11. 4. 15.

s 12. 9.

t 2Ch. 13. 2. 20

u lay down.

v 2 Ch. 14. 1.

w 2 Ch. 12. 13.

x ch. 11. 36.

y i. e. grand-

mother's.

z ver. 2.

a 2 Ch. 12. 1.

b De. 32. 21.

c Ps. 78. 53.

d 2 Ch. 14. 2.

e De. 12. 2.

f Eze. 16. 24. 25

g ch. 14. 24.

h 22. 46.

i Ro. 1. 26. 27.

j Jude 7.

k or, stand-

ing-images,

or, statues.

l Eze. 20. 18.

m 19.

n Zec. 1. 2. 5.

o Is. 57. 5.

p De. 23. 17.

q 2 Ki. 23. 7.

r De. 13. 6. 11

s 33. 9.

t 2 Ch. 15. 16.

u cut off.

v Ex. 32. 20.

w 2 Ch. 12. 2.

x 2 Ch. 15. 17.

y 18.

z Lu. 1. 6.

a 2 Ch. 12. 9.

b 11.

c holy.

d Ec. 1. 2.

e runners.

f 2 Ch. 16. 1.

g &c.

h Jos. 13. 25.

i ch. 12. 27.

j 2 Ch. 12. 15.

k ch. 12. 24.

l m ch. 11. 23. 24.

o Ge. 14. 15.

p Je. 49. 27.

q Am. 1. 4. 5.

r Is. 31. 1.

s 2 Ch. 12. 16.

t Abijah.

u Mat. 1. 7.

v Abia.

w Ro. 1. 31.

x go up.

y 2 Ch. 13. 1.

z &c.

2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was ^a Maachah, the daughter of ^b Abishalom.

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and ^c his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

4 Nevertheless ^d for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a ^e lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

5 Because David ^f did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, ^g I save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

8 And ^h Abijah slept with his fathers: and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

9 ⁱ And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah.

10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And ^j Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father.

12 And ^k he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed ^l all the idols that his fathers had made.

13 And also ^m Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa ⁿ destroyed her idol, and ^o burnt it by the brook Kidron.

14 But ^p the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's ^q heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.

15 And he brought in the ^r things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.

16 ^s And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

17 And ^t Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built ^u Ramah, ^v that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at ^w Damascus, saying,

19 There is ^x a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come ^y and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may ^z depart from me.

20 So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel,

4. lamp, posterity, ch. xi. 36, note. 5. save only, the only heinous sin. 6. between, Abiah, the son of Rehoboam; &c. so the Versions. 14. perfect, sincere. 17. built, rather, fortified, for it was a city in Benjamin. 19. There is, &c. rather, 'Let there be,'

and smote ^a Ijon, and ^b Dan, and ^c Abelmeth-maachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *thereof*, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none *was* ^{*} exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded: and king Asa built with them ^f Geba of Benjamin, and ^h Mizpah.

23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: ^m and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

25 ⁿ And Nadab the son of Jeroboam [†] began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in ^p his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

27 ^q And ^r Baasha the son of Abijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at ^s Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, *that* he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto ^t the saying of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite:

30 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

31 ^u Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

32 And ^v there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Abijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in ^w the way of Jeroboam, and in ^x his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

CHAP. XVI.

THEN the word of the LORD came to ^y Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

2 Forasmuch ^z as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and ^{aa} thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, ^{ab} and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

3 Behold, I will take away the posterity

B. C. 930.

^a 2 Ki. 15. 29.

^b Ju. 18. 29.

^c 2 Sa. 20. 14.

^d ch. 14. 10.
15. 29.

^e free.

^f 2 Ch. 16. 1.

^g Jos. 21. 17.

^h ch. 14. 17.
15. 21.

ⁱ Jos. 18. 26.

^j ver. 1.

^k Ps. 115. 4.

Is. 2. 8.

44. 9. 20.

^l ch. 15. 27, 29.

Ho. 1. 4.

^m 2 Ch. 17. 1.

Mat. 1. 8,

called

Josaphat.

ⁿ reigned.

[†] 2 Ki. 9. 31.

^o Pr. 23. 29. 35

Da. 5. 1. 4, 30

Na. 1. 10.

Hab. 2. 15, 16

^p which was

over.

^q ch. 12. 30.

14. 16.

^r ch. 14. 14.

^s ch. 16. 15.

Jos. 19. 44.

21. 23.

^t 1 Sa. 25. 22.

^u or, both his

kinemen

and his

friends.

^v by the hand

of.

^w ver. 1.

^x ch. 14. 9. 16.

^y De. 32. 21.

1 Sa. 12. 21.

Is. 41. 29.

Jon. 2. 8.

1 Co. 8. 4.

10. 19.

^z ver. 16.

Ja. 4. 1.

^{aa} ch. 15. 27.

^{ab} ch. 12. 28, 29.

13. 33.

14. 16.

^b Ex. 32. 21.

1 Sa. 2. 24.

2 Ki. 3. 3.

21. 11.

Je. 32. 35.

Ro. 14. 15.

1 Co. 8. 10. 13

^c 2 Ch. 19. 2.

20. 34.

^d ch. 14. 7.

^e Ps. 9. 16.

58. 9. 11.

^f ch. 15. 34.

^g ch. 12. 28.

15. 26. 34.

^h Mat. 5. 19.

of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like ^d the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

4 Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowl of the air eat.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, ^e *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in ^f Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead.

7 And also by the hand of the prophet ⁱ Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with ^k the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because ^l he killed him.

8 ^m In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

9 And ⁿ his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, ^o drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza [†] steward of his house in Tirzah.

10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

11 ^u And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, *that* he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him ^v not one that pisseth against a wall, ^w neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.

12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha ^y by ^z Jehu the prophet.

13 For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger ^{aa} with their vanities.

14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15 ^{ab} In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people *were* encamped ^{ac} against Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines.

16 And the people that *were* encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

18 And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died.

19 For ^{ad} his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, ^{ae} in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, *are* they

not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

21 ¶ Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

22 But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

23 ¶ In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah.

24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, † Samaria. f

25 ¶ But ^g Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that were before him.

26 For he ^h walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their ⁱ vanities.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, ^j are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

29 ¶ And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him.

31 And it came to pass, † as if it had been ^k a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, † that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the ^l Zidonians, and went and served Baal and worshipped him.

32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in ^m the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

33 And ⁿ Ahab made a grove; and Ahab ^o did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

34 ¶ In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, ^p according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAP. XVII.

AND ^q Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, ^r As the LORD God of Israel liveth, ^s before whom I stand, ^t there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee east-

B. C. 929.

a Ps. 31. 20.

83. 3.

Je. 36. 19, 26

Jno. 8. 59.

He. 11. 38.

b Pr. 28. 2.

Is. 9. 18. 21.

19. 2.

Mar. 3. 24.

Ep. 4. 3.

c Job 38. 41.

Lu. 4. 4.

d Mat. 6. 31.

33.

Lu. 22. 35.

He. 13. 5, 6.

* at the end

of days.

Ob. 20.

e Lu. 4. 26,

called

Sarepta.

† Shomeron.

f ch. 13. 32.

2 Ki. 17. 24.

Jno. 4. 4.

Ac. 8. 5.

g Mi. 6. 16.

h ver. 19.

i Je. 10. 3. 8.

16. 19.

18. 15.

Ac. 14. 15.

Ro. 12. 23.

† was it a

light thing,

&c.

k Is. 7. 13.

Eze. 8. 17.

16. 20, 47.

34. 18.

l § giveth.

m De. 7. 3.

n Ju. 18. 7.

o 2 Ki. 17. 16.

p or, a full

year.

q 2 Ki. 10. 21.

26. 27.

r 2 Ki. 13. 6.

Je. 17. 2.

s by the

hand of.

t ch. 21. 25.

u Jno. 11. 34.

14.

Ja. 1. 2. 4, 12

1 Pe. 1. 7.

v 4. 12.

w Lu. 5. 8.

8. 28.

x Jno. 2. 4.

y Jos. 6. 26.

z 1 Sa. 16. 4.

Job 13. 23, 26

† Elijah.

Lu. 1. 17.

4. 25,

he is called

Elias.

aa 2 Ki. 3. 14.

ab De. 10. 8.

ac Ex. 17. 4.

ad Ps. 98. 6.

ae Mat. 21. 22.

af Ja. 5. 17.

ag Re. 11. 6.

ah 2 Ki. 4. 34, 35.

i measured.

ward, and ^a hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

4 And it shall be, ^b that thou shalt drink of the brook; and ^c I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

6 And ^d the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7 And it came to pass ^e after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to ^f Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I ^g am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not: go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD ^h sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat ⁱ many days.

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake ^j by Elijah.

17 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, ^k that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, ^l fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

18 And she said unto Elijah, ^m What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? ⁿ art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And ^o he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

21 And ^p he ^q stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee,

CHAP. XVII.—1. *Tishbite*, according to Josephus, of Thesbon in Gilead *these years*, three and a half, Lu. iv. 25; Ja. v. 17. 4. *ravens*, some have rendered, merchants, or Arabians; the habits of ravens render it probable that they were here God's instruments. 5. *brook Cherith*, a winter-torrent, falling

into the Jordan. 9. *Zarephath*, between Tyre and Sidon. 12. *barrel*, rather, 'earthen jar.' *cruse*, 'bottle.' *two sticks*, i. e. as we say, a few, Jer. iii. 14. 17. *no breath*, i. e. he expired. 18. *What have I, &c.* spoken in contrition, not in anger. *to call, &c.* sins are said to be called to remembrance, when punished.

let this child's soul come * into him again.

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he ^b revived.

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.

24 * And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this ^d I know that thou art a man of God, and that * the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND it came to pass after ^e many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and * I will send rain upon the earth.

2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called † Obadiah, which was ¹ the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, * that we lose not all the beasts.

6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

7 * And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord Elijah?

8 And he answered him, I am: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

9 And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

10 As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, * whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not there; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that ^u the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, ^y and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord,

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* into his inward parts

^a Job 25. 3.

Ps. 21. 8. 10.

Lu. 2. 13, 14.

^b He. 11. 35.

^c ch. 21. 20.

Jos. 7. 25.

Ac. 16. 20.

^d Jno. 3. 2.

16. 30.

^e Ec. 12. 10.

1 Th. 2. 13.

1 Jno. 2. 21.

^f 2 Ch. 15. 2.

^g Lu. 4. 25.

Ja. 5. 17.

^h Jos. 19. 26.

1 De. 28. 12.

ⁱ ch. 16. 33.

1 ch. 22. 6.

† Obadiah.

† over his house.

^m 2 Ki. 17. 41.

Mat. 6. 24.

§ or, thoughts

|| Jezebel.

ⁿ Jos. 24. 15.

^o ch. 19. 10, 14.

Ro. 11. 3.

* that we cut not off ourselves from the beasts.

^p ver. 38.

1 Ch. 21. 26.

† The word is good.

^r 1 Pe. 2. 17, 18.

Ps. 10. 2.

Je. 28. 20, 23.

† or, answer.

† Ps. 115. 5.

Je. 10. 5.

1 Co. 8. 4.

12. 2.

§ or, heard.

|| or, leaped up and down at the altar.

* with a great voice

† or, he meditated.

^u 2 Ki. 2. 16.

Eze. 3. 12, 14.

Mat. 4. 1.

Ac. 8. 39.

† hath a pursuit.

^v Le. 19. 28.

De. 14. 1.

§ poured out blood upon them.

^x 1 Co. 11. 4, 5.

^y Mar. 10. 41.

42.

25. 35.

|| ascending.

* attention.

Behold, Elijah is here: and he shall slay me.

15 And Elijah said, As ^a the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day.

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

17 * And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that ^c troubleth Israel?

18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, ^f in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount ^h Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, ^k and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and ^l gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, ^m How long hath ye between two ^o opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, ⁿ then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said Elijah unto the people, ^o I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that ^p answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, † It is well spoken.

25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first: for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, † hear us. But there was ^t no voice, nor any that ^u answered. And they ^v leaped upon the altar which was made.

27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry ^w aloud: for he is a god; either ^x he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

28 And they cried aloud, and ^y cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till ^z the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, ^a and they prophesied until the time of the ^b offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any ^c that regarded.

CHAP. XVIII.—1. many days, see Lu. iv. 21—30. third year, from his flight to Zarephath, ch. xvii. 9. 2. Samaria, Ahab's capital. 3. governor, i. e. steward. feared, revered. 4. prophets, men educated to teach the people, 1 Sam. x. bread and water, i. e. the necessities of life, or meat and drink, chap. xiii. 8. 5. unto all fountains, where there is water in the east, there is verdure. 10. no nation, i. e. tributary. took an oath, hence these nations were subject to Ahab. 13. slew, &c. either out of

vengeance, as the cause of the dearth, or to propitiate her god. 13. by fifty in, &c. in different caves. 19. Carmel, forms a bold promontory on the bay of Acre. table, provided at Jezebel's expense. 21. answereth by fire, Baal was Apollo, or the sun; the test was fair, with his own element. 26. dressed it, cut it in pieces. leaped upon, danced round about. 27. he is talking, &c. the heathens conceived that their gods acted as men. 28. cut, &c. usual among idolaters, and forbidden, Deut. xiv. 1. 29. prophesied

30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. ^a And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, ^c Israel shall be thy name:

32 And with the stones he built an altar ^e in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33 And he ^h put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and ⁱ pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 And the water ^j ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD ^k God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, ^l let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that ^m I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

38 Then ⁿ the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, ^o The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

40 And Elijah said unto them, ^p Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and ^q slew them there.

41 ^r And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is ^s a sound of abundance of rain.

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, ^t Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

45 And it came to pass in the mean

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^a ch. 19. 10.

^b 2 Ki. 4. 29.

9. 1.

^c till thou

come to

Jezebel.

^d Ge. 32. 28.

35. 10.

^e 2 Ki. 17. 34.

^f ch. 18. 40.

^g Col. 3. 17.

^h ch. 20. 10.

ⁱ Ru. 1. 17.

^j 2 Ki. 6. 31.

^k Ac. 12. 4. 6.

23. 12.

^l Ja. 4. 13. 14.

^m Le. 1. 6. 8.

ⁿ Ju. 6. 20.

^o Nu. 11. 15.

^p Jon. 4. 3. 8.

^q Phi. 1. 21. 24

^r for his life.

^s went.

^t Ge. 28. 11. 15

^u Ps. 91. 1.

^v Ps. 34. 7. 10.

^w Da. 9. 21.

^x He. 1. 14.

^y Ex. 3. 6.

^z Ps. 37. 3.

^{aa} Is. 33. 16.

^{ab} Mat. 4. 11.

^{ac} 6. 32.

^{ad} ch. 8. 43.

^{ae} 2 Ki. 19. 19.

^{af} Ps. 83. 18.

^{ag} bolster.

^{ah} Nu. 16. 28.

^{ai} Le. 9. 24.

^{aj} Ju. 6. 21.

^{ak} 1 Ch. 21. 26.

^{al} 2 Ch. 7. 1.

^{am} 2 Co. 12. 9.

^{an} Ex. 34. 28.

^{ao} De. 9. 9. 18.

^{ap} Mat. 4. 2.

^{aq} Ex. 3. 1.

^{ar} He. 11. 38.

^{as} ver. 24.

^{at} Ro. 11. 3.

^{au} Nu. 25. 11. 13

^{av} Ps. 69. 9.

^{aw} or, Appre-

hend.

^{ax} 2 Ki. 10. 25.

^{ay} ch. 18. 4.

^{az} De. 13. 5.

^{ba} 18. 20.

^{bb} ch. 18. 22.

^{bc} Ro. 11. 3.

^{bd} or, a sound

of a noise

of rain.

^{be} Ex. 24. 12.

^{bf} Eze. 1. 4.

^{bg} 37. 7.

^{bh} Ja. 5. 17. 18.

^{bi} He. 12. 26.

^{bj} Ex. 31. 6.

^{bk} Job 4. 16.

^{bl} Ex. 3. 6.

^{bm} Is. 6. 2.

^{bn} Tie, or,

Bind.

while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he ^g girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab ^h to the entrance of Jezreel.

CHAP. XIX.

AND Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had ⁱ slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, ^j So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by ^k to morrow about this time.

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which ^l belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 ^m But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he ⁿ requested ^o for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

5 And as ^p he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then ^q an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, ^r there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his ^s head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went ^t in the strength of that meat ^u forty days and forty nights unto ^v Horeb the mount of God.

9 ^w And he came thither ^x unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, ^y I have been very ^z jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and ^{aa} slain thy prophets with the sword; and ^{ab} I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand ^{ac} upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and ^{ad} a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind ^{ae} an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire ^{af} a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that ^{ag} he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

sied, supplicated, and sang praises. 30. altar, probably built in the time of the judges, while the tabernacle was unsettled. 33. pour, to prevent suspicion of any concealed fire. 40. slew, i. e. caused to be slain. 41. a sound, refers to thunder or wind, indicative of rain; a common mode of expression in the east. 42. face between, &c. a common position in the east for those in deep reverie. 44. a little cloud, often noticed at sea as indicative of a coming storm. 46. girded, &c. so the easterns do, to pre-

pare for any extraordinary exertion in running. and ran, some think, to show Ahab honour; others, to escape the rain; and others, to prove his fearlessness. Jezreel, about sixteen miles from Carmel.

CHAP. XIX.—1. all that Elijah had done, the miracles he had wrought. all the prophets, i. e. the four hundred and fifty gathered at Carmel. 3. Beer-sheba, eighty-four miles from Jezreel. 4. juniper, Spanish broom. 6. on the coals, upon hot stones. 13. wrapped, &c. an act of reverence, Exod. iii. 6

14 And he said, ^a I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts : because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword ; and I, even I only, am left ; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus : ^b and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria :

16 And ^c Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel : and ^d Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And ^e it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay : and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu ^f shall Elisha slay.

18 Yet ^g I have left ^h me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, ⁱ and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

19 ^j So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth : and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, ^k Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and ^l then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, ^m Go back again : for what have I done to thee ?

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and ⁿ boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ^o ministered unto him.

CHAP. XX.

AND ^p Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together : and ^q there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots : and he went up ^r and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

2 And ^s he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad,

3 Thy ^t silver and thy gold is mine ; thy wives also and thy children, ^u even the goodliest, ^v are mine.

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, ^w I am thine, and all that I have.

5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children ;

6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, ^x and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants ; and it shall be, ^y that whatsoever is ^z pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away.

7 Then the king of Israel called all ^a the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this ^b man ^c seeketh mischief : for he sent unto me for my wives,

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^a Is. 62. 1, 6, 7.^b I kept not back from him.^c 2 Ki. 8. 12, 13.^d 2 Ki. 9. 1. 3.^e ch. 19. 2.^f Lu. 4. 27,

called

Elishus.

^g are at my

feet.

^h Ex. 11. 8.ⁱ Ju. 4. 10.^j 2 Ki. 13. 3.^k 1 Sa. 17. 44.^l Pr. 27. 1.^m Ec. 9. 11.ⁿ Mat. 26. 33.^o 35. 75.^p Is. 11. 4.^q Je. 1. 10.^r or, I will

leave.

^s Ro. 11. 4.^t sword.^u Ho. 13. 2.^v ver. 16.^w 2 Sa. 13. 28.^x Pr. 31. 4. 5.^y Da. 5. 2. 30.^z Ho. 4. 11.^a or, tents.^b or, Place

the en-

gines : And

they placed

engines.

^c approached^d ver. 28.^e Lu. 9. 61, 62.^f Go, return.^g or, servants^h bind, or, tie.ⁱ 2 Sa. 24. 22.^j Ac. 13. 5.^k 2 Ti. 4. 11.^l Phil. 13.^m 2 Ki. 8. 7. 10.ⁿ 2 Ch. 16. 2. 4.^o Je. 49. 27.^p Am. 1. 4.^q ch. 16. 9.^r 1 Sa. 25. 36.^s Pr. 23. 29. 32.^t Ec. 10. 16. 17.^u Ep. 5. 18.^v 1 Le. 26. 25.^w De. 28. 52.^x Is. 36. 2, &c.^y 37. 9. 10.^z Ex. 15. 9.^a Is. 10. 13. 14.^b 2 Ki. 14. 8. 12.^c Pr. 18. 12.^d 1 Sa. 13. 19.^e 21.^f desirable.^g Ezr. 8. 27.^h Is. 44. 9.ⁱ La. 1. 7. 10.^j 2 Ch. 25. 11.^k Pr. 20. 18.^l a Pr. 11. 7.^m b 2 Sa. 11. 1.ⁿ c Ps. 62. 3.^o 140. 2.^p Pr. 6. 14.

and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold ; and ^q I denied him not.

8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, ^r Hearken not unto him, nor consent.

9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do : but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

10 And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, ^s The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that ^t follow me.

11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, ^u Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off.

12 And it came to pass, when Ben-hadad heard this ^v message, as he was ^w drinking, he and the kings in the ^x pavilions, that he said unto his servants, ^y Set yourselves in array. And they set themselves in array against the city.

13 ^z And, behold, there ^a came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude ? behold, ^b I will deliver it into thine hand this day ; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

14 And Ahab said, By whom ? And he said, Thus saith the LORD, ^c Even by the ^d young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall ^e order the battle ? And he answered, Thou.

15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two : and after them he numbered all the people, ^f even all the children of Israel, ^g being seven thousand.

16 And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was ^h drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first ; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.

18 And he said, ⁱ Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive ; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

20 And they slew every one his man : and the Syrians fled ; and Israel pursued them : and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse with the horsemen.

21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 ^j And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, ^k Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest : ^l for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods ^m are gods of

15. anoint, only declaratively, as did Elisha also, 2 Kin. viii. 13. 17. Elisha slay, not with the sword, but by his prophetic word. 18. seven, may mean many. kissed, images were kissed in adoration. 19. cast, a sign that he was called to the prophetic office. his mantle, the skirts of it. 20. done to thee, to hinder thee. 21. took a yoke, &c. a feast

sacrifice, probably intended as a token of farewell. CHAP. XX. — 1. kings, tributary chieftains. 3. is mine, i. e. thou art my vassal. 11. Let not him, &c. a fine proverb, meaning, Let not a triumph be sung, before a victory is gained. 18. take them, make them prisoners, contrary to the law of nations. 21. and chariots, meaning the men that fought from

the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms:

25 And number thee an army, like the army * that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to *f* Aphek, † to fight against Israel.

27 And the children of Israel were numbered, and § were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

28 ¶ And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the vallies, therefore † will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.

30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men that were left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, † into an inner chamber.

31 ¶ And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, * put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life.

32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother.

33 Now the men did diligently observe whether any thing would come from him, * and did hastily catch it: and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him: * and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

34 And Ben-hadad said unto him, † The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made

B. C. 901.

a Is. 8. 12.
26. 10.

b 2Ki. 2. 3, 5, 7.
15.

c ch. 13. 17, 18.
d Is. 8. 18.

e 20. 2, 3.
Je. 27. 2, 3.

f Ezr. 4. 3.
* that was fallen.

g ch. 13. 24.
† Jos. 13. 4.

† to the war with Israel.

‡ smiting and wounding.

§ or, were victualled.

¶ 2 Sa. 12. 1, &c.

¶ Mar. 4. 34.
i 2 Ki. 10. 24.

j Job 36. 18.
Ps. 49. 7.

k Pr. 6. 35.
l Pe. 1. 18, 19.

m weigh.
n ver. 13.

o he was not.

p 2 Sa. 12. 5, 7.
Job 15. 6.

q Lu. 19. 22.
r ch. 22. 31, 37.

s 1 Sa. 15. 9, 11.
t 2 Ch. 18. 33, 34.

u Es. 6. 12, 13.
Job 5. 2.

v Pr. 19. 3.

† into a chamber within a chamber, or, from chamber to chamber.

ch. 22. 25.

† 2 Ch. 28. 22.
Ezr. 9. 13, 14.

Is. 9. 13.
Je. 5. 3.

s Je. 37. 34.
t Ge. 3. 6.

u Ex. 20. 17.
Je. 22. 17.

v Hab. 2. 9, 11.
Lu. 12. 15.

Ja. 1. 14, 15.

† be good in thine eyes.

¶ Le. 25. 23.
Nu. 36. 7.

g Ezr. 46. 18.
Pr. 25. 13.

h 2 Ki. 10. 15.
Ac. 8. 31.

i ch. 15. 20.

in Samaria. Then said Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. * So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

35 ¶ And a certain man of ^b the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour ^c in the word of the LORD, ^d Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, ^e a lion found him, and slew him.

37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him.

38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.

39 And ^f as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, ^g Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then ^h shall thy life be for his life, ⁱ or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver.

40 And as thy servant was busy here and there, ^k he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, ^l So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it.

41 And he hastened, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he ^m was of the prophets.

42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, ⁿ Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, ^o therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.

43 And the king of Israel ^p went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

CHAP. XXI.

AND it came to pass ^q after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy ^r vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it: ^s or, if it ^t seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, ^u that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

5 ¶ But Jezebel his wife came to him,

them. 23. *gods of the hills*, the heathen believed in local deities. 24. *Take the kings away*, who, as tributaries, might not fight bravely. 26. *Aphek*, a city in the tribe of Asher, Jos. xix. 39; Judg. i. 31. 27. *were all present*, 'were completed.'—Boothroyd. 28. *shall know*, &c. this deliverance was to honour the true God, and confound idolaters. 30. *a wall*, of some old tower, where they might have sought refuge; *Kennicott*, after many MSS., renders it the simoom, or pestilential wind. *upon twenty and seven thousand*, upon the main body of them. 31. *sackcloth, &c. ropes*, &c. the attire of captives. *on their heads*, rather, about their necks, better conveys the sense. 31. *streets*, &c. at this day the Jews have

their distinct streets in Damascus, for persons of different religions and nations do not live indiscriminately together. This concession, without any equivalent on the part of Israel, was extorted by circumstances. 35. *smite*, a symbolical action. 36. *shall slay thee*, to disobey a prophet was death: Deut. xviii. 19. 38. *ashes*, rather, 'bandage,' so *Sept.* 39. *Thy servant*, &c. a parable to criminate Ahab.

CHAP. XXI.—3. *give the inheritance*, inheritances were not to be alienated, unless in poverty, and then to be restored in the jubilee, Lev. xix. 23—26. Naboth was not poor, and had the property become a part of the royal domain, it would not have reverted to his

and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

6 And he said unto her, ^b Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: ^c I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth ^d on high among the people:

10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst ^e blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and ^f stone him, that he may die.

11 And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

12 They ^g proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, *even* against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. ^h Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

15 ⁱ And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, ^j Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

16 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 ^k And ^l the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, ^m which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, ⁿ In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, *even* thine.

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, ^o Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because ^p thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

B. C. 899.

^a ch. 14. 10.
^b 2 Ki. 9. 8.
^c Pr. 14. 30.
^d Ja. 4. 2-7.
^e 1 Sa. 25. 22.
^f ch. 14. 10.
^g ch. 15. 29.
^h ch. 16. 3, 11.
ⁱ Ec. 4. 1.
^j 8. 4.
^k Mi. 2. 1, 2.
^l 7. 3.
^m 2 Ki. 9. 36.
ⁿ or, ditch.
^o ch. 14. 11.
^p 16. 4.
^q ch. 16. 30.
^r &c.

[†] in the top of the people.

[†] Mar. 6. 17.. 28.

[†] or, incited.

^m Ex. 22. 28.
ⁿ Le. 24. 15, 16.
^o Ac. 6. 11.
^p Ge. 15. 16.
^q 2 Ki. 21. 11.
^r Le. 24. 14.
^s Ge. 37. 34.
^t Is. 38. 15.
^u Is. 58. 4.
^v Ex. 10. 3.
^w Ps. 66. 3.
^x 78. 34. 37.
^y Ps. 86. 15.
^z Mi. 7. 18.
^{aa} Ro. 2. 4.
^{ab} 2 Pe. 3. 9.
^{ac} 2 Ki. 9. 25.
^{ad} 2 Ki. 9. 26.
^{ae} 2 Ch. 18. 2.
^{af} &c.

[†] Pr. 4. 17.

[†] De. 4. 43.

[†] silent from taking it.

^b 2 Ki. 3. 7.
^c Pr. 13. 20.
^d 1 Co. 15. 33.
^e 2 Co. 6. 16, 17.
^f Ep. 5. 11.
^g 2 Jno. 11.
^h Ps. 9. 12.
ⁱ d ch. 18. 19.
^j ch. 13. 32.
^k 2 Ch. 22. 9.
^l Eze. 13. 3.
^m &c.

[†] Mat. 7. 15.
[†] 2 Pe. 2. 1. 3.
[†] Ro. 19. 20.
[†] 2 Ki. 3. 11.
[†] ch. 22. 38.
[†] ch. 18. 17.
[†] Is. 49. 7.
[†] Mat. 10. 22.
[†] Jno. 3. 19. 21.
[†] 7. 7.
[†] 15. 18, 19.
[†] 17. 14.
[†] Ga. 4. 16.
[†] 2 Ki. 17. 17.
[†] Ro. 6. 16.
[†] 7. 14.

21 Behold, ^a I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab ^b him that pisseth against the wall, and ^c him that is shut up and left in Israel,

22 And will make thine house like the house of ^d Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of ^e Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.

23 And ^f of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the ^g wall of Jezreel.

24 Him ^h that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

25 ⁱ But ^j there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, ^k whom Jezebel his wife ^l stirred up.

26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all ^m things ⁿ as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and ^p put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and ^q went softly.

28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29 Seest thou how ^r Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, ^s I will not bring the evil in his days: but ^t in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

CHAP. XXII.

And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

2 And it came to pass in the third year, that ^a Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

3 And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that ^b Ramoth in Gilead is our's, and we be ^c still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?

4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, ^d I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

6 Then the king of Israel ^e gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, ^f Go up; for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

7 And ^g Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?

8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, ^h There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: ⁱ but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9 Then the king of Israel called an

family. 9. *proclaim a fast*, as customary on the committal of any great crime. *on high*, i. e. bring him to trial: perhaps in law courts there was a high place where the accused stood above the heads of the people. 10. of Belial, Deut. xiii. 13. *blaspheme*, the Heb. may signify, bless, and some render it, 'thou didst bless the gods and Molech' so the Sept., Syr., and Vulg. 13. *stoned*, see Lev. xxiv. 14, 23. 27.

softly, probably, mournfully: step by step, as persons mourning, grieving, and pensive, do.

CHAP. XXII.—2. *came down*, there was a family alliance here: Jehoshaphat's son had married Ahab's daughter, 2 Kin. viii. 18. 3. *Ramoth—ours*, a city of refuge, and of course belonging to Israel: see Josh. xx. 8. 4. *my people as*, &c. soldiers, foot and horse, at his service. 6. *prophets*, false pro-

* officer, and said, Hasten *hither* Micaiah the son of Imlah.

10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, ^a having put on their robes, in a † void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah ^b made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith ^d the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.

12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the king's hand.

13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak *that which is good*.

14 And Micaiah said, *As the LORD liveth*, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.

15 ¶ So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but *that which is true* in the name of the LORD?

17 And he said, I saw all Israel ^e scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.

18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, ^k Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: [†] I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, ^k and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

20 And the LORD said, Who shall ^{||} persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.

22 And the LORD said unto him, Where-with? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, [¶] Thou shalt persuade *him*, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

23 Now ^p therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, ^{*} Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go ^{*} into † an inner chamber to hide thyself.

B. C. 897.

* or, *eunuch*.

^a Ac. 12. 21.

25. 23.

† *floor*.

^b 2Co. 11. 13.

15.

^c Ti. 3. 8.

^e Nu. 16. 29.

De. 18. 20. 22

^d Je. 23. 25. 31.

28. 1. 3.

Mi. 3. 11.

† or, *when he*

was to dis-

guise him-

self, and

enter into

the battle.

^e 2 Ch. 35. 22.

^f 2 Ch. 18. 31.

Pr. 13. 20.

§ *in his sim-*

licity.

2 Sa. 15. 11.

§ Mat. 9. 36.

|| *joints and*

the breast-

plate. —

* *made sick.*

† *ascended.*

^h Pr. 10. 24.

27. 22.

† *bosom.*

ⁱ Is. 6. 1.

Da. 7. 9.

^k Job 1. 6.

2. 1.

Ps. 103. 20, 21

Da. 7. 10.

Zec. 1. 10.

Mat. 18. 10.

He. 1. 7, 14.

§ *came.*

|| or, *deceive.*

^l Is. 44. 25, 26.

48. 3. 5.

Je. 44. 21. 23

^m ch. 21. 19.

ⁿ Am. 3. 15.

^o Ju. 9. 23.

Job 12. 16.

2 Th. 2. 11.

^p Eze. 14. 9.

^r Began to

reign alone

ver. 51.

2 Ch. 20. 31.

^s 2 Ch. 18. 23.

^t Nu. 31. 8.

Is. 9. 14. 16.

Am. 7. 17.

2 Pe. 2. 1.

* or, *from*

chamber to

chamber.

^u 2 Ch. 17. 3.

† *a chamber*

in a cham-

ber.

ch. 20. 30.

26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

27 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

28 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, ^e the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Harken, O people, every one of you.

29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, [†] I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel [†] disguised himself, and went into the battle.

31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.

32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat ^f cried out.

33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 And a certain man drew a bow [§] at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the ^{||} joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am ^{*} wounded.

35 And the battle [†] increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

37 ¶ So the king died, and [§] was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; [†] and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according ^m unto the word of the LORD which he spake.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and ⁿ the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Abaziah his son reigned in his stead.

41 ¶ And [¶] Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah ^{on} the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

42 Jehoshaphat *was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And [¶] he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it,

phets, ver. 26. 11. horns, &c. emblems of power and victory. 15. Go, and prosper, ironical, meaning, do as thy prophets have advised. 23. the Lord hath put, He is said to do what he permits. 27. bread

of affliction, &c. coarse and sparing diet, Deut. xvi. 3. 34. at a venture, with consummate skill and strength. joints of the harness, junction of his armour. 39. ivory house, that is, inlaid with ivory, Amos iii. 15.

doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless ^a the high places were not taken away; for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

44 And ^b Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

47 There ^c was then no king in Edom: a deputy was king.

48 Jehoshaphat ^d made ^e ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: ^f but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber.

49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab

B. C. 914.

^a 2 Ki. 12. 3.

^b 2 Ch. 21. 1.

^c 2 Ch. 19. 2.

^d 2 Co. 6. 14.

^e Now he

begins to

reign alone

ver. 40.

^f ch. 15. 26.

^g Ge. 25. 23.

^h 2 Sa. 8. 14.

ⁱ 2 Ki. 3. 9.

^j 8. 20.

^k Mar. 6. 24.

^l or, had ten

ships.

^m 2 Ch. 20. 35.

ⁿ &c.

^o Ps. 48. 7.

^p ch. 16. 31.

^q Ju. 2. 11.

unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.

50 ^r And ^s Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead

51 ^t Ahaziah ^u the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and ^v walked in the way of his father, and ^w in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:

53 For ^x he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

48. broken, 'wrecked.'

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CHAP. I.

THEN Moab ^a rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell down through a ^b lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of ^c Baal-zebub the god of ^d Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ^e ye go to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?

4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, ^f Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

5 ^g And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back?

6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

7 And he said unto them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words?

8 And they answered him, He was ^h an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to

B. C. 896.

^a 2 Sa. 8. 2.

^b Am. 7. 12.

^c ch. 3. 5.

^d Ju. 5. 24.

^e Ca. 2. 9.

^f Ps. 105. 15.

^g Lu. 9. 54.

^h Ps. 106. 18.

ⁱ He. 12. 29.

^j Re. 12. 5.

^k Mat. 10. 25.

^l Mar. 3. 22.

^m Lu. 11. 15.

ⁿ Beelzebub.

^o 1 Sa. 5. 10.

^p Pr. 23. 12.

^q Is. 32. 7.

^r Je. 2. 11. 13.

^s The bed

whither

thou art

gone up,

thou shalt

not come

down from

it.

^t Pr. 27. 22.

^u Ec. 9. 3.

^v bowed.

^w 1 Sa. 26. 21.

^x Ps. 72. 14.

^y What was

the manner

of the man?

^z Ps. 27. 1.

^{aa} Is. 51. 12, 13.

^{ab} Je. 1. 17.

^{ac} 15. 20.

^{ad} Eze. 2. 6.

^{ae} Mat. 10. 28.

^{af} 1 Pe. 3. 13.

^{ag} Zec. 13. 4.

^{ah} Mat. 3. 4.

him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, ^b Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down.

10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then ^c let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And ^d there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, ^e O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.

12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

13 ^f And he sent ^g again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and ^h fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, ⁱ be precious in thy sight.

14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

15 And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not ^j afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

16 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore

gallery raised at the end of the eastern room, on which the beds are laid at night.

8. on hairy man, &c. a mantle of hair and girdle of leather was the humble attire of the prophets. 9. Thou man of God, supposed to have been spoken in a sneering manner. 10. let fire, &c. 'fire shall come down.'—Sept.

thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

17 ¶ So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And *Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

CHAP. II.

AND it came to pass, when the LORD would ^b take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with ^c Elisha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, ^d Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Beth-el. And Elisha said *unto him*, As the LORD liveth, and ^e as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el.

3 And ^f the sons of the prophets that were at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, ^g I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, ^h Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; ⁱ hold ye your peace.

6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood ^j to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they ^k were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 ¶ And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, ^l Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared ^m a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and ⁿ Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 ¶ And Elisha saw it, and he cried,

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^a ch. 13. 14.

^b The second year that Jehoram was *Prorex*, and the eighteenth of Jehoshaphat, ch. 3. 1. ^c lip.

^d Ge. 5. 24.

^e Lu. 9. 51.

^f 1 Ki. 19. 21.

^g Ru. 1. 15, 16.

^h Jno. 6. 67, 68.

ⁱ ch. 4. 30.

^j Sa. 1. 26.

^k sons of strength.

^l ch. 4. 1, 38.

^m 9. 1.

ⁿ 1 Ki. 20. 35.

^o 1 Ki. 18. 12.

^p Eze. 8. 3.

^q Ac. 8. 39.

^r One of the mountains.

^s Ac. 2. 42.

^t 11. 23.

^u Jno. 17. 5, 7.

^v Ac. 1. 2.

^w 20. 25.

^x 2Pe. 1. 13, 14.

^y causing to miscarry.

^z Ec. 3. 7.

^{aa} ch. 4. 41.

^{ab} 6. 6.

^{ac} Ex. 15. 25.

^{ad} Jno. 9. 6.

^{ae} in sight, or, over against.

^{af} ver. 14.

^{ag} Ex. 14. 21.

^{ah} Jos. 3. 16.

^{ai} Ps. 114. 5.

^{aj} Is. 11. 15.

^{ak} He. 11. 29.

^{al} Job 19. 18.

^{am} 30. 13, 13.

^{an} Ec. 11. 9.

^{ao} Is. 1. 4.

^{ap} 3. 5.

^{aq} La. 3. 65.

^{ar} Mar. 11. 14.

^{as} 21.

^{at} Ac. 13. 9, 11.

^{au} Thou hast done hard in asking.

^{av} P ch. 6. 17.

^{aw} Ps. 104. 4.

^{ax} ch. 1. 17.

^{ay} Lu. 24. 51.

^{az} Ac. 1. 9.

^{ba} He. 11. 5.

^{bb} Re. 11. 12.

^a My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

16 ¶ And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: ^b lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon ^c some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send.

17 And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

18 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

19 ¶ And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground ^d barren.

20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.

21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and ^e cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

23 ¶ And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, ^f there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.

24 And he turned back, and looked on them, ^g and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

25 And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

CHAP. III.

NOW ^h Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

CHAP. II.—3. *sons of the prophets*, that is, young men taught in their schools. *take away*, so it is said of Enoch, when he was translated. *God took him*, from thy head, alluding to the custom of scholars sitting at their masters' feet. 9. *a double portion*, a repetition.—*Geddes*. 10. *asked a hard*, &c. art bold in thy request.—*Booth*. 11. *a chariot of fire*, not literally, but some moving, splendid, and glorious appearance. 12. *the chariot of Israel*, &c. proverbial, denoting one the guard and defence of his country: comp. ch. xiii. 14. 13. *mantle*, literally sheep-skin.

14. *smote the waters*, the *Vulg.* and *Sept.* add, 'but the waters were not divided.' 21. *cast the salt*, this was miraculous, from the change it produced, and the permanency of that change. 23. *little children*, 'young lads,' Heb. *bald head*, expresses that sort of baldness on the hind part of the head, which the orientals consider ignominious, the bald front not being so. 24. *in the name*, i. e. by the authority of the Lord, as a judgment for their conduct to his prophet. *she-bears*, the fiercest of animals, especially if recently deprived of their young.

2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the * image of Baal ^b that his father had made.

3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto ^c the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin: he departed not therefrom.

4 ^d And Mesha king of Moab was ^d a sheepmaster, ^e and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand ^f lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

5 But it came to pass, when ^h Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

6 ⁱ And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel.

7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: ^j I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses.

8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle ^k that followed them.

10 And the king of Israel said, ^l Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

11 But ^m Jehoshaphat said, *Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him?* And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom ⁿ went down to him.

13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, ^o What have I to do with thee? ^p get thee to ^q the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

14 And Elisha said, ^r As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, ^s were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, ^t I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.

15 But now bring me ^u a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, ^v Make this valley full of ditches.

17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; ^w yet that valley shall be filled with water,

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* *stat. 12.*
^a Je. 32. 17, 27.
^b Lu. 1. 37.
^c En. 3. 20.
^d 1 Ki. 16. 31.
^e 32.
^f 1 Ki. 12. 25.
^g 31, 32.
^h Ge. 13. 2.
ⁱ 26. 13, 14.
^j Job 1. 3.
^k 42. 12.
^l 1 Ch. 18. 2.
^m Ps. 108. 9, 10.
ⁿ *grieve.*
^o Is. 16. 1.
^p Ex. 29. 39, 40.
^q ch. 1. 1.
^r *were cried together.*
^s *gird himself with a girdle.*
^t 1 Ki. 22. 4.
^u *destroyed.*
^v *or, they smote in it even smiting.*
^w *at their feet.*
^x Ex. 11. 8.
^y Ps. 78. 34, 35.
^z Pr. 19. 3.
^a Is. 8. 21.
^b *until he left the stones thereof in Kir-haraseth.*
^c Is. 16. 7, 11.
^d 1 Ki. 22. 7.
^e Am. 2. 1.
^f De. 31. 3.
^g Ps. 106. 37, 38.
^h Eze. 16. 20.
ⁱ Mi. 6. 7.
^j ch. 2. 25.
^k ch. 8. 20.
^l Eze. 14. 3.
^m Ju. 10. 14.
ⁿ Ru. 1. 15.
^o Pr. 1. 28.
^p Je. 2. 27, 28.
^q 1 Ki. 18. 19.
^r 1 Ki. 20. 35.
^s 1 Ki. 17. 1.
^t He. 12. 28.
^u Re. 15. 4.
^v 2 Ch. 17. 3. 9.
^w 19. 3, 4.
^x Ps. 15. 4.
^y Le. 25. 39.
^z Mat. 18. 25.
^a Jo. 1. 18.
^b Da. 5. 17, 23.
^c Mat. 22. 16.
^d 1 Sa. 10. 5.
^e ch. 4. 3.
^f *or, scant not.*
^g Ps. 84. 6.
^h Is. 43. 19, 20.
ⁱ 48. 21.

that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.

18 And ^a this is *but* a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and ^b mar every good piece of land with stones.

20 And it came to pass in the morning, when ^c the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

21 ^d And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they ^e gathered all that were able to ^f put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border.

22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side *as red as blood*:

23 And they said, This is blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.

24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but ^g they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in *their* country.

25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: ^h only in ⁱ Kir-haraseth left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about *it*, and smote it.

26 ^j And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through *even* unto the king of Edom: but they could not.

27 Then ^k he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, ^l and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: ^m and they departed from him, and returned to *their own* land.

CHAP. IV.

NOW there cried a certain woman of the wives of ⁿ the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did ^o fear the LORD: and the creditor is come ^p to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, *even* empty vessels; ^q borrow ^r not a few.

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt

CHAP. III.—^a *a sheepmaster*, rather, 'a possessor of cattle.' 9. *king of Edom*, rather, 'deputy-governor:' see 1 Kin. xxi. 47. 11. *poured water*, &c. an office of a confidential servant in the east. 12. *The word*, &c. i. e. 'he is a true prophet.' 13. *to do with thee*, the king of Israel being an idolater. 15. *a minstrel*, who played the harp: the rufled prophet soothed his spirits by the music. *the hand*, &c. the power, &c.: he received a Divine impulse. 17. *see wind*, i. e. its effects, in stirring up the dust and stubble, as in the east. 19. *mar*, &c. spoil it for ploughing and sowing, by heaping stones on the

ground, ver. 25. 21. *and upward*, 'both old and young.'—*Booths*. 23. *is blood*, the reflection of the sun produced this illusion. 26. *that drew swords*, swordsmen. 27. *offered him*, to the tutelar divinity of the city, a heathen custom. *great indignation against Israel*, of the king of Moab, who was desperate, and determined to hold out the siege to the utmost extremity.

CHAP. IV.—1. *to be bondmen*, allowed of, when men became poor and insolvent, and died so: Ex. xxi. 2; Lev. xxv. 39; Mat. xviii. 25. 2. *oil*, olive oil was much used for food and anointing.

shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

8 ¶ And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to ^a Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber and lay there.

12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldst thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.

17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

18 ¶ And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.

22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the

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^a Jno. 11. 3.

Ac. 9. 38.

* peace.

† restrain

not for me

to ride.

^b ch. 2. 25.

‡ or, creditor

§ there was

a day.

^c Jos. 19. 18.

|| laid hold

on him.

* by his feet.

Mat. 28. 9.

† bitter.

1 Sa. 1. 10.

^d Mat. 5. 16.

1 Th. 2. 10.

^e Mat. 10. 41.

42.

25. 40.

Lu. 8. 3.

Ro. 12. 13.

He. 13. 2.

1 Pe. 4. 9, 10.

^f ver. 16.

^g ch. 9. 1.

1 Ki. 18. 46.

^h Lu. 10. 4.

ⁱ ch. 2. 8, 14.

Ex. 7. 19.

14. 16.

Ac. 19. 12.

^k ch. 2. 2.

Ro. 16. 2, 6.

Phi. 4. 18, 19.

He. 6. 10.

‡ attention.

^m Ru. 1. 1. 7.

Ps. 37. 3.

1 Ti. 6. 6, 8.

He. 13. 5.

ⁿ Jno. 11. 11.

^o Ge. 15. 2, 3.

17. 17.

18. 10, 14.

1 Sa. 1. 2, 8.

Lu. 1. 7.

^p ver. 4.

Mat. 6. 6.

^r 1 Ki. 17. 20.

21.

^s Ge. 18. 10, 14.

§ set time.

^t ver. 28.

Ps. 116. 11.

^u Ac. 20. 10.

|| once hither,

and once

thither.

^v Job 14. 1, 2.

Ja. 4. 14.

^x ch. 8. 1, 5.

^y He. 11. 35.

^z ch. 2. 1.

^a Ac. 11. 28.

^b Lu. 10. 39.

Ac. 22. 3.

young men, and one of the asses, * that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be * well.

24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; † slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.

25 So she went and came unto the man of God ^b to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well.

27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught * him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is † vexed within her: and the Lord hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? † did I not say, Do not deceive me?

29 Then he said to Gehazi, ^g Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, ^h salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again; and ⁱ lay my staff upon the face of the child.

30 And the mother of the child said, ^k As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but ^l there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is ^m not awaked.

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

33 He ⁿ went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, ^o and prayed unto the Lord.

34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and ^p he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

35 Then he returned, and walked in the house ^q to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, ^r Take up thy son.

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and ^s took up her son, and went out.

38 ¶ And Elisha came again to ^t Gilgal: and ^u there was a ^v dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets ^w were ^x sitting

8. *Shunem*, a city belonging to Issachar, Jos. xix. 18. great, rich." 10. *a little chamber*, &c. called by the Arabs, *Olesh*, resembling our summer-houses. *a bed*, commonly, a couch. *stool*, seat. 13. *I dwell*, &c. live among my friends, and want nothing from the king or his servants. 16. *not lie*, 'not deceive.' 19. *my head*, doubtless he had a 'stroke of the sun,' from exposure to that body; it sometimes terminates fatally, in those parts, within forty-eight hours. 22. *Send me*, &c. she probably concealed the death.

23. *neither new moon*, &c. the usual times to visit the prophets for instruction. 24. *she saddled*, i. e. ordered it to be saddled. *drive*, &c. 'drive on, slack not my riding,' &c.—*Booth*. In the east, ladies often ride with servants following on foot, driving the animal. 27. *by the feet*, a Jewish attitude of supplication, Mat. xxviii. 9; Lu. vii. 38. 29. *salute him not*, i. e. delay not, eastern salutations being tedious. 35. *seven*, i. e. many. 37. *tell at his feet*, in reverence of him.

before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not.

40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is ⁴ death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof.

41 But he said, Then bring meal. And ^f he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

42 ^g And there came a man from ^h Baal-shalisha, ⁱ and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

43 And his servitor said, ⁱ What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, ⁱ They shall eat, and shall leave thereof.

44 So he set it before them, and they did eat, ^h and left thereof, according to the word of the LORD.

CHAP. V.

NOW ^f Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was ^g a great man ^h with his master, and ⁱ honourable, because by him the LORD had given ⁱ deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she ^h waited on Naaman's wife.

3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were ^h with the prophet that is in Samaria: for he would ^h recover him of his leprosy.

4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and ^h took ^h with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.

7 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I ^h God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and ^h see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

8 ^h And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, say-

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a Ex. 11. 8.

Eze. 2. 5.

Ro. 11. 13.

b Jno. 9. 7.

c Pr. 13. 10.

Mat. 8. 8.

d Ex. 10. 17.

e Pr. 3. 7.

Is. 55. 8, 9.

Jno. 4. 42.

1 Co. 1. 21.

2. 14. 16.

3. 18. 20.

* I said, or,

I said with myself. He

would surely

come out,

&c.

f Ex. 15. 25.

Jno. 9. 6.

† move up

and down.

‡ evil thing.

§ or, Amana.

¶ 1 Sa. 9. 4.

|| 1 Co. 9. 11.

|| Ga. 6. 6.

|| or, in his

scrip. or,

garment.

i Lu. 9. 13.

Jno. 6. 9.

k Jno. 13. 8. 10.

Ac. 22. 16.

He. 10. 22.

l Lu. 9. 17.

m Job 33. 25.

n Mat. 15. 37.

o Lu. 5. 13.

p Lu. 4. 27.

q Ex. 11. 3.

* before.

r Da. 2. 47.

† lifted up,

or, accept-

ed in coun-

tenance,

or, gra-

acious.

‡ or, victory.

§ Ge. 33. 11.

|| ch. 3. 14.

¶ Ge. 14. 23.

|| Mat. 10. 5.

|| Ac. 8. 15, 20.

§ was before.

|| before.

* gather in.

† ch. 7. 2. 17.

|| 1 Sa. 9. 8.

|| in his hand.

‡ a little

piece of

ground.

§ Ge. 35. 16.

|| Jno. 12. 6.

a Ps. 10. 3.

b Lu. 12. 15.

c Ge. 30. 2.

d De. 32. 39.

e 1 Sa. 2. 6.

f 1 Ki. 20. 7.

g Lu. 11. 54.

§ Is there

peace?

ing, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and ^a he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and ^b wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

11 But ^c Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, ^d Behold, ^e I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and ^f strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

12 ^g Art not ^h Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, ⁱ Wash, and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and ^h his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and ⁱ he was clean.

15 ^h And he returned to the man of God, and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is ^h no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take ^h a blessing of thy servant.

16 But he said, ^h As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, ⁱ I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.

17 And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and ^h he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.

19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him: a little way.

20 ^h But ^h Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and ^h take somewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, ^h Is all well?

22 And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets:

39. wild vine, commonly called, the 'bitter apple.'
40. death, i. e. something noxious and deadly.

CHAP. V.—2. by companies, predatory bands. a little maid, which was saleable property. 4. one, that is, Naaman went into his lord the king. 5. silver—gold, estimated at 14,400. 15a. 9d. 10. seven times, the number prescribed by law, Lev. xiv. 7. 11. strike his hand, a curious and ancient instance of the superstition which ascribed extra-

ordinary healing powers to the touch of exalted or sacred persons. The idea still exists in the east. 12. Abana and Pharpar, the Barrady was one of these rivers: the other is unknown. 13. My father, a title of honour. 14. the flesh of a little child, pure. 15. blessing, 'present.' 17. of earth, or Israel's land, to erect an altar to Israel's God. 19. Go, &c. Naaman was not amenable to Jewish law. 15. hand, or shoulder.

give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

23 And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him.

24 And when he came to the † tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

25 But he went in, ^b and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went [§] no whither.

26 And he said unto him, ^f Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman ^h shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence ⁱ a leper as white as snow.

CHAP. VI.

AND ⁱ the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us.

2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.

3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.

4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

5 But as one was felling a beam, the ^{*} ax head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for ^p it was borrowed.

6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And ^q he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither: and the iron did swim.

7 Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

8 ^r Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and ^s took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place ^t shall be my [†] camp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us ^u is for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, ^v None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet

B. C. 894.

a Ge. 37. 17.

* heavy.

† or, secret place.

‡ or, minister

b Pr. 30. 20.

Eze. 33. 31.

c 2 Ch. 20. 12.

Ps. 53. 5.

Mar. 4. 40.

d Pr. 12. 22.

Ac. 5. 3, 4, 9.

e 2 Ch. 32. 7.

Ps. 55. 18.

Is. 8. 10.

Mat. 26. 53.

Ro. 8. 31.

1 Jno. 4. 4.

§ not hither

or thither.

f 1 Co. 5. 3.

g ch. 2. 11.

Ps. 34. 7.

68. 17.

91. 11.

Zec. 1. 8.

6. 1-7.

He. 1. 14.

h Jos. 7. 25.

Ho. 10. 13.

i Ti. 6. 10.

j ch. 15. 5.

Ex. 4. 6.

Nu. 12. 10.

k Ge. 19. 11.

Job 5. 14.

Jno. 9. 39.

12. 40.

Ac. 13. 11.

Ro. 11. 7.

l ch. 4. 38.

|| come ye

after me.

m Lu. 24. 31.

n ch. 8. 9.

o Lu. 9. 51-56

22. 49.

* iron.

p Ps. 37. 21.

q Pr. 25. 21, 22.

Mat. 5. 44.

Ro. 12. 20.

r 1 Th. 5. 15.

s ch. 2. 21.

t ver. 8. 9.

u ch. 5. 2.

v 1 Ki. 20. 23.

Job 5. 12, 13.

Pr. 21. 30.

Is. 7. 5-7.

8. 10.

† or, en-

camping.

w Le. 26. 26.

x 1 Ki. 18. 2.

Je. 14. 13.

15, 18.

52. 6.

† or, Let not

the LORD

save thee.

§ No.

that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bed-chamber.

13 ^u And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in ^v Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a ^w great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the ^x servant of the man of God was risen early and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, ^y Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for ^z they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain ^{aa} was full of ^b horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And ^{cc} he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 ^{dd} And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: I follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.

20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, ^{ee} open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw: and, behold, ^{ff} they were in the midst of Samaria.

21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, "My father, shall I smite them? ^{gg} shall I smite them?"

22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set ^{hh} bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So ⁱⁱ the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

24 ^{jj} And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

25 And ^{kk} there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore ^{ll} pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five ^{mm} pieces of silver.

26 And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king.

27 And he said, If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress?

28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we

21. tower, rather, 'hill,' where Elisha lodged. 25. no whither, no where. 26. went not my heart, 'went not I in mind.'—Boothr. 27. unto thy seed, which would be the natural consequence of his leprous state.

CHAP. VI.—2. a beam, Jordan is shaded by trees, which are cut for use. 10. not once, &c. i.e. several times. 13. Dothan, a city of Manasseh, twelve miles from Samaria. 17. horses, &c. representing the care of Providence. 18. blindness, or confusion

of sight: see Gen. xix. 11. 19. This is not the way, for Elisha was proceeding elsewhere. neither is this the city, where they should see him. 23. bands, or marauding parties. came no more, in bands. 25. ass's head, an unclean animal, Lev. xi. 26. fourscore, perhaps about 100; some think, 51. cab, a sort of quart measure. dove's dung, a sort of parched pulse, so called from its shape and colour, and still used. five pieces, &c. 12s. 6d. 27. out of the barnfloor, &c. either with meat or with drink

may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow.

29 So ^a we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the ^{*}next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and ^b she hath hid her son.

30 ^c And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he ^d rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, *he had sackcloth within upon his flesh.*

31 Then he said, ^e God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

32 But Elisha sat in his house, and ^f the elders sat with him; and *the king sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, ^g See ye how this son of ^h a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?*

33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, ⁱ this evil is of the LORD; what should I ^k wait for the LORD any longer?

CHAP. VII.
THEN Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, ^l To morrow about this time *shall* a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

2 Then ^m a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, ⁿ if the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes but shalt not eat thereof.

3 ^o And there were four leprous men ^p at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

4 If we say, ^q We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, *there was no man there.*

6 For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians ^r to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, *even* the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us ^s the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

7 Wherefore they ^t arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, *even* the camp as it *was*, and fled for their life.

8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried

B. C. 892.

^a Le. 26. 29.
De. 28. 53, 57

^{*} other.

^b 1 Ki. 3. 26.
Is. 49. 15.

^c Is. 41. 27.
Na. 1. 15.

^d Lu. 2. 10.
Ro. 10. 15.

^e Phi. 2. 4.
d 1 Ki. 21. 27.

^f we shall find punishment.

^g Ru. 1. 17.
1 Ki. 19. 2.

^h Eze. 8. 1.
20. 1.

ⁱ Lu. 13. 32.
h 1 Ki. 18. 4.

^j Job 1. 11, 21.
2. 9, 10.

^k Eze. 33. 10.
Ps. 27. 14.

^l 37. 7, 9.
62. 5.

^m Is. 8. 17.
26. 3.

ⁿ 50. 10.
La. 3. 25, 26.

^o Lu. 18. 1.

^p in it.

^q ver. 18, 19.
Je. 14. 18.

^r a lord which belonged to the king leaning upon his hand,

ch. 5. 18.

^s Mal. 3. 10.

^t Job 2. 4.
Is. 2. 20, 21.

^u 31. 7.
Mat. 24. 16..

^v 18.
Phi. 3. 7..

^w He. 12. 1.
P Le. 13. 46.

^x ver. 1.
Is. 44. 26.

^y Lu. 21. 33.
Ju. 20. 43.

^z Is. 25. 10.
t Mi. 7. 10.

^{aa} ch. 19. 7.
2 Sa. 5. 24.

^{ab} Job 15. 21.
v 1 Ki. 10. 29.

^{ac} x Pe. 48. 4..
Pr. 28. 1.

^{ad} y Nu. 20. 12.
De. 34. 4, 5.

^{ae} Job 20. 23.
Je. 17. 5, 6.

^{af} He. 3. 18, 19.
z ch. 4. 35.

thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence *also*, and went and hid it.

9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: ^a this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, ^b some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, *there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were.*

11 And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within.

12 ^c And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *be* hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let *some* take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left ^d in the city, (behold, they *are* as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, *I say*, ^e they *are* even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed: ^f) and let us send and see.

14 They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

15 And they went after them unto Jordan: and, lo, all the way *was* full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had ^g cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour *was sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, ^h according to the word of the LORD.

17 ⁱ And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and ^j the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, ^k as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.

18 And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, *shall be* to morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:

19 And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, ^l if the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

20 And ^m so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

CHAP. VIII.

THEN spake Elisha unto the woman, ⁿ whose son he had restored to life, saying,

32. elders, his chief scholars. sent a man, an executioner. a murderer, of Naboth. Is not the sound, &c. following the messenger, to revoke the order. 33. he said, i. e. the king said, God sent this evil: I cannot hope he will remove it, and so I will spare his prophet.

CHAP. VII.—1. a measure, 'a seah,' rather more than a peck. shekel, two shillings and fourpence farthing. 2. a lord on whose hand, &c. a favourite

courtier. shall not eat, predicting his death. 3. leprous, and so shut out of the city and camp, Lev. xiii. 46. 10. horses tied, &c., just as the manner still is with the orientals. This shows the suddenness of their flight, they did not stay even to slip the halters. 11. house within, i. e. household. 13. that are consumed, rather, 'that are perfect,' that remain unconsumed. 17. trode upon him, in their haste to get food.

Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD ^a hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that ^d the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.

4 And the king talked with ^e Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.

5 And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, ^f the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this ^g is the woman, and this ^h is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.

6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain ⁱ officer, saying, ^j Restore all that ^k was her's, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

7 ^l And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither.

8 And the king said unto ^m Hazael, Take ⁿ a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and ^o enquire of ^p the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present ^q with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

10 And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that ^r he shall surely die.

11 And he settled his countenance ^s stedfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God ^t wept.

12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know ^u the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and ^v wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child.

13 And Hazael said, But what, ^w is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou ^x shalt be king over Syria.

14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me ^y that thou shouldst surely recover.

B. C. 891.

^a Ps. 105. 16.

Je. 25. 29.

Hag. 1. 11.

Ac. 11. 28.

^b 2 Ch. 21. 3, 4.

^c *reigned.*

Began to

reign in

consort

with his

father.

^d 2 Ch. 21. 5,

&c.

^e Ru. 1. 6, 7.

^f ch. 5. 27.

^g ver. 26.

^h 2 Sa. 7. 13.

ⁱ 1 Ki. 11. 35.

^j 15. 4.

^k 2 Ch. 21. 7.

^l *candle, or,*

lamp.

^m Pr. 16. 9.

ⁿ Mat. 10. 29,

30.

^o ch. 3. 27.

^p Ge. 27. 40.

^q 2 Ch. 21. 8.

^r 1 Ki. 19. 15.

^s ch. 5. 5.

^t 1 Sa. 9. 7.

^u 1 Ki. 14. 3.

^v *Called*

Azariah,

^w 2 Ch. 22. 6.

and

Jehoahaz,

^x 2 Ch. 21. 17.

^y 25. 23.

^z 2 Ch. 22. 1,

&c.

^a ch. 1. 2.

^b *in his hand.*

^c *or, grand-*

daughter,

^d ver. 18.

^e ver. 15.

^f *and set it.*

^g Lu. 19. 41.

^h ch. 9. 15.

ⁱ *wherewith*

the Syrians

had

^j *wounded.*

^k ch. 10. 32.

^l 12. 17.

^m 13. 3, 7.

ⁿ Am. 1. 3.

^o *Called*

Ramoth,

^p ver. 28.

^q ch. 9. 16.

^r ch. 15. 16.

^s Ho. 13. 16.

^t Am. 1. 13.

^u 1 Sa. 17. 43.

^v *wounded.*

^w ch. 4. 29.

^x Je. 1. 17.

^y ch. 8. 28, 29.

15 And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

16 ¹ And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat ² being then king of Judah, ³ Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah ⁴ began to reign.

17 Thirty ⁵ and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for ⁶ the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

19 Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, ⁷ as he promised him to give him alway ⁸ a ⁹ *†* light, and to his children.

20 ¹⁰ In his days ¹¹ Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, ¹² and made a king over themselves.

21 So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.

22 Yet ¹³ Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. ¹⁴ Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

23 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, ¹⁵ are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

24 And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and ¹⁶ Ahaziah ¹⁷ his son reigned in his stead.

25 ¹⁸ In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.

26 Two and twenty years old ¹⁹ was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name ²⁰ was Athaliah, the ²¹ daughter of Omri king of Israel.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, ²² as did the house of Ahab: for he ²³ was the son in law of the house of Ahab.

28 ²⁴ And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians ²⁵ wounded Joram.

29 And ²⁶ king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds ²⁷ which the Syrians had given him at ²⁸ Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. ²⁹ And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was ³⁰ sick.

CHAP. IX.

AND Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, ¹ Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, ² and go to Ramoth-gilead:

2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him

CHAP. VIII.—1. *hath called for a famine*, this passed before the famine, and chronologically should follow ch. iv. or v. 2. *in the land of the Philistines*, which bordered on Israel, and being exempt, showed more strongly the hand of God in the famine. 3. *to cry*, &c. or to complain to, her property having been seized by relations, stewards, or king's officers. 10. *mayest—recover*, the disease was not incurable, yet he would

die. 11. *he settled*, &c. i. e. the prophet. 14. *shouldst*, not true; the prophet only said, 'he might.' 15. *a thick cloth*, perhaps the thick quilted coverlet. Some suppose Hazael used this by his master's order, as a remedy; more likely, for his own wicked purpose. *he died*, smothered. 19. *light*, see 2 Sa. xi. 13; 1 Kin. xi. 36. 20. *hand*, power.

arise up from among ^a his brethren, and carry him to an ^a inner chamber;

3 Then ^b take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.

4 ^c So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, ^d Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel.

7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.

8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and ^e I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and ^f him that is shut up and left in Israel:

9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of ^g Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of ^h Baasha the son of Ahijah:

10 And ⁱ the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled.

11 ^j Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and ^k one said unto him, Is all well? wherefore came ^l this mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man, and his communication.

12 And they said, It is false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel.

13 Then they hastened, and ^m took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king.

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria.)

15 But ⁿ king ^o Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians ^p had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it be your minds, then ^q let none go forth nor escape out of the city to go to tell it in Jezreel.

16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

17 And there stood ^r a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, Is it peace?

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^a ver. 5, 11.
^b chamber in a chamber.

^c 1 Ki. 19. 16.

^d Is. 48. 22.

59. 8.

Je. 16. 5.

Ro. 3. 17.

^e marching.

^f 2 Ch. 22. 7.

^g in madness.

^h Bind.

ⁱ 2 Ch. 22. 7.

^j found.

^k 1 Ki. 18. 4.

21. 15.

^l 1 Sa. 25. 22.

1 Ki. 14. 10.

21. 21.

^m De. 32. 36.

Is. 57. 19. 21.

ⁿ Na. 3. 4.

Re. 2. 20. 23.

^o 1 Ki. 15. 29.

^p 1 Ki. 16. 3. 11.

^q 1 Ki. 21. 23.

^r filled his hand with a bow.

^s bowed.

^t Je. 29. 26.

Jno. 10. 20.

Ac. 26. 24.

1 Co. 4. 10.

^u 1 Ki. 21. 29.

^v bloods.

^w 1 Ki. 21. 19.

^x Mat. 21. 7.

^y or, portion.

^z reigneth.

^{aa} ch. 8. 29.

^{ab} Jehoram.

^{ac} In the kingdom of Samaria.

^{ad} 2 Ch. 22. 9.

^{ae} smote.

^{af} let no escaper go, &c.

^{ag} Then he began to reign as viceroy to his father in his sickness, 2 Ch. 21. 18, 19.

^{ah} But in Joram's twelfth year he began to reign alone ch. 8. 25.

^{ai} Exe. 23. 40.

^{aj} put her eyes in painting.

^{ak} 2 Sa. 13. 34.

18. 24.

^{al} Is. 21. 6. &c.

62. 6. 7.

^{am} 1 Ki. 16. 9.

20.

^{an} Ex. 32. 26.

1 Ch. 12. 18.

Ps. 118. 6.

18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, ^a What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again.

19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace: turn thee behind me.

20 And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the ^b driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth ^c furiously.

21 And Joram said, ^d Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And ^e Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and ^f met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, ^g What peace, so long as ^h the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?

23 And Joram turned his hands and fled, and said to Ahaziah, ⁱ There is treachery, O Ahaziah.

24 And Jehu ^j drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he ^k sunk down in his chariot.

25 Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, ^l the LORD laid this burden upon him;

26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and ^m I will requite thee in this ⁿ plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the LORD.

27 ^o But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. And they did so at the going up to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to ^p Megiddo, and died there.

28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.

29 And ^q in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

30 ^r And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; ^s and she ^t painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, ^u Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?

32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, ^v Who is on my side? who?

CHAP. IX.—10. portion, field. 11. mad, enthusiastic. Ye know the man, you may judge of the communication, from the fanatic character of the man. 12. false, to give the lie in the east, is not considered offensive. 13. garment, and put, &c. an expression of entire submission to his authority: see Mat. xxi. 5—8. stairs, it is probable the captains were assembled in the state-room over the gateway of some building, citadel, or palace; and the spot

named was fully in view of the people and military. 18. What hast, &c. It is no concern of thine. 19. turn, &c. fall into the rear, and follow me. 20. furiously, 'with speed.' 22. Is it peace? 'Comest thou in peace?' whoredoms, i. e. idolatry. 24. arms, shoulders. 25. burden, severe doom. 26. yesterday, not long ago. this plat, 'that field.' 27. Ibleam, a city in Manasseh, Jos. xvii. 11. 30. her face, i. e. her eyebrows.

And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.

33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.

34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter.

35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the scull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.

36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ⁵ In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:

37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

CHAP. X.

AND Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying,

2 Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour;

3 Look even out the best and meekest of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?

5 And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes.

6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time. Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up.

7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him them to Jezreel.

8 And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.

9 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to

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* or, chamberlains.

Ac. 12. 20.

^a ch. 9. 14. 21.

Ho. 1. 4.

^b 1 Sa. 3. 19.

Is. 40. 8.

Je. 44. 28, 29.

Zec. 1. 6.

Lu. 21. 33.

^c Is. 25. 10.

Mi. 7. 10.

Mal. 4. 3.

^d by the hand of.

^e 1 Ki. 21. 19.

21. 29.

^f 1 Ki. 16. 31.

^g Job 31. 3.

Is. 14. 18. 20.

^h or, acquaintance

ⁱ by the hand of.

^j house of shepherds

driving sheep.

^k 1 Ki. 21. 23.

^l found.

^m ch. 8. 29.

2 Ch. 22. 8.

ⁿ Ps. 83. 10.

^o to the peace of, &c.

^p nourishers.

^q found.

^r Je. 35. 6, &c.

^s 1 Ch. 2. 55.

^t blessed.

^u Ezr. 10. 19.

^v 2 Sa. 2. 12.

17.

^w 1 Ki. 12. 21.

Jno. 18. 36.

^x 1 Ki. 19. 10.

^y ch. 9. 8.

2 Ch. 22. 8.

^z Je. 49. 19.

Na. 1. 6.

Lu. 14. 31.

^a Jos. 9. 8, 11.

1 Ki. 20. 4, 32.

Je. 27. 7, 8, 17.

^b 1 Ki. 16. 31.

32.

^c for me.

^d 1 Ki. 22. 6.

^e Sanctify.

^f 1 Ki. 21. 21.

Mar. 6. 27, 28.

^g or, so full, that they stood

mouth to mouth.

^h mouth to mouth.

ⁱ mouth to mouth.

^j mouth to mouth.

^k mouth to mouth.

^l mouth to mouth.

^m mouth to mouth.

ⁿ mouth to mouth.

^o mouth to mouth.

^p mouth to mouth.

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^v mouth to mouth.

^w mouth to mouth.

^x mouth to mouth.

^y mouth to mouth.

^z mouth to mouth.

all the people, Ye be righteous: behold, ^a I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these?

10 Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done that which he spake by his servant Elijah.

11 So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

12 And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. And as he was at the shearing house in the way,

13 Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who are ye? And they answered, We are the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen.

14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him; and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot.

17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Elijah.

18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Aliah served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.

19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.

21 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

22 And he said unto him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the

32. eunuchs, or chamberlains, such attended on ladies of rank. 35. no more of her, the dogs which abound in the east, ranging the streets for food, had nearly devoured her. 37. portion, district.

CHAP. X.—1. seventy sons, great men in the east, being polygamists, have sometimes more than seventy sons. of Jezreel, of Samaria.—Sept. 6. with the great, &c. among the ancient oriental nations, as in some of the modern, the king's sons were consigned to the care of the principal nobles. 8. in two heaps, in the east, the heads of enemies slain, of robbers, and of persons put to death by the royal order, are

presented to the king, and afterwards deposited at the palace gate. 9. who slew all these? in this irony he involved the chief men of Samaria in the massacre. 10. fall unto the earth, fall of being accomplished. 11. none remaining, all having abetted Ahab in idolatry. 13. brethren, or relatives. 14. take them alive, make them captives. pit, where they washed the sheep. 15. Is thine heart? &c. Art thou as friendly to me, as I am to thee? give me thine hand, as a token of amity—a confirmation of an oath and a pledge of fealty; all which are signified by the act, in the east. 22. vestry, the room of

son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only.

24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, *If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him.*

25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with * the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

26 And they brought forth the † images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.

27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day.

28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 ¶ Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who † made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and that were in Dan.

30 And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, † thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.

31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from † the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.

32 ¶ In those days the LORD began * to cut Israel short: and † Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel;

33 From Jordan † eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, § even † Gilead and Bashan.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

35 And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

36 And * the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

CHAP. XI.

AND when † Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the † seed royal.

2 But * Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took † Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the

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a Ps. 12. 8.

Mal. 3. 15.

b 2 Ch. 23. 1.

&c.

c 1 Ki. 20. 39.

d Ge. 50. 25.

1 Ki. 18. 10.

Ne. 10. 29.

e 1 Ch. 9. 25.

* the mouth.

† statues.

f 1 Ki. 14. 23.

‡ or, from

breaking

up.

§ hands, or,

companies.

g Ezr. 6. 11.

Da. 2. 5.

3. 29.

h Ge. 20. 9.

Ex. 32. 21.

1 Sa. 2. 24.

Mat. 5. 19.

1 Co. 8. 9. 13.

i 1 Ki. 12. 28.

29.

Ho. 8. 5, 6.

10. 5.

13. 2.

k ch. 13. 1, 10.

14. 23.

15. 8. 12.

|| observed

not.

! 1 Ki. 14. 16.

* to cut off

the ends.

m ch. 8. 12.

† shoulder.

‡ toward the

rising of

the sun.

n Ex. 40. 6.

§ or, even to

Gilead and

Bashan.

o Am. 1. 3.

p De. 17. 18.

20.

Ps. 78. 5.

Is. 8. 20.

|| Let the

king live.

1 Sa. 10. 24.

2 Sa. 16. 16.

r ch. 23. 3.

2 Ch. 34. 31.

* the days

were.

s 1 Ki. 1. 39, 40.

Pr. 29. 2.

Mar. 11. 9, 10.

† ch. 8. 25.

2 Ch. 22. 10.

‡ seed of the

kingdom.

u 2 Ch. 22. 11.

Jehoshab-

beath.

‡ or, Jehoash.

v Eze. 9. 7.

bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.

3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. * And Athaliah did reign over the land.

4 ¶ And ^b the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant with them, and ^c took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son.

5 And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you that enter in ^e on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house;

6 And a third part shall be at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, † that it be not broken down.

7 And two § parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king.

8 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain: and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he cometh in.

9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of the LORD.

11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right † corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the * altar and the temple.

12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and ^p gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, ¶ God save the king.

13 ¶ And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD.

14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by ^r a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and ^s all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason.

15 But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranges: and him that followeth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the ^v house of the LORD.

16 And they laid hands on her; and she

the vestments. 26. house, or temple. 27. made it a draught house, a common sewer, which was and is the oriental way of expressing dislike. 32. cut Israel short, i. e. lessen their power.

CHAP. XI.—1. Athaliah, Ahab's daughter, chap. viii. 18, 26. the seed royal, some had been previously slain, 2 Chron. xxi. 4; xxii. 1, 8: these seem to be the children of Ahaziah and grandchildren of Athaliah. The motive of the massacre was ambition, the government having been intrusted to her during

her son's absence. 2. slain, i. e. thought to have been so, or cast there by the nurse to save him. bed-chamber, Chardin thinks it was a repository for couches and cushions. 3. hid, this was easily done, as the temple was sacred to the priests. 4. an oath, to restore the king's son, 2 Chron. xxiii. 1. 5. that enter in, by courses, Luke i. 5. 8. ranger, 'ranks or lines' of the guards. 12. testimony, 'regalia': so Geddes, but some think it means 'the book of the law.' 14. by a pillar, 'on the tribunal.'—Bosior. 16. the way, &c. i. e. the public road.

went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house: and there was she slain.

17 ¶ And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, ^a that they should be the LORD's people; ^b between the king also and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went into the ^c house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images ^d brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Matan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD.

19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And ^e he sat on the throne of the kings.

20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword *beside* the king's house.

21 Seven ^f years old was Jehoash when he began to reign.

CHAP. XII.

IN the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

2 And Jehoash did *that which was right* in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

3 But ^g the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 ¶ And Jehoash said to the priests, ^h All the money of the ⁱ dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, *even* ^j the money of every one that passeth *the account*, ^k the money that every man is set at, and all the money that ^l cometh ^m into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD,

5 Let the priests take it to them, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.

6 But it was so, that in the ⁿ three and twentieth year of king Jehoash ^o the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the *other* priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no *more* money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

8 And the priests consented to receive no *more* money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.

9 But Jehoiada the priest took ^p a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the LORD: and ^q the priests that kept the door put therein all the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD.

10 And it was so, when they saw that *there was* much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they ^r put up in bags, and told the

B. C. 878.

^a 2 Co. 8. 5.

^b brought it forth.

^c 2 Sa. 5. 3.

Ro. 13. 1. 7.

^d ch. 10. 26.

^e De. 12. 3.

^f 2 Ch. 12. 17.

^g went forth.

^h offices.

ⁱ Je. 17. 25.

22. 430.

Mat. 19. 28.

25. 31.

^j ch. 22. 7.

^k Ne. 7. 2.

Mat. 21. 45.

Lu. 16. 1, 10.

12.

1 Co. 4. 2, 3.

3 Juo. 5.

^l 2 Ch. 21. 1.

&c.

^m Le. 5. 15, 18.

ⁿ Le. 7. 7.

Nu. 18. 9.

^o ch. 8. 12.

^p 2 Ch. 24. 23.

^q ch. 18. 15, 16.

1 Ki. 15. 18.

^r ch. 14. 4.

1 Ki. 15. 14.

22. 43.

^s ch. 22. 4.

^t holinesses,

or, holy

things.

^u went up.

^v Ex. 30. 13.

^w the money

of the souls

of his esti-

mation,

Le. 27. 2.

^x ascendeth

upon the

heart of a

man.

^y Ex. 35. 5.

1 Ch. 29. 9.

^z ch. 14. 5.

^{aa} or, Beth-

millo.

^{ab} 2 Ch. 24. 26.

Zabad.

^{ac} or, Shim-

rith.

^{ad} twentieth

year and

third year.

^{ae} 2 Ch. 24. 5.

^{af} twentieth

year and

third year.

^{ag} walked

after.

^{ah} Lu. 21. 1.

^{ai} Ju. 2. 14.

^{aj} Je. 35. 4.

52. 24.

Ps. 84. 10.

^{ak} threshold.

^{al} Ps. 78. 34.

^{am} Ex. 3. 7.

^{an} or, secre-

tary.

^{ao} bound up.

^{ap} ver. 25.

^{aq} ch. 14. 25. 27

money that was found in the house of the LORD.

11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they ^a laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD.

12 And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that ^b was laid out for the house to repair it.

13 Howbeit there were not made for the house of the LORD bowls of silver, snuff-ers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD:

14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD.

15 Moreover ^c they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for ^d they dealt faithfully.

16 The ^e trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house of the LORD: ^f it was the priests'.

17 ¶ Then ^g Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and ^h Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

18 And Jehoash king of Judah ⁱ took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold *that was* found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria: and he ^j went away from Jerusalem.

19 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And ^k his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in ^l the house of Millo, which goeth down to Silla.

21 For ^m Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehoabad the son of ⁿ Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.

IN the ^a three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen years.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, and ^b followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

3 ¶ And ^c the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days.

4 And Jehoahaz ^d besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him: for ^e he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

5 (And ^f the LORD gave Israel a saviour,

in Persia, bankers' money being so passed without opening the sealed bag.

CHAP. XIII. 3. *their*, rather, 'his.' i. e. Jehoahaz. compare ver. 25. ^g saviour or deliverer, that is,

CHAP. XII.—3. *high places*, used prior to the temple, or set up in Rehoboam's days, 1 Kin. xiv. 23. 4. *dedicated things*, consisting of free-will offerings, redemption of vows, Lev. xvii., and the poll tax, Exod. xxx. 14. 10. *in bags*, a custom now in use

so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents,* as beforetime.

6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, but walked therein: and there remained the grove also in Samaria.)

7 Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them; and had made them like the dust by threshing.

8 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his stead.†

10 ¶ In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteen years.

11 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin: but he walked therein.

12 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

13 And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 ¶ Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness wherof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

15 And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows.

16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.

17 And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them.

18 And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.

19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

20 ¶ And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

B. C. 842.

* as yesterday, and third day.

† went down.

‡ he walked.

§ 1 Ki. 16. 33.

|| Is. 26. 19.

¶ Eze. 37. 1-10.

‡ Mat. 27. 52.

§ Jno. 5. 25, 28, 29.

¶ Re. 11. 11.

§ stood.

¶ ch. 8. 12.

‡ ch. 14. 27.

§ Am. 1. 3.

¶ Ex. 2. 24, 25.

‡ Ex. 32. 13.

|| face.

¶ Ps. 125. 3.

* returned and took.

† ver. 10.

‡ Jehoash.

† Alone.

‡ In consort with his father,

ch. 14. 1.

¶ ch. 13. 10.

‡ 2 Ch. 25. 1.

¶ &c.

† ch. 14. 15.

¶ ch. 14. 9, &c.

‡ 2 Ch. 25. 17.

¶ &c.

¶ ch. 12. 3.

¶ ch. 12. 20.

¶ Ge. 9. 6.

¶ Ex. 21. 12.

¶ Nu. 35. 33.

¶ ch. 2. 12.

¶ De. 24. 16.

¶ Eze. 18. 4, 20.

§ Make thine hand to ride,

‡ 2 Sa. 8. 13.

¶ Ps. 60, title.

|| or, the rock

† Jos. 15. 38.

¶ Ex. 4. 2, 17.

¶ Ju. 7. 9, 20.

¶ 2 Ch. 25. 17.

¶ 18, &c.

¶ 1 Ki. 20. 26.

¶ Is. 20. 2, 4.

¶ Eze. 4. 1, &c.

¶ 5. 1, 4.

¶ Ju. 9. 8.

¶ Le. 10. 16.

¶ Nu. 16. 15.

¶ Mar. 3. 5.

¶ 10. 14.

¶ 1 Ki. 4. 33.

¶ ver. 25.

¶ De. 8. 14.

¶ 2 Ch. 32. 25.

¶ Eze. 28. 2, 5.

¶ 17.

¶ Hab. 2. 4.

¶ Ac. 8. 2.

¶ at thy house.

21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

22 ¶ But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

24 So Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

CHAP. XIV.

IN the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah.

2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did.

4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places.

5 ¶ And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father.

6 But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

7 He slew of Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took Selah by war, and called the name of it Joktheel unto this day.

8 ¶ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

9 And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory of this, and tarry at home: for why shouldest thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?

Joash, ver. 25. in their tents, i.e. were secure in their dwellings, as in their prosperity. 6. grove, planted by Ahab for Baal, 1 Kin. xvi. 32. 7. like the dust, dispersed, scattered, Psa. xviii. 42; Isa. xlii. 2, 15, 16. 11. the chariot, &c. see chap. ii. 12, note. 15. take bow, &c. the shooting was here symbolical of wars; and striking the arrows, of victory. 19. wroth, 'grieved.'—Sept. 21. band, marauding party. revived, this miracle must have awakened reverence

for the law of God, which Elisha had aimed to restore, and confidence in his predictions. 23. had respect, looked upon them with an eye of pity and mercy.

CHAP. XIV.—6. slew not, a proof of his strict regard to justice and the law of God: see Deut. xxiv. 16. 7. valley of salt, the salt and sandy plain south of the Dead sea. 8. look, &c. this is a challenge of war. 9. thistle, representing Amaziah. cedar, i.e. Jehoash. wild beast, the hostile army which would subdue

11 But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at ^a Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah.

12 And Judah was ^{*} put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to their tents.

13 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from ^c the gate of Ephraim unto ^d the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

14 And he took all ^e the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

15 ^f Now ^g the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

16 And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

17 ^h And ⁱ Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

19 Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to ^j Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there.

20 And they brought him on horses; and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21 ^k And all the people of Judah took ^l Azariah, which *was* sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

22 He built ^m Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

23 ⁿ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel ^o began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty and one years.

24 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

25 He restored the coast of Israel ^p from the entering of Hamath unto ^q the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant ^r Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which *was* of ^s Gath-hepher.

26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, *that it was* very bitter: for ^t *there was* not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.

27 And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he ^u saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

B. C. 826.

^a Jos. 19. 38.
^b 2 Sa. 8. 6.
^c 1 Ki. 11. 24.
^d smitten.
^e After an interregnum of eleven years, ch. 15. 8.
^f This is the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam's partnership in the kingdom with his father, who made him consort at his going to the Syrian wars. It is the sixteenth year of Jeroboam's monarchy.
^g Ne. 8. 16.
^h ch. 14. 21.
ⁱ Called Uzziah, ver. 13, 30, &c.
^j Je. 31. 38.
^k Zec. 14. 10.
^l 1 Ki. 7. 51.
^m ch. 13. 12.
ⁿ ch. 12. 3.
^o 2 Ch. 26. 19.
^p 21.
^q Le. 13. 46.
^r 2 Ch. 25. 25, &c.
^s Jos. 10. 31.
^t There having been an interregnum for eleven years.
^u ch. 15. 13.
^v 2 Ch. 26. 1, he is called Uzziah.
^w ch. 16. 6.
^x As prophesied, Am. 7. 9.
^y Now he begins to reign alone
^z ch. 10. 30.
^a Nu. 13. 21.
^b 34. 8.
^c De. 3. 17.
^d Mat. 1. 8, 9, called Ozias, ver. 1, Azariah.
^e a month of days.
^f Jon. 1. 1.
^g Mat. 12. 39, called Jonas.
^h 1 Ki. 14. 17.
ⁱ Jos. 19. 13.
^j De. 32. 36.

29 ^k Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, ^l which *belonged* to Judah, for Israel, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and ^m Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XV.

IN the ⁿ twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel ^o began ^p Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jeholiah of Jerusalem.

3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;

4 Save ^q that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.

5 ^r And the LORD ^s smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and ^t dwelt in a several house. And Jotham the king's son *was* over the house, judging the people of the land.

6 And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

7 So Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David; and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

8 ^u In the ^v thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months.

9 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

10 And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and ^w smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

11 And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

12 This *was* ^x the word of the LORD which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth generation. And so it came to pass.

13 ^y Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of ^z Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned ^a a full month in Samaria.

14 For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from ^b Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

16 ^c Then Menahem smote Tiphshah, and all that *were* therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah: because they opened

Amaziah. 22. built, repaired, comp. Deut. ii. 8.
23. Jeroboam, the Second. 25. Damascus, and Hamath, Syrian cities, before taken, 2 Sam. viii. 6;
2 Chron. viii. 3.

CHAP. XV.—1. Azariah, Uzziah, 2 Chron. xxvi. 1.

5. a leper, see 2 Chron. xxvi. 16. a several house, rather, 'a separate apartment:' see Lev. xiii. 46. over the house, governor of the palace. 10. before the people, publicly, they consenting and approving.

14. Tirzah, in Ephraim, long the royal city of the

not to him, therefore he smote it; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

19 And ^b Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to ^d confirm the kingdom in his hand.

20 And Menahem ^e exacted the money of Israel, even of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land.

21 ^f And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

22 And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

23 ^g In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, ^h and reigned two years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

25 But Pekah the son of Remaliah, a captain of his, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, with Argob and Arieah, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his room.

26 And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

27 ⁱ In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah ^j Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty years.

28 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel ^k came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took ^l Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.

30 And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and ^m reigned in his stead, ⁿ in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

31 And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 ^o In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began ^p Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.

33 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's

B. C. 772.

^a ch. 8. 12.

^b 1 Ch. 5. 26.

Is. 9. 1.

Ho. 8. 9.

^c At the end

of Jotham's

reign,

ch. 16. 5.

Is. 7. 1.

^d ch. 14. 5.

^e ver. 27.

^f caused to

come forth.

^g 2 Ch. 28. 1,

&c.

Ho. 1. 1.

Mt. 1. 1.

^h Le. 18. 21.

Ps. 106. 37,

38.

Je. 32. 35.

Eze. 16. 21.

20. 26, 31.

ⁱ Job 20. 4, 5.

^j De. 12. 31.

^k De. 12. 2.

1 Ki. 14. 23.

Is. 37. 5-7.

^l Je. 17. 1, 2.

^m ch. 14. 22.

ⁿ Bloth.

^o ch. 15. 29.

^p Tiglath-

pileser,

1 Ch. 5. 26.

2 Ch. 28. 20,

Tiglath-

pileser.

^q Is. 7. 1.

^r Ps. 146. 3-5.

Je. 17. 5.

Ho. 14. 3.

^s ch. 12. 18.

2 Ch. 28. 21.

^t Is. 9. 1.

^u 1 Ki. 15. 20.

^v Dam-

mesek.

^w Foretold,

Am. 1. 5.

^x Le. 26. 32, 38,

39.

De. 4. 26, 27,

28. 25, 63

-65.

Is. 1. 7.

7. 20.

^y After an

anarchy

for some

years,

ch. 17. 1.

Ho. 10. 3, 7.

15.

^z In the

fourth year

of Ahaz, in

the twen-

tieth year

after Jo-

tham had

begun to

reign:

^{aa} Usher.

^{ab} De. 12. 30.

Je. 10. 2.

Ro. 12. 2.

^{ac} 2 Ch. 27. 1,

&c.

^{ad} 2 Ch. 26. 16,

19.

name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

34 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 ^{ae} Howbeit the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the LORD.

36 ^{af} Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

37 In those days the LORD began to send against Judah ^{ag} Rezin the king of Syria, and ^{ah} Pekah the son of Remaliah.

38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XVII.

IN the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah ^{ai} Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, ^{aj} and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the ^{ak} abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel.

4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and ^{al} on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 ^{am} Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him.

6 At that time Rezin king of Syria ^{an} recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from ^{ao} Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.

7 So Ahaz sent messengers ^{ap} to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, ^{aq} I am thy servant and thy son: come up, ^{ar} and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.

8 And Ahaz ^{as} took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria.

9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against ^{at} Damascus, and ^{au} took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

10 ^{av} And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus: ^{aw} and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.

11 And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made it against king Ahaz came from Damascus.

12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and ^{ax} the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.

kings of Israel. 19. a thousand talents, &c. 375,000l. 20. Fifty shekels, about 6l. a man.

CHAP. XVI.—3. through the fire, like the idolaters

of Canaan: see Deut. xii. 31; 2 Chron. xxviii. 3. 6. Jews, occurs here the first time, and denotes the subjects of Judah. 11 built an altar contrary to the

carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

24 ^a And ^a the king of Assyria brought men ^b from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from ^c Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that ^d they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them.

26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, ^e because they know not the manner of the God of the land.

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.

28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

29 Howbeit every nation ^m made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.

30 And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima.

31 And ^a the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites ^b burnt their children in fire to Adramelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

32 So they feared the LORD, ^c and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33 They ^d feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations ^e whom they carried away from thence.

34 Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, ^f whom he named Israel.

35 With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, ^g Ye shall not follow other gods, nor ^h bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:

36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and ⁱ a stretched out arm, ^j him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.

37 And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ^k ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods.

38 And the covenant that I have made with you ^l ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods.

39 But ^m the LORD your God ye shall

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^a Ezr. 4.2,10.

^b ver. 30.

^c ch. 18.34.

^d Irah.

^e Jos. 22.25.

^f Je. 10.7.

^g Da. 6.26.

^h Jon. 1.9.

ⁱ 2 Ch. 28.27.

^j 29.1.

^k He is called

^l Ezekias,

^m Mat. 1.9.

ⁿ 2 Ch. 29.1.

^o Abjah.

^p Am.3.13,14

^q 2 Ch. 31.1.

^r statutes.

^s Nu. 21.9.

^t i. e. a piece

^u of brass.

^v ch. 19.10.

^w Job 13.15.

^x Ps. 13.5.

^y Je. 17.7,8.

^z Mat. 27.43.

^{aa} Ep. 1.12,13.

^{ab} ch. 23.25.

^{ac} Ps. 115.4,8.

^{ad} 135.15,18.

^{ae} Is. 44.9,20.

^{af} Ho. 8.5,6.

^{ag} Ro. 1.22,23.

^{ah} De. 10.20.

^{ai} Jos. 23.8.

^{aj} Ac. 11.23.

^{ak} from after

^{al} him.

^{am} 2 Ch. 15.2.

^{an} 1 Sa. 18.5,14

^{ao} Ps. 60.12.

^{ap} ch. 16.7.

^{aq} Ezr. 4.9.

^{ar} Le. 18.21.

^{as} De. 12.31.

^{at} 1 Ch. 4.41.

^{au} Is. 14.29.

^{av} S. Azzah.

^{aw} 1 Ki. 12.31.

^{ax} ch. 17.3, &c.

^{ay} Zep. 1.5.

^{az} or, who carried

^{ba} them

^{bb} away from

^{bc} thence.

^{bd} 1 Ch. 5.26.

^{be} Ge. 32.28.

^{bf} 35.19.

^{bg} Da. 9.6,10.

^{bh} 2 Th. 1.8.

^{bi} 1 Pe. 2.8.

^{bj} 4.17.

^{bk} Ju. 6.10.

^{bl} Ex. 20.5.

^{bm} 2 Ch. 32.1.

^{bn} &c.

^{bo} Is. 36.1, &c.

^{bp} Sanherib.

^{bq} Ex. 6.6.

^{br} De. 10.20.

^{bs} Lu. 14.32.

^{bt} De. 5.32.

^{bu} De. 4.23.

^{bv} 1 ch. 16.8.

^{bw} Mat. 10.28.

^{bx} Lu. 1.50.

fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

40 Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.

41 So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

CHAP. XVIII.

NOW it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that ^a Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was ^b Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.

4 ^c He ^c removed the high places, and brake the ^d images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the ^e brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it ^f Nehushtan.

5 He ^g trusted in the LORD God of Israel; ^h so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.

6 For he ⁱ clave to the LORD, and departed not ^j from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

7 And the LORD ^k was with him; and he ^l prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he ^m rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.

8 He ⁿ smote the Philistines, even unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

9 ^o And ^o it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

10 And at the end of three years they took it: even in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken.

11 And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them ^p in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes:

12 Because ^q they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.

13 ^r Now ^r in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did ^s Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, ^t I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15 And Hezekiah ^u gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD,

that is, idols, Deut. xxxii. 21. 25. sent lions, this shows how war had depopulated the country. 26. God of the land, whom they considered local, like

their own. 32. feared, &c. i. e. worshipped God, together with their idols.

CHAP. XVIII.—7. rebelled, shook off his yoke, to

and in the treasures of the king's house.

16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

17 And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rab-shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field.

18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

19 And Rab-shakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

20 Thou sayest, (but they are but vain words,) I have counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

21 Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him.

22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

25 Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

26 Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rab-shakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that are on the wall.

27 But Rab-shakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink of their own piss with you?

28 Then Rab-shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:

29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust

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* Make with me a blessing, or, Seek my favour.

Ge. 32. 20.

33. 11.

Pr. 18. 16.

† them.

‡ heavy.

§ or, pit.

|| De. 8. 7, 8.

b Is. 7. 3.

|| or, deceive.

etc.

ch. 19. 12.

2 Ch. 32. 11.

Is. 10. 10, 11.

* or, secretary.

d ch. 19. 13.

2 Ch. 32. 10.

&c.

Ps. 4. 2, 3.

f ch. 17. 24.

Ava.

† or, talkest.

‡ word of the

lips.

§ or, But

counsel and

strength

are for the

war.

g Ex. 5. 2.

Job 15. 25, 26.

Da. 3. 15.

h Eze. 29. 6, 7.

|| trustest

thee.

i Ps. 38. 13, 14.

39. 1.

Pr. 9. 7.

23. 9.

Am. 5. 13.

Mat. 7. 6.

j ver. 4.

2 Ch. 31. 1.

32. 12.

1 Co. 2. 15.

k Ge. 37. 29, 34.

Job 1. 20.

Is. 33. 7.

Je. 36. 24.

Mar. 14. 63.

* or, hostages

l Is. 37. 1, &c.

m Ne. 4. 2, 5.

Ps. 123. 3, 4.

n De. 17. 16.

Is. 31. 1, 3.

o Ps. 20. 7, 8.

p Lu. 3. 4,

called

Esaias.

r Jno. 19. 10, 11

† or, provoca-

tion.

s 2 Sa. 16. 12.

t ch. 18. 35.

u Ps. 50. 21.

† found.

§ the water

of their

feet.

x ch. 18. 17.

y 2 Ch. 32. 15.

z ver. 35, 37.

Je. 51. 1.

in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered unto the hand of the king of Assyria.

31 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, * Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me, and then eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern:

32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us.

33 Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand?

35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?

36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

CHAP. XIX.

AND it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God: and will remove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.

5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

which Abaz had submitted, ch. xvi. 6. 17. conduit, the aqueduct which brought the water from the upper reservoir near the valley of Kedron, into the city.

22. whose altars, &c. he ignorantly ascribed criminality to what were the best acts of Hezekiah. 23. I will deliver, &c. find riders, and we will find horses for you; the language of contempt. 25. without the Lord, spoken in contempt of the God of

Israel. 27. sent me to the men, i. e. also to them. eat their own dung, &c. be reduced to the greatest extremities; still an eastern mode of speech.

CHAP. XIX.—3. come to the birth, proverbial, and expressive of a dangerous crisis. 4. hear, not suder to pass unnoticed. remnant, the ten tribes were lost, and Judah greatly wasted. 7. a blast, a violent and sudden stroke, or pestilential wind. a

8 ¶ So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from ^a Lachish.

9 And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God ^c in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered?

12 Have ^f the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of ^a Eden which were in Thelasar?

13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

14 ¶ And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, ^h which dwellest between the cherubims, ⁱ thou art the God, ^j even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

16 LORD, ^k bow down thine ear, and hear: ^l open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God.

17 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,

18 And have I cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but ^m the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore have they destroyed them.

19 Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, ⁿ that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, ^o even thou only.

20 ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, ^p That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria ^q I have heard.

21 This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin ^r the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem ^s hath shaken her head at thee.

22 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? ^t even against the Holy One of Israel.

23 By ^u thy messengers thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, ^v With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down ^w the

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* or, the forest and his fruitful field.

Is. 10. 18.

^a ch. 18. 14.

[†] or, fenced.

[‡] or, Hast thou not heard how I have made it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? should I now bring it to be laid waste, and fenced cities to be ruinous heaps?

^b Is. 45. 7.

^c ch. 18. 5.

^d Is. 10. 5.

[§] short of hand.

^e Ps. 129. 6.

^f ch. 18. 33.

^g Ps. 139. 1, &c.

^h or, sitting.

ⁱ Eze. 27. 23.

^j Job 41. 2.

^k Eze. 29. 4.

^l Am. 4. 2.

^m Is. 7. 11, 14.

ⁿ Lu. 2. 12.

^o Ps. 80. 1.

^p 1 Ki. 18. 39.

^q Is. 44. 6.

^r the escaping of the house of Judah that remaineth.

^s 2 Ch. 32. 22.

^t Is. 31. 2.

^u 2 Ch. 6. 40.

^v the escaping.

^w Is. 9. 7.

^x given.

^y Je. 10. 3.

^z Ps. 83. 18.

^{aa} 1 Ki. 11. 12.

^{ab} Is. 37. 36.

^{ac} Ps. 65. 2.

^{ad} La. 2. 13.

^{ae} Ge. 10. 11.

^{af} Job 16. 4.

^{ag} Ps. 71. 22.

^{ah} Is. 5. 24.

^{ai} Je. 51. 5.

^{aj} Ararat.

^{ak} the hand of.

^{al} Eze. 4. 2.

^{am} Ps. 20. 7.

^{an} 2 Ch. 32. 34.

^{ao} &c.

^{ap} Is. 38. 1, &c.

^{aq} the tallness, &c.

tall cedar trees thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, and into ^a the forest of his Carmel.

24 I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of ^b besieged places.

25 [†] Hast thou not heard long ago how ^b I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that ^d thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities unto ruinous heaps.

26 Therefore their inhabitants were [§] of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as ^e the grass on the house tops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

27 But [§] I know thy ^h abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

28 Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore ⁱ I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

29 And this ^j shall be ^k a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

30 And ^k the ^l remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and ^m they that escape out of mount Zion: ⁿ the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

34 For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and ^o for my servant David's sake.

35 ¶ And ^p it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at ^q Nineveh.

37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of ^r Armenia. And ^s Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XX.

IN ^t those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of

sumour, mentioned ver. 9.

8. Libnah, a city revolted from Judah, chap. viii. 22. 12. Gozan, &c. places beyond the Euphrates. 11. virgin, Zion had never been violated by an enemy, and was free from gross idolatry. daughter, ^u people, inhabitants of cities are often called their daughters. 23. lodgings, &c. ^v his extreme retreat. 24. have I dried up, my numerous infantry have dried up rivers with their feet. 25. I have done it, I, the Lord, gave thee success; I decreed it, and brought it to pass.

28. my hook, &c. so they lead animals in the east, with a ring in the nose. 29. a sign, confirming God's faithfulness, which should take place subsequently. 30. take root, &c. be established and flourish. 35. angel, a messenger of destruction, probably a simoon or pestilential wind; by Boothroyd thinks it was the plague caught in Egypt by the army. they arose, i. e. Sennacherib and the remnant that survived.

CHAP. XX. — 1. those days, after the destruction

Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, * Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.

2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,

3 I beseech thee, O LORD, ^a remember now how I have ^c walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is good* in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept ^d sore.

4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle ^e court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah ^f the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, ^g I have heard thy prayer, I have seen ^h thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and ⁱ I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

7 And ^m Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered.

8 ⁿ And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, ^o What *shall be* the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day?

9 And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and ^p he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the ^q dial of Ahaz.

12 ^r At ^s that time ^t Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

13 And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his ^u precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his ^v armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

14 ^w Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, *even* from Babylon.

15 And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, *All the things that are* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

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* Give charge concerning thine house.

2 Sa. 17. 23.

^a Ne. 13. 22.

^b Je. 27. 21, 22.

^c Ge. 17. 1.

^d 1 Ki. 3. 6.

^e ch. 24. 12.

^f 2 Ch. 33. 11.

^g with a great weeping.

^h Fulfilled, Da. 1. 3.

ⁱ or, city.

^m 1 Sa. 3. 18.

ⁿ Job 1. 21.

^o Ps. 39. 9.

^p 1 Sa. 9. 16.

^q 10. 1.

^r or, Shall there not be peace and truth.

^s ch. 19. 20.

^t Ps. 65. 2.

^u 2 Ch. 32. 32.

^v Ps. 39. 12.

^w 56. 8.

^x Ne. 3. 16.

^y ch. 19. 34.

^z Is. 38. 21.

^a 2 Ch. 33. 1.

^b &c.

^c Ju. 6. 17, 37.

^d Is. 7. 11, 14.

^e 38. 22.

^f ch. 16. 3.

^g ch. 18. 4.

^h 1 Ki. 16. 32.

ⁱ 33.

^j De. 4. 19.

^k 17. 3.

^l Je. 32. 34.

^m 2 Sa. 7. 13.

ⁿ 1 Ki. 8. 29.

^o 9. 3.

^p Jos. 10. 12, 14.

^q Is. 38. 8.

^r degrees.

^s Is. 39. 1. &c.

^t or, Merodach-baladan.

^u ch. 16. 3.

^v 17. 17.

^w Le. 18. 21.

^x 20. 2.

^y Le. 19. 26, 31.

^z De. 18. 10, 11.

^a or, spicery.

^b vessels, or, jewels.

^c ch. 23. 27.

^d 2 Sa. 7. 13.

^e 1 Ki. 8. 29.

^f 9. 3.

^g Ps. 132. 13, 14.

^h 2 Sa. 7. 10.

ⁱ Pr. 29. 12.

16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD.

17 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, ^a shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, ^b shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

19 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, ^c Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, ^d Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days?

20 ^e And ^f the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he ^g made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXI.

MANASSEH ^a was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzi-bah.

2 And he did *that which was evil* in the sight of the LORD, ^b after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built up again the high places ^c which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, ^d as did Ahab king of Israel; and ^e worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 And ^f he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, ^g In Jerusalem will I put my name.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And ^h he made his son pass through the fire, and observed ⁱ times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke ^j him to anger.

7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, ^k In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

8 Neither ^l will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them.

9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh ^m seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 ⁿ And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying,

the mint house. Eastern monarchs have been accustomed to amass immense treasures. 18 eunuchs, servants, or slaves. 19 Good, &c. Just and upright, and I acquiesce. And he said, &c. Only, said he, let there be peace, &c.—Boothroyd.

CHAP. XXI.—1. twelve, &c. the early loss of a pious father left him an easy prey to idolaters about the court. 3. a grove, rather, an Asherah, the Phœnician Venus, an obscene idol. 6. pass, &c. see Lev. xviii. 21; 2 Kin. xvi. 3. familiar spirits, &c.

Lev. xix. 31. 7. image of the grove, a graven idol,

of Sennacherib's army. unto death, 'of a deadly disease.' 2. to the wall, eastern beds being placed against the walls. 3. perfect, 'upright.' wept sore, long life was a promise to the obedient, and hence he was deeply affected, and humbly pleaded with God. 7. figs, this was probably a plague-sore for which figs were a remedy; the disease was in itself incurable, but God miraculously blessed these means. 11. ten degrees backward, the day was not lengthened, but by a miraculous inflection of the sun's beams, the shadow went back. 13. house of his precious things,

11 Because ^a Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, ^c and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols:

12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both ^d his ears shall tingle.

13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem ^e the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, ^f wiping it, and turning it upside down.

14 And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies;

15 Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.

16 Moreover ⁱ Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem: from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.

17 ^h Now ^m the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

19 ⁿ Amon ^{was} twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, ^p as his father Manasseh did.

21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them:

22 And he ^q forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD.

23 ^r And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house.

24 And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

26 And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and ^s Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXII.

JOSIAH ^t was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of ^u Boscath.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all

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^a Je. 15. 4.^b De. 5. 32.^c Jos. 1. 7.^d Pr. 4. 27.^e Eze. 18. 14.^f 17.^g 1 Ki. 21. 26.^h 1 Sa. 3. 11.ⁱ Je. 19. 3.^j ch. 12. 4.^k Ps. 84. 10.^l Is. 34. 11.^m La. 2. 8.ⁿ Am. 7. 7. 8.^o threshold.^p he wipe^q and turn^r eth it upon^s the face^t thereof.^u Ezr. 3. 7.^v Nu. 35. 33.^w De. 21. 8. 9.^x 1 Sa. 8. 18.^y Je. 2. 34.^z 15. 4.^{aa} 19. 4.^{ab} Lu. 13. 34.^{ac} Ne. 7. 2.^{ad} Pr. 28. 20.^{ae} Lu. 16. 10.^{af} 12.^{ag} 1 Co. 4. 2.^{ah} 2 Co. 8. 20. 21^{ai} from mouth^{aj} to mouth.^{ak} 1 De. 31. 24.^{al} 26.^{am} 2 Ch. 33. 11.^{an} 20.^{ao} melted.^{ap} 2 Ch. 33. 21^{aq} 25.^{ar} De. 17. 18. 20^{as} Je. 13. 18.^{at} 22. 1. 2^{au} P ver. 2. &c.^{av} Joel 2. 13.^{aw} 2 Ch. 34. 20.^{ax} Abdon.^{ay} or Micah.^{az} 1 Ki. 11. 33.^{ba} Ps. 25. 14.^{bb} Pr. 3. 6.^{bc} Am. 3. 7.^{bd} Ps. 76. 7.^{be} Da. 9. 5. 7.^{bf} Na. 1. 6.^{bg} Ro. 3. 19. 20.^{bh} 4. 15.^{bi} Re. 6. 17.^{bj} Tikkath.^{bk} 2 Ch. 34. 22.^{bl} or, Hasrah.^{bm} garments.^{bn} Mat. 1. 10,^{bo} called^{bp} Josias.^{bq} or, in the^{br} second part^{bs} 2 Ch. 34. 1,^{bt} &c.^{bu} Ps. 8. 2.^{bv} Je. 1. 2.^{bw} Zep. 1. 1.^{bx} a Da. 9. 11. 14^{by} b Jos. 15. 39.^{bz} c De. 29. 25. 27

the way of David his father, and ^b turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

3 ^h And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying,

4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is ^c brought into the house of the LORD, which ^f the keepers of the ^e door have gathered of the people:

5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, ^g to repair the breaches of the house.

6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

7 Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because ^k they dealt faithfully.

8 ^h And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, ⁱ I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have ^j gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD.

10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan ^l read it before the king.

11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that ^r he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and ^s Achbor the son of ^t Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,

13 Go ye, ^u enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great ^v is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of ^w Tikkah, the son of ^x Harhas, keeper of the ^y wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

15 ^z And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

16 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, ^a I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:

17 Because ^c they have forsaken me,

probably an image of Ashteroth. 13. the line, &c. the same lot as Samaria, a metaphor taken from the measuring of lands and buildings by line and plummet, wiping it, leaving none remaining. 14. remnant, Judah. 15. in the garden, a common place

of sepulture with the Jews and other eastern nations.

CHAP. XXII.—3. eighteenth, of his reign, 2 Chron. xxxiv. 8. 8. the book, &c. the original copy, probably: 2 Chron. xxxiv. 14. 11. sent, &c. see the cause, ver. 13. 11. Huldah, see was consulted, as

and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18 But to ° the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *As touching* the words which thou hast heard;

19 Because thine ° heart was tender, and thou hast ° humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become ° a desolation and ° a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD.

20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou ° shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND ° the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, † both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant ° which was found in the house of the LORD.

3 ° And the king ° stood by a pillar, ° and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep ° his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for ° the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el.

5 And he ° put down † the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the ° planets, and to ° all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the ° grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at

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2 Ch. 34. 4.

1 Ki. 14. 24.

15. 12.

2 Ch. 34. 26.

&c.

Eze. 16. 16.

houses.

Ps. 51. 17.

Is. 57. 15.

1 Ki. 15. 22.

1 Ki. 21. 25.

Le. 26. 31, 32.

Je. 26. 6.

44. 22.

Eze. 44. 10.

14.

1 Sa. 2. 36.

Ps. 37. 37.

Is. 57. 1. 2.

Is. 30. 33.

Je. 7. 31.

19. 6, 11.

13.

Je. 15. 8.

Le. 18. 21.

De. 18. 10.

Eze. 23. 37.

39.

2 Ch. 34. 29.

30. &c.

† or, *enough*.

or, *office*.

Je. 19. 13.

Zep. 1. 5.

† from small

even unto

great.

ch. 21. 5.

ch. 22. 8.

§ or, *van*

from thence

ch. 11. 14, 17.

Eze. 10. 3.

Je. 50. 5.

He. 8. 13.

12. 24.

13. 20.

Ps. 19. 7. 9.

119. 6, 32.

|| i. e. the

mount of

Olives.

1 Ki. 11. 7.

Ex. 23. 24.

De. 7. 5, 25.

§ *statues*.

ch. 21. 3, 7.

1 Ki. 12. 28.

33.

† caused to

cease.

‡ *chemarim*,

Ho. 10. 5.

Foretold,

Zep. 1. 4.

§ or, *twelve*

signs, or,

constellations.

ch. 21. 3.

ch. 21. 7.

1 Ki. 13. 2.

the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon ° the graves of the children of the people.

7 And he brake down the houses ° of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove ° hangings for the grove.

8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from ° Geba to Beer-sheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

9 Nevertheless ° the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.

10 And he defiled ° Topheth, which is in ° the valley of the children of Hinnom, ° that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech, the ° chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 And the altars that were ° on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which ° Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and § brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

13 And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of ° the mount of corruption, which ° Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.

14 And he ° brake in pieces the ° images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 ° Moreover the altar that was at Beth-el, and the high place ° which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove.

16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the ° word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

17 Then he said, What title is that that

being near at hand. 20. *in peace*, though mortally wounded in battle, he was at war with no nation, and was at peace with God and his people.

CHAP. XXIII. — 3. *pillar*, scaffold, platform see chap. xi. 14, note; compare 2 Chron. vi. 12, 13. 4. *for the grove*, probably the abominable idol Asherah: see chap. xxi. 3, note. 6. *upon the graves*, these being impure. 7. *hangings*, i. e. curtains to enclose the idol or conceal the impurities of the idolaters. 8. *defiled*, with dead carcases, bones, or dung. *places of the gates*, probably places near them for performing idolatrous rites. 9. *the priests*, &c. these were not permitted to approach God's altars, having of-

fered in forbidden places. 10. *Topheth* signifies drum, a name probably given from the beating of the drum, to drown the cries of the infant victims offered there to Moloch. So the Hindoos drown the cries of the women on the burning funeral pile. *Hinnom*, the valley belonged to the posterity of a man so named: see Jos. xv. 8. 11. *horses*, carved horses; but some think, living horses. 12. *on the top*, &c. on the roof of the king's house, to worship the heavenly bodies. 13. *mount of corruption*, mount of Olives, so called from the idolatry practised there. 14. *bones*, of idolatrous priests, taken out of their graves, ver. 16. 16. *the word*, spoken 1 Kin. xiii. 1, 2. 17. *What title*, a remarkable monument with

I see? And the men of the city told him, *It is* ⁶ the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el.

18 And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones [†] alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

19 And all the houses also of the high places that *were* ^d in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the LORD to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el.

20 And he ^{||} slew ^f all the priests of the high places that *were* there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

21 [†] And the king commanded all the people, saying, [†] Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, [†] as *it is* written in the book of this covenant.

22 Surely ^m there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; ²³ But ⁿ in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *wherein* this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem.

24 [†] Moreover the *workers* with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the ^{*} images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of ^p the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

25 And [†] like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there *any* like him.

26 [†] Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, [†] because of all the [†] provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal.

27 And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as [†] I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, ^a My name shall be there.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

29 [†] In ^a his days Pharaoh-nechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at ^a Megiddo, when he ^a had seen him.

30 And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the

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^a 2 Ch. 36. 1.

^b 1 Ki. 13. 1, 30

^c Called

Shallum,

1 Ch. 3. 15.

Je. 22. 11.

^c ch. 21. 18.

[†] to escape.

[†] 2 Ch. 34. 6, 7.

[†] Je. 52. 27.

[†] or, because

he reigned.

[§] set a mule

upon the

land.

2 Ch. 36. 3.

^{||} or, *sacri-*

ficed.

^f ch. 11. 18.

Ex. 22. 20.

1 Ki. 18. 40.

[§] Da. 1. 7.

^a Mat. 1. 11,

called

Jakim.

ⁱ 2 Ch. 35. 1.

^k Eze. 19. 3, 4.

ⁱ Ex. 12. 3.

Le. 23. 5.

Nu. 9. 2.

De. 16. 2.

^m 2 Ch. 35. 18,

19.

ⁿ His eight-

eenth year

ending.

^o 2 Ch. 36. 5.

^{*} or, *tera-*

phim.

^p Ge. 31. 19.

^p Le. 19. 31.

20. 27.

De. 18. 11.

^r Je. 25. 1, 9.

Da. 1. 1.

^s ch. 18. 5.

^t Eze. 19. 8.

Je. 32. 28.

^u ch. 20. 17.

21. 12. 14

23. 27.

[†] by the hand

of.

^v Je. 15. 4.

[†] *angers.*

^x ch. 21. 2, 11.

^y ch. 17. 18, 20

^z Ps. 106. 38.

^a 1 Ki. 8. 29.

9. 3.

^b Je. 15. 1, 2.

La. 3. 42.

Eze. 33. 25.

^c 2 Ch. 35. 29.

^d 2 Ch. 36. 6, 8.

Je. 22. 18, 19.

36. 30.

^e Je. 37. 5, 7.

^f Je. 46. 2.

[§] Zec. 12. 11.

^a ch. 14. 8.

[§] Called

Jeconiah,

1 Ch. 3. 16.

Je. 24. 1.

and *Coniah*

Je. 22. 24, 28.

land ^a took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

31 [†] ^{*} Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* ^{*} Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

33 And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in bands ^a at Riblah in the land of Hamath, [†] that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and [§] put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

34 And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and [§] turned his name to ^a Jehoiaikim, and took Jehoahaz away: [†] and he came to Egypt, and died there.

35 And Jehoiaikim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaoh-nechoh.

36 [†] Jehoiaikim ^a *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

CHAP. XXIV.

IN ^{*} his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiaikim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And [†] the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, [†] according to the word of the LORD, which he spake [†] by his servants the prophets.

3 Surely [†] at the commandment of the LORD came *this* upon Judah, to remove *them* out of his sight, [†] for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed: [†] for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; ^b which the LORD would not pardon.

5 [†] Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiaikim, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

6 So ^a ^d Jehoiaikim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

7 And [†] the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for [†] the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

8 [†] [§] Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in

an inscription. 25. *no king*, could be compared with him for zeal and holiness. 26. *the Lord turned not*, for though Josiah was sincere, the people were not. 29. *went against him*, to prevent his passing through his territories. *when he had seen him*, [†] on the first encounter. — Boothroyd. 33. *put him in bands*, made him a prisoner. *talents—silver*, value 37,500*l.* gold, 4,500*l.* 34. *turned*, &c. to intimate that he was his vassal.

CHAP. XXIV.—1. *servant*, or tributary, 2 Chron.

xxxvi. 6. 2. *bands*, &c. probably Nebuchadnezzar gave up Judea to pillagers of the surrounding nations, who were his subjects; God permitting this for the punishment of sin. 3. *for the sins of Manasseh*, the chiefs and nations still practising them. 4. *would not pardon*, national sins require national punishment; repenting Manasseh was pardoned, but impenitent Judah was punished. 6. *slept with his fathers*, simply means, he died. 8. *when he began*, &c. that is, after his father's death; for, when eight years old,

Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

10 ¶ At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

12 And ¶ Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.

15 And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

17 ¶ And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

18 Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

CHAP. XXV.

AND it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

3 And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4 ¶ And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were

B. C. 599.

a Eze. 12. 12.

b ch. 23. 33.

* came into siege.

† spake judgment with him.

‡ made blind.

c Je. 24. 1.

29. 1, 2.

Eze. 17. 12.

d ch. 24. 12.

§ or, eunuchs

e Nebuchadnezzar's

eighth

year.

Je. 25. 1.

f ch. 25. 27.

Je. 52. 28.

|| or, chief

marshal.

g ch. 20. 17.

Is. 39. 6.

h 2 Ch. 36. 19.

Ps. 79. 1.

i Da. 5. 2, 3.

k Am. 2. 5.

l Je. 20. 5.

m Je. 24. 1.

n Ne. 1. 3.

o 1 Sa. 13. 19.

22.

p ch. 25. 12.

Je. 40. 7.

* fallen

away.

r 2 Ch. 36. 10.

Es. 2. 6.

Je. 22. 24, &c

† or, eunuchs

s Je. 40. 7.

52. 16.

t ch. 20. 17.

1 Ki. 7. 15.

Je. 27. 19, 22.

u Je. 37. 1.

v 1 Ch. 3. 15.

2 Ch. 36. 10.

w ch. 23. 31.

‡ the one sea.

x 1 Ki. 7. 47.

y Ex. 9. 14, 17.

De. 2. 30.

z Je. 52. 21.

a Eze. 17. 15.

b Je. 34. 2.

39. 1.

52. 4, 5.

Eze. 24. 1.

c 1 Ch. 6. 14.

Ezr. 7. 1.

d Je. 21. 1.

29. 25.

e Is. 29. 3.

Je. 32. 24.

Eze. 4. 1, 2.

21. 22. 24.

Lu. 19. 43, 44

§ threshold.

|| or, eunuch.

* saw the

king's face.

Es. 1. 14.

† or, scribe of

the captain

of the host.

f La. 4. 16.

against the city round about: and the king went the way toward the plain.

5 And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah: and they gave judgment upon him.

7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

8 ¶ And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

9 And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire.

10 And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

11 Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carry away.

12 But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen.

13 And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

14 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

15 And the firepans, and the bowls, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away.

16 The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it was brass: and the height of the chapter three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.

18 ¶ And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:

19 And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and three-score men of the people of the land that were found in the city:

20 And Nebuzar-adan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:

21 And the king of Babylon smote them

he was associated in the kingdom, 2 Ch. xxxvi. 9. 12. went out, surrendered the city. 14. all Jerusalem, i. e. the principal persons and things of Jerusalem.

CHAP. XXV.—4. walls, the outward and inward wall of the city. 7. put out, &c. thus fulfilling the two opposite predictions, Jer. xxii. 4, Eze. xii. 13.

and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. ^a So Judah was carried away out of their land.

22 ^f And ^b as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

23 And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

24 And Gedaliah ^cswore to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.

25 But ^e it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed [†]royal,

B. C. 588.

^a ch. 23. 27.
^b Le. 26. 33.
^c De. 28. 36, 64.

^d Am. 5. 27.

^e Je. 40. 5.

^f Je. 43. 4, 7.

^g Je. 52. 31, &c.

^h Ge. 40. 13, 20.

ⁱ Pr. 21. 1.

[†] good things

with him.

^j 2 Sa. 14. 11.

^k 19. 23.

^l Da. 2. 37.

^m 5. 18, 19.

ⁿ Ge. 41. 14, 32.

^o Es. 8. 5.

^p Is. 61. 3, 10.

^q Zec. 3. 3, 4.

^r Lu. 15. 22.

^s Phi. 3. 9.

^t 2 Sa. 9. 7.

^u Je. 41. 1, 2.

[†] of the

kingdom.

came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah.

26 And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, ^c and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

27 ^f And ^d it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, ^e that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign ^f did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison;

28 And he spake ^g kindly to him, and ^h set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon;

29 And ⁱ he changed his prison garments: and he did ^j eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.

30 And his allowance was a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

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These are journals supposed to have been compiled from the registers of the kings of Judah and Israel.

CHAP. I.

ADAM, ^b Sheth, Enosh,

2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,

3 Henoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

5 ^f The ^c sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

6 And the sons of Gomer; Ashchenaz, and ^g Riphath, and Togarmah.

7 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and ^h Dodanim.

8 ^f The ^c sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

9 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

10 And Cush ⁱ begat Nimrod: he began to be mighty upon the earth.

11 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Ananin, and Lehabim, and Naphtubim,

12 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines,) and [†] Caphthorim.

13 And ^o Canaan begat Zidon his first-born, and Heth,

14 The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,

15 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

16 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 ^f The sons of ^c Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hui, and Gether, and [†] Meshech.

18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber.

19 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was ^g Peleg; because in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name was Joktan.

B. C. 4004.

^a Ge. 10. 26.

^b Ge. 4. 25, 26.

^c 5. 3, 9.

^d Ge. 10. 2, &c.

^e Lu. 3. 34, &c.

^f Ge. 11. 15.

^g or, Diphath

as it is in

some

copies.

^h Ge. 17. 5.

ⁱ Ge. 21. 2, 3.

[†] or, Roda-

nim, ac-

cording to

some

copies.

^k Ge. 16. 11, 15.

^l Ge. 10. 6, &c.

^m Ge. 25. 13, 16.

ⁿ or, Hadar,

Ge. 25. 15.

^o Ge. 10. 8, 13.

^p &c.

^q Ge. 25. 1, 2.

^r De. 2. 23.

^s Ge. 10. 15.

^t &c.

^u Ge. 21. 2, 3.

^v Ge. 25. 25, 26.

^w Ge. 36. 9, 10.

^x or, Zepho,

Ge. 36. 11.

^y Ge. 11. 10.

^z or, Mash,

Ge. 10. 23.

[†] i.e. division

Ge. 10. 25.

[†] or, Heman,

Ge. 36. 22.

[†] or, Alean,

Ge. 36. 23.

[†] or, Senebo,

Ge. 36. 23.

20 And ^a Joktan begat Almodad, and

Shaleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

21 Hadoram also, and Uzal, and Diklah,

22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

23 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab.

All these were the sons of Joktan.

24 ^f ^d Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,

25 ^e Eber, Peleg, Reu,

26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

27 ^f Abram, the same is Abraham.

28 The sons of Abraham; ^g Isaac, and

^h Ishmael.

29 ^f These are their generations: The ⁱ firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, [†] Hadad, and Tema,

31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

32 ^f Now ^m the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan; Sheba, and Dedan.

33 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Henoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these are the sons of Keturah.

34 And ^g Abraham begat Isaac. [†] The sons of Isaac; Esau and Israel.

35 ^f The sons of ^e Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

36 The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar. ^g Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.

37 The sons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

38 And the sons of Seir; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezar, and Dishan.

39 And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and [†] Homam: and Timna was Lotan's sister.

40 The sons of Shobal; [†] Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, ^g Shepui, and Onam.

And the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah.

41 The sons of Anah; * Dishon. And the sons of Dishon; † Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

42 The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan, and † Jakan. The sons of Dishan; Uz, and Aran.

43 ¶ Now these are the 6 kings that reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the children of Israel; Bela the son of Beor: and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

44 And when Bela was dead, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

45 And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead.

46 And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad, which smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith.

47 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

48 And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead.

49 And when Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

50 And when Baal-hanan was dead, † Hadad reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was † Pai; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matved, the daughter of Mezahab.

51 ¶ Hadad died also. And the 7 dukes of Edom were; duke Timnah, duke † Aiah, duke Jetheth,

52 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

53 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

54 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These are the dukes of Edom.

CHAP. II.

THESE are the sons of † Israel; * Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun,

2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphthali, Gad, and Asher.

3 ¶ The sons of † Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: which three were born unto him of the daughter of † Shua the Canaanitess. And * Er, the firstborn of Judah, was evil in the sight of the LORD; and he slew him.

4 And * Tamar his daughter in law bare him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five.

5 The sons of * Pharez; Hezron, and Hamul.

6 And the sons of Zerah; * Zimri, and * Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and † Dara: five of them in all.

7 And the sons of * Carmi; † Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the thing * accursed.

8 And the sons of Ethan; Azariah.

9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and † Ram, and † Chelubai.

10 And Ram * begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, * prince of the children of Judah;

B. C. 1676.

* or, Salmon, Ru. 4. 21. Mat. 1. 4.

a Ge. 36. 25.

† or, Hemdan, Ge. 36. 25.

b 2 Sa. 16. 6.

† or, Akan, Ge. 36. 27.

§ or, Shamamah, 1 Sa. 16. 9.

c Ge. 36. 31. &c.

d 2 Sa. 2. 18.

|| Ithra an Israelite, 2 Sa. 17. 25.

e ver. 50.

f Ge. 36. 37.

g Ex. 31. 2.

h Nu. 27. 1.

* took.

† or, Hadar, Ge. 36. 39.

† or, Pau, Ge. 36. 39.

i Nu. 32. 41. De. 3. 14. Jos. 13. 30.

|| Ge. 36. 40.

§ or, Alrah.

m ch. 4. 5.

|| or, Jacob.

n Ge. 29. 32. 30. 5. 35. 19. 22. 46. 8. &c.

o Ge. 38. 3. 46. 12.

Nu. 26. 19.

p Ge. 38. 2.

r Ge. 38. 7.

s Ge. 38. 29. 30. Mat. 1. 3.

t ver. 34. 35.

u Ge. 46. 12. Ru. 4. 18.

* or, Zabdi, Jos. 7. 1.

† or, Darda.

x ch. 4. 1.

† or, Achan.

y Jos. 6. 18. 7. 1.

§ or, Aram, Mat. 1. 3. 4.

|| or, Caleb, ver. 18. 42.

z Ru. 4. 19. 20. Mat. 1. 4.

a Nu. 1. 7. 2. 3.

b ch. 11. 41.

11 And Nahshon begat * Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,

12 And Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse,

13 ¶ And Jesse begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and † Shimma the third,

14 Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh:

16 Whose sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. d And the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three.

17 And Abigail bare Amasa: and the father of Amasa was † Jether the Ishmeelite.

18 ¶ And Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth: her sons are these; Jeshier, and Shobab, and Ardun.

19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him * Ephrath, which bare him Hur.

20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat † Bezaleel.

21 ¶ And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of * Machir the father of Gilead, whom he * married when he was threescore years old; and she bare him Segub.

22 And Segub begat Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead.

23 And † he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath, and the towns thereof, even threescore cities. All these belonged to the sons of Machir the father of Gilead.

24 And after that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephraath, then Abiah Hezron's wife bare him * Ashur the father of Tekoa.

25 ¶ And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were, Ran the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, and Abihah.

26 Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

27 And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were, Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker.

28 And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur.

29 And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bare him Abbaou, and Molad.

30 And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim: but Seled died without children.

31 And the sons of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And † the children of Sheshan; Ahlai.

32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan: and Jether died without children.

33 And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

34 ¶ Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha.

35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bare him Attai.

36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat † Zabad,

to the worshippers of the true God, than the former historians. 43. the kings of Edom, these having descended from Esau, the son of Isaac, are here recorded. 51. dukes, the original word should rather be rendered 'princes;' it seems evidently to denote

the head of a tribe, or of the subdivision of a tribe. CHAP. II.—3. of Judah, put first, because to him belonged the right of the firstborn, and from him sprang the Messiah. 15. David the seventh. Elihu is omitted, making eight; perhaps he died before

37 And Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed,

38 And Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah,

39 And Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah,

40 And Eleasah begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum,

41 And Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Elishama.

42 ¶ Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were, Mesha his firstborn, which was the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.

43 And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.

44 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam: and Rekem begat Shammai.

45 And the son of Shammai was Maon: and Maon was the father of Beth-zur.

46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran begat Gazez.

47 And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jotham, and Gesham, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.

48 Maachab, Caleb's concubine, bare Sheber, and Tirhanah.

49 She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibeaz: and the daughter of Caleb was Achsa.

50 ¶ These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrath; Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim,

51 Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Haraph the father of Beth-gader.

52 And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim had sons; Haroeh, and half of the Manahethites.

53 And the families of Kirjath-jearim; the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites.

54 The sons of Salma; Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half of the Manahethites, the Zorites.

55 And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimethites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

CHAP. III.

NOW these were the sons of David, which were born unto him in Hebron; the firstborn Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess:

2 The third, Absalom the son of Maachab the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur: the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith:

3 The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital: the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife.

4 These six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.

5 And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel:

B. C. 1471.

* or, Elishua,

2 Sa. 5. 15.

† or, Bee-

liada,

ch. 14. 7.

2 Sa. 13. 1.

1 Ki. 11. 43.

15. 6.

† or, Abijam,

1 Ki. 15. 1.

§ or, Azariah,

2 Ch. 22. 6.

or, Jeho-

ahaz,

2 Ch. 21. 17.

|| or, Uzzi-

ah, 2 Ki. 15. 30.

* or, Jeho-

ahaz,

2 Ki. 23. 30.

† or, Eliakim,

2 Ki. 23. 34.

† or, Matta-

niah,

2 Ki. 24. 17.

c Mat. 1. 11.

§ or, Jeho-

achim,

2 Ki. 24. 6.

or, Coniah,

Je. 22. 24.

d 2 Ki. 24. 17,

being his

uncle.

|| Shealtiel,

c Mat. 1. 12.

f Jos. 15. 17.

* or, Ephrath

ver. 19.

† or, Reaiah,

ch. 4. 2.

† or, half of

the Menu-

chites, or,

Hatsiham-

menuchoth.

g Ezr. 8. 2.

§ Hiskijahu.

|| or, Asar-

ites, or,

crowns of

the house of

Joab.

A Ge. 38. 29.

46. 12.

* or, Chelu-

bai,

ch. 2. 9.

or, Caleb,

ch. 2. 18.

i Ju. 1. 16.

† or, Haroeh,

ch. 2. 52.

k Je. 35. 2.

l 2 Sa. 3. 2.

m Jos. 15. 56.

† or, Chileab,

2 Sa. 3. 3.

n ch. 2. 50.

o ch. 2. 24.

p 2 Sa. 3. 5.

r 2 Sa. 2. 11.

§ or, Sham-

mua,

2 Sa. 5. 14.

|| or, Bath-

sheba,

2 Sa. 11. 3.

i Ge. 34. 19.

* or, Eliam,

2 Sa. 11. 3.

6 Ithar also, and Elishama, and Eli-
phelet,

7 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,
8 And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eli-
phelet, nine.

9 These were all the sons of David,
beside the sons of the concubines, and
Tamar their sister.

10 ¶ And Solomon's son was Rehobam,
Abia his son, Asa his son, Jeho-
shaphat his son,

11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son,
Joash his son,

12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son,
Jotham his son,

13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son,
Manasseh his son,

14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.

15 And the sons of Josiah were, the
firstborn Jehoiakim, the second Jehoiakim,
the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

16 And the sons of Jehoiakim: Je-
coniah his son, Zedekiah his son.

17 ¶ And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir,
Salathiel his son,

18 Malchiram also, and Pedaiah, and
Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Ne-
dabiah.

19 And the sons of Pedaiah were, Ze-
rubbabel, and Shimei: and the sons of
Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah,
and Shelomith their sister:

20 And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Bere-
chiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-besed, five.

21 And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah,
and Jesaiah: the sons of Rephaiah, the
sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the
sons of Shechaniah.

22 And the sons of Shechaniah; She-
maiah: and the sons of Shemaiah; Hat-
tush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah,
and Shaphat, six.

23 And the sons of Neariah; Elioenai,
and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

24 And the sons of Elioenai were, Ho-
daiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and
Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and
Anani, seven.

CHAP. IV.

THE sons of Judah; Pharez, Hezron,
and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal.

2 And Reaiah the son of Shobal begat
Jahath, and Jahath begat Ahumai, and
Lahad. These are the families of the Zo-
rathites.

3 And these were of the father of Etam;
Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the
name of their sister was Hazeleponi:

4 And Penuel the father of Gedor, and
Ezer the father of Hushah. These are
the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephra-
tah, the father of Beth-lehem.

5 ¶ And Ashur the father of Tekoa
had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

6 And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and
Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari.
These were the sons of Naarah.

7 And the sons of Helah were, Zereth,
and Jezoar, and Ethnan.

8 And Coz begat Anub and Zobebah, and
the families of Abihail the son of Harum.

9 ¶ And Jabez was more honourable
than his brethren: and his mother called

David reigned, and so was not put in the royal
register: see 1 Sam. xvi. 10, 11. 42. Caleb, called
Chelubai in verse 9.

CHAP. III.—5. Solomon, he was the eldest of the
four, but last mentioned, because the genealogy was

continued from him. 16. Zedekiah his son, so
called, because he succeeded Jeconiah; but he was
his uncle, 2 Kin. xxiv. 17. He might have been his
adopted, after the manner of the Jews.

CHAP. IV.—1. sons here signify his posterity.

his name * Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.

10 And Jabez ^a called on the God of Israel, saying, † Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest † keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

11 † And Chelub the brother of Shuah begat Mehir, which was the father of Eshton.

12 And Eshton begat Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of † Irnahash. These are the men of Rechab.

13 And the sons of Kenaz; † Othniel, and Seraiah; and the sons of Othniel; † Hathath.

14 And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab, the father of ^c the † valley of † Charashim; for they were craftsmen.

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah, † even Kenaz.

16 And the sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel.

17 And the sons of Ezra were, Jether, and Mered, and Ephraim, and Jalon: and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

18 And his wife † Jehudijah bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took.

19 And the sons of his wife † Hodiah the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite.

20 And the sons of Shimon were, Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi were, Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.

21 † The sons of Shelah * the son of Judah were, Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea,

22 And Jokim, and the men of Chozebah, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And these are ancient things.

23 These were the potters, and those that dwell among plants and hedges: there they dwell with the king for his work.

24 † The sons of Simeon were, † Nemuel, and Jamin, * Jarib, Zerach, and Shaul:

25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.

26 And the sons of Mishma; Hamuel his son, Zachur his son, Shimei his son.

27 And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply; † like to the children of Judah.

28 And they dwell at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual,

29 And at † Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at * Tolad,

30 And at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag,

31 And at Beth-marcaboth, and † Hazar-susim, and at Beth-birei, and at Shaa-

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* i. e. sorrowful.

a Ps. 55. 16.

99. 6.

116. 1. 4.

Je. 33. 3.

Ro. 10. 12. 13.

† or, Elther,

Jos. 19. 7.

† If thou

wilt, &c.

§ do me.

|| or, Baalath-beer,

Jos. 19. 8.

* or, as they

divided

themselves

by nations

among

them.

† or, the city

of Nahash.

b Jos. 15. 17.

† or, Hathath

and Meonothai, who

begat, &c.

c Ne. 11. 35.

§ or, inhabitants

of the valley.

|| i. e. craftsmen.

* coming.

† or, Uknaz.

d Ju. 18. 10.

† or, the

Jewess.

§ or, Jehudijah, mentioned

before.

e Ge. 38. 1, 5.

46. 12.

f 1 Sa. 15. 8.

30. 17.

2 Sa. 8. 12.

g Ge. 29. 32.

49. 3, 4.

h Ge. 35. 22.

i Ge. 48. 15, 22.

|| or, Jemuel,

Ge. 46. 10.

Ex. 6. 15.

Nu. 26. 12.

k Ge. 49. 8, 10.

Ps. 60. 7.

108. 8.

* or, Jachin,

Zohar.

l Mi. 5. 2.

Mat. 2. 6.

† or, prince.

m Ge. 46. 9.

Ex. 6. 14.

Nu. 26. 5.

† unto.

§ or, Tiglath-pileser,

2 Ki. 15. 29.

16. 7.

|| or, Balah,

Jos. 19. 3.

* or, Eltolad,

Jos. 19. 4.

† or, Hazar-susah,

Jos. 19. 5.

raim. These were their cities unto the reign of David.

32 And their villages were, † Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities:

33 And all their villages that were round about the same cities, unto † Baal. These were their habitations, and * their genealogy.

34 And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah,

35 And Joel, and Jehu the son of Josiabiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

36 And Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah,

37 And Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedajiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah;

38 These, * mentioned by their names were princes in their families: and the house of their fathers increased greatly.

39 † And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40 And ^d they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for they of Ham had dwelt there of old.

41 And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because there was pasture there for their flocks.

42 And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.

43 And they smote ^f the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

CHAP. V.

NOW the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for ^s he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he ^a defiled his father's bed, ⁱ his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.

2 For ^k Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the ⁱ chief [†] ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's:)

3 The sons, I say, of ^m Reuben the firstborn of Israel were, Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

4 The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,

5 Micah his son, Reaia his son, Baal his son,

6 Beerah his son, whom [§] Tilgath-pileser king of Assyria carried away captive: he was prince of the Reubenites.

7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned, were the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah,

8 And Bela the son of Azaz, the son of

14. the father of the valley, i. e. of the inhabitants of it.

23. these were the potters, the Hebrews, like the Egyptians anciently, and the Hindoos now, had probably families and divisions of tribes exclusively devoted to particular trades and pursuits, not by compulsion, but by choice. dwell among plants, &c.

i. e. were employed in planting and fencing gardens

and orchards, or took care of the royal vineyards.

CHAP. V.—1. firstborn, to him belonged the double portion, which having been forfeited, Jacob gave the first part of the birthright to Joseph, allotting to his sons two portions of the land of Canaan; the latter part he gave to Judah, who was to be the head of the ruling tribe, from whom Messiah was to spring.

* Saema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in ^a Aroer, even unto Nebo and Baal-meon: 9 And eastward he inhabited unto the entering in of the wilderness from the river Euphrates: because their cattle were multiplied ^c in the land of Gilead.

10 And in the days of Saul they made war ^d with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the east land of Gilead.

11 ^e And the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of ^f Bashan unto Salekah:

12 Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan.

13 And their brethren of the house of their fathers were, Micael, and Meshulam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven.

14 These are the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;

15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers.

16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of ^g Sharon, upon ^h their borders.

17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of ⁱ Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of ^j Jeroboam king of Israel.

18 ^k The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, ^l of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war were four and forty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to the war.

19 And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab.

20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was intreated of them; because they ^m put their trust in him.

21 And they ⁿ took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of ^o men an hundred thousand.

22 For there fell down many slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their steads until ^p the captivity.

23 ^q And the children of the half tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and unto mount Hermon.

24 And these were the heads of the house of their fathers, even Ephraim, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, ^r famous men, and heads of the house of their fathers.

25 ^s And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went ^t a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them.

26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of ^u Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of ^v Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe

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* or, She-maiah, ver. 4.

^a Jos. 13. 15, 16

^b 2 Ki. 18. 11.

^c Jos. 22. 9.

^d ch. 23. 6.

^e Ge. 46. 11.

^f Ex. 6. 16.

^g Nu. 26. 57.

^h or, Ger-shom, ver. 16.

ⁱ Ge. 25. 12.

^j ver. 22.

^k upon all the face of the east.

^l Jos. 13. 11, 24

^m Le. 10. 1.

ⁿ 2 Sa. 8. 17.

^o 2 Sa. 15. 27.

^p 2 Ch. 26. 17.

^q 18.

^r the house.

^s ch. 27. 29.

^t their goings forth.

^u 1 Ki. VI.

^v 2 Ch. III.

^w Exr. 7. 3.

^x 2 Ki. 15. 5, 32.

^y 2 Ki. 14. 16, 28

* or, Meshulam, ch. 9. 11.

^z sons of valour.

^a Ne. 11. 11.

^b 2 Ki. 25. 18.

^c or, Gershom, ver. 1.

^d Ps. 9. 10.

^e 20. 7, 8.

^f 22. 4, 5.

^g 84. 11, 12.

^h Je. 17. 7, 8.

ⁱ Na. 1. 7.

^j Ep. 1. 12.

^k led captive.

^l souls of men.

^m Nu. 31. 35.

* or, Ethan, ver. 42.

ⁿ or, Adaiah, ver. 41.

^o or, Ethni, ver. 41.

^p or, Izhar, ver. 2. 18.

^q 2 Ki. 15. 29.

^r or, Zephaniah, Azariah, Joel, ver. 36.

* or, Zuph, 1 Sa. 1. 1.

^s ver. 34.

^t Tough.

^u men of names.

^v ver. 34.

^w Eliel.

^x 2 Ki. 17. 7.

^y Called also Joel, ver. 33.

^z 1 Sa. 8. 2.

^a 2 Ki. 15. 19.

^b 2 Ki. 15. 29.

of Manasseh, and brought them unto ^b Haiah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

CHAP. VI.

THE ^c sons of Levi; ^d Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

2 And the sons of Kohath: Amram, ^e Izhar, and Hemon, and Uzziel.

3 And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; ^f Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

4 ^g Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua,

5 And Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi,

6 And Uzzi begat Zerariah, and Zerariah begat Meraioth,

7 Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,

8 And ^h Ahitub begat Zadok, and ⁱ Zadok begat Ahimaaz,

9 And Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan,

10 And Johanan begat Azariah, (he ^j it is ^k that executed the priest's office in ^l the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem:)

11 And ^m Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,

12 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat ⁿ Shallum,

13 And Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah,

14 And Azariah begat ^o Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak,

15 And Jehozadak went into captivity, ^p when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

16 ^q The sons of Levi; ^r Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.

17 And these be the names of the sons of Gershom; Libni, and Shimei.

18 And the sons of Kohath were, Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

19 The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers.

20 Of Gershom; Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,

21 ^s Joah his son, ^t Iddo his son, Zerah his son, ^u Jeaterai his son.

22 The sons of Kohath; ^v Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,

23 Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,

24 Tahath his son, ^w Uriel his son, Uz-ziah his son, and Shaul his son.

25 And the sons of Elkanah; Amasai, and Ahimoth.

26 As for Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah; ^x Zophai his son, and ^y Nahath his son,

27 Eliab ^z his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son.

28 And the sons of Samuel; the first-born; ^a Vashni, and Abiah.

29 The sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son,

30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

31 And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after that the ark had rest.

10. Hagarites, Ishmaelites, so called, because they descended from Hagar, Sarah's maid. 16. Sharon, seems the name of a district, rather than a town: Joshua xii. 28. 22. The war was of God, they

were moved to it, to punish these wicked idolaters. CHAP. VI.—10. executed the priest's office, this Azariah did in common with his race: but the phrase is probably emphatical, and may allude to his

32 And they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem: and then they waited on their office according to their order.

33 And these are they that waited with their children. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Shemuel,

34 The son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,

35 The son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,

36 The son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,

37 The son of Tabath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,

38 The son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.

39 And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea,

40 The son of Michael, the son of Baasiah, the son of Malchiah,

41 The son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,

42 The son of Ethan, the son of Zimma, the son of Shimei,

43 The son of Jahath, the son of Gershon, the son of Levi.

44 And their brethren the sons of Merari stood on the left hand: § Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,

45 The son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiyah,

46 The son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer,

47 The son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.

48 Their brethren also the Levites were appointed unto all manner of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

49 ¶ But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, and were appointed for all the work of the place most holy, and to make an atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

50 And these are the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,

51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,

52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Abitub his son,

53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

54 ¶ Now these are their dwelling places throughout their castles in their coasts, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites: for their's was the lot.

55 And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about it.

56 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

57 And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah, namely, Hebron, the city of refuge, and Libnah with her suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa, with their suburbs,

58 And Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs,

59 And Ashan with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs:

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* or, Almon, Jos. 21. 18.

a ver. 66.

† stood.

b ver. 26, Nahath.

‡ or, Zophai.

c ver. 24, Shaul, Uziah, Uriel.

d Ex. 6. 24.

e Jos. 21. 7. 34.

f Nu. 33. 51.

Jos. 18. 6.

Fr. 16. 33.

18. 18.

g ver. 21, Jeaterai, Iddo, Joah.

h ch. 23. 6.

Ge. 46. 11.

Ex. 6. 16.

Nu. 3. 17.

Gershon.

§ Called Jeduthun, ch. 9. 16.

25. 1, 3, 6.

Ps. 89. title.

k Ge. 33. 18.

35. 4.

Ju. 9. 1.

1 Ki. 12. 1.

|| or, Kushaiah, ch. 15. 17.

i Jos. 21. 22.

35, where many of these cities have other names.

m ch. 23. 21.

Nu. 3. 20, 37.

4. 42, 49.

Jos. 21. 7. 34.

40.

n Ex. 30. 7.

Le. 1. 9.

Nu. 16. 8. 10.

De. 18. 1. 8.

He. 5. 4.

7. 11. 14.

o Jos. XX. 1.

p Jos. 14. 13.

15. 13.

q De. 4. 4. 43.

r Nu. 35. 13.

15.

Jos. 20. 7.

s 1 Ki. 22. 3.

2 Ki. 8. 28.

9. 1.

* or, Holon, Jos. 21. 15.

u Ge. 32. 2.

2Sa. 2. 12. 29.

17. 24. 27.

19. 32.

† or, Ain, Jos. 21. 1.

v De. 2. 24.

Ne. 9. 22.

Ca. 7. 4.

60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her suburbs, and * Alemeth with her suburbs, and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.

61 And unto the sons of Kohath, which were left of the family of that tribe, were cities given out of the half tribe, namely, out of the half tribe of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities.

62 And to the sons of Gershon throughout their families out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

63 Unto the sons of Merari were given by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

64 And the children of Israel gave to the Levites these cities with their suburbs.

65 And they gave f by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities, which are called by their names.

66 And the residue of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their coasts out of the tribe of Ephraim.

67 And they gave unto them, of the cities of refuge, § Shechem in mount Ephraim with her suburbs; they gave also Gezer with her suburbs,

68 And i Jokmeam with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs,

69 And Aijalon with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs:

70 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh; Aner with her suburbs, and Biileam with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohath.

71 Unto the sons of Gershon were given out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs:

72 And out of the tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs,

73 And Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs:

74 And out of the tribe of Asher; Mashal with her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs,

75 And Hukok with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs:

76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs,

77 Unto the rest of the children of Merari were given out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs:

78 And r on the other side Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of Jordan, were given them out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs,

79 Kedemoth also with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs.

80 And out of the tribe of Gad; s Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and u Mahanaim with her suburbs,

81 And v Heshbon with her suburbs, and Jazer with her suburbs.

CHAP. VII.

NOW the sons of Issachar were, ^a Tola, and ^b Puah, Jashub, and Shimrom, four.

² And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house, to wit, of Tola: they were valiant men of might in their generations; ^c whose number was in the days of David two and twenty thousand and six hundred.

³ And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five: of them chief men.

⁴ And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, were bands of soldiers for war, six and thirty thousand men: for they had many wives and sons.

⁵ And their brethren among all the families of Issachar were valiant men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies fourscore and seven thousand.

⁶ ^d The sons of ^e Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jedaiel, three.

⁷ And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour; and ^f were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four.

⁸ And the sons of Becher; Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these are the sons of Becher.

⁹ And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour, was twenty thousand and two hundred.

¹⁰ The sons also of Jedaiel; Bilhan: and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar.

¹¹ All these the sons of Jedaiel, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, were seventeen thousand and two hundred soldiers, fit to go out for war and battle.

¹² Shuppim ^g also, and Huppim, the children of ^h Ir, and Hushim, the sons of ⁱ Aher.

¹³ ^j The sons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and ^k Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

¹⁴ ^l The sons of Manasseh; Ashriel, whom she bare: (but his concubine the Aramitess bare Machir the father of Gilead:

¹⁵ And Machir took to wife the sister of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name was Maachah; ^m and the name of the second was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters.

¹⁶ And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.

¹⁷ And the sons of Ulam; ⁿ Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

¹⁸ And his sister Hammoreketh bare Ishod, and ^o Abiezer, and Mahalah.

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^a Ge. 46. 13.
Nu. 26. 23.

^b Phuvah,
Job.

^b Nu. 26. 35.

^c ch. 27. 1.
² Sa. 24. 1, 2.

^d Ge. 37. 34.

^e Job 2. 11.
Jno. 11. 19.
Ro. 12. 15.
1 Co. 12. 26.
He. 13. 3.

^f ch. 8. 1, &c.
Ge. 46. 21.
Nu. 26. 35.

^g or, Nun.
Nu. 13. 8, 16.

^h 2 Ch. 17. 17.
18.

ⁱ Jos. 16. 7.
Naarath.

^j daughters.

^k or, Adasa.

^l Jos. 17. 7.
Ju. 1. 27.

^m Jos. 17. 11.

ⁿ Ge. 46. 17.
Nu. 26. 44.

^o ver. 34.
Shamer.

^p ver. 32.
Shomer.

^q Nu. 26. 39.
Shupham,
and
Hupham.

^r or, Iri,
ver. 7.

^s or, Ahiram,
Nu. 26. 38.

^t Ge. 46. 24.
Shilleh.

^u ch. 7. 6.
Ge. 46. 21.
Nu. 26. 38.

^v 1 Sa. 12. 11.

^w or, Ard,
Ge. 46. 21.

^x Nu. 26. 30.
Jezer.

¹⁹ And the sons of Shemidah were, Ahi-an, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

²⁰ ^y And ^z the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son,

²¹ ^{aa} And Zabab his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath that were born in that land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle.

²² And Ephraim their father ^{ab} mourned many days, and his brethren came ^{ac} to comfort him.

²³ ^{ad} And when he went in to his wife, she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house.

²⁴ And his daughter was Sherah, who built Beth-horon the nether, and the upper, and Uzzen-sherah.)

²⁵ And Rephaah was his son, also Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son, ²⁶ Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishamah his son.

²⁷ ^{ae} Non his son, Jehoshuah his son.

²⁸ ^{af} And their possessions and habitations were, Beth-el and the towns thereof, and eastward ^{ag} Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the ^{ah} towns thereof; Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto ^{ai} Gaza and the towns thereof:

²⁹ And by the borders of the children of ⁱ Manasseh, Beth-shean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, ^{aj} Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

³⁰ ^{ak} The ^{al} sons of Asher; Imnah, and Isuah, and Ishuai, and Beriah, and Serah their sister.

³¹ And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who is the father of Birzavith.

³² And Heber begat Japhlet, and ^{am} Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister.

³³ And the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the children of Japhlet.

³⁴ And the sons of ^{an} Shamer; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram

³⁵ And the sons of his brother Helem; Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal.

³⁶ The sons of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah, ³⁷ Bezor, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera.

³⁸ And the sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.

³⁹ And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia.

⁴⁰ All these were the children of Asher, heads of their father's house, choice and mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war and to battle was twenty and six thousand men.

CHAP. VIII.

NOW Benjamin begat ⁴¹ Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third,

⁴² Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

⁴³ And the sons of Bela were, ⁴⁴ Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,

⁴⁵ And Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah,

CHAP. VII.—6. sons of Benjamin, in Gen. xlv. 21, he is said to have had ten sons, which number is thought to have included his grandsons; some think that the three here named were the most eminent, or that the other families were extinct. ²¹ slew, because, &c.: see Gen. xlvii. 6, note. The descendants

of Jacob were faithful to their trust; they not only repelled the attacks of the plundering tribes from western Asia, but carried the war into the enemies' country, and extended their incursions into Palestine.

CHAP. VIII.—1. Now Benjamin. &c. this genealogy is here particularly given, because of the close rela-

5 And Gera, and ^a Shephuphan, and Huran.

6 And these *are* the sons of ^bEhud: these are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they removed them to Manahath:

7 And Naaman, and Abiah, and Gera, he removed them, and begat Uzza, and Abihud.

8 And Shaharaim begat *children* ^c in the country of Moab, after ^d he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara *were* his wives.

9 And he begat of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham,

10 And Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. These *were* his sons, heads of the fathers.

11 And of Hushim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal.

12 The sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and Shamed, who built ^e Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof:

13 Beriah also, and ^f Shema, who *were* heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of ^g Ajalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath:

14 And Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth, 15 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader,

16 And Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah;

17 And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber,

18 Ishmerai also, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal;

19 And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, 20 And Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel,

21 And Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of ^h Shimbi;

22 And Ishpan, and Heber, and Eliel, 23 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,

24 And Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah,

25 And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak;

26 And Shamsherai, and Shebariah, and Athaliah,

27 And Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham.

28 These *were* heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief *men*. These ⁱ dwelt in Jerusalem.

29 And at Gibeon dwelt the ^j father of Gibeon; whose ^k wife's name was Maachab:

30 And his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab,

31 And Gedor, and Abio, and ^l Zacher.

32 And Mikiath begat ^m Shimeah. And these also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against them.

33 ⁿ And ^o Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and ^p Abinadab, and ^q Esh-baal.

34 And the son of Jonathan was ^r Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat ^s Micah.

35 And the sons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and Melech, and ^t Tarea, and Ahaz.

36 And Ahaz begat ^u Jehoahaz; and Jehoahaz begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza,

37 And Moza begat Binea: ^v Rapha was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son:

38 And Azel had six sons, whose names

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^a ch. 7. 12, *Shuppin*.
Nu. 26. 39, *Shupham*.

^b Ju. 3. 20, &c. 4. 1, &c.

^c Ru. 1. 1.

^d Ge. 25. 6.

^e Ezr. 2. 59. Mat. 1. 1. 16 Lu. 3. 23. 38

^f 2 Ch. 33. 11. 36. 9, 10. 18. 20.

^g Je. 39. 9. 52. 14, 15.

^h Da. 1. 1, 2.

ⁱ Ezr. 2. 70. Ne. 7. 73.

^j Ezr. 2. 33. Ne. 6. 2.

^k 7. 37. 11. 35.

^l Jos. 9. 27. Ezr. 2. 43.

^m 8. 20.

ⁿ ver. 21.

^o Ne. 11. 1.

^p Jos. 19. 42. *Ajalon*.

^q or, *Shema*. ver. 13.

^r Ne. 11. 10, &c.

^s Ne. 11. 11, *Seraiah*.

^t Ju. 1. 21. Ne. 11. 1.

^u Called *Jehiel*, ch. 9. 35.

^v ch. 9. 35.

^w or, *Zechariah*, ch. 9. 37.

^x or, *Shimeam*, ch. 9. 38.

^y mighty men of valour.

^z 1 Sa. 14. 51. 2 Sa. 14. 49, *Ishui*.

^{aa} or, *Ishbosheth*, 2 Sa. 2. 8.

^{ab} or, *Mephibosheth*, 2 Sa. 4. 4. 9. 6, 10.

^{ac} 2 Sa. 9. 12.

^{ad} or, *Tahrea*, ch. 9. 41.

^{ae} *Jarah*, ch. 9. 42.

^{af} ch. 9. 43, *Rephoiah*.

are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel.

39 And the sons of Eshek his brother *were*, Ulam his firstborn, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet the third.

40 And the sons of Ulam *were* mighty men of valour, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, an hundred and fifty. All these *are* of the sons of Benjamin.

CHAP. IX.

So ^a all Israel *were* reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they *were* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah, who *were* ^b carried away to Babylon for their transgression.

2 ^c Now ^d ^e the first inhabitants that *dwelt* in their possessions in their cities *were*, the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and ^f the Nethinims.

3 And in ^g Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh;

4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Pharez the son of Judah.

5 And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons.

6 And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.

7 And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah,

8 And Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephathiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibniyah;

9 And their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men *were* chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

10 ^h And ⁱ of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin.

11 And ^j Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Abitub, the ruler of the house of God;

12 And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, and Masai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;

13 And their brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; ^k very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

14 And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;

15 And Bakkakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph;

16 And Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Ekanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.

17 And the porters *were*, Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and

tion of Benjamin to Judah, with whom the tribe was preserved, after the exile of the ten tribes. 6. the heads of the fathers, Boothroyd better renders, 'the paternal chiefs.' 16. sons, 'descendants.'

CHAP. IX.—2. the first inhabitants, who returned from Babylon on the proclamation of Cyrus. Israel-

ites, i. e. some of all the tribes, as distinguished from Levi. Nethinims, the given or devoted, the inferior servants of the temple, such as the Gibeonites and remains of the Canaanites. 3. children of Ephraim, &c. perhaps mean those of the ten tribes that had joined Judah and Benjamin. 17. porters, 'guards.'

their brethren: Shallum *was* the chief; 18 Who hitherto waited in ^a the king's gate eastward: they were porters in the companies of the children of Levi.

19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korahites, *were* over the work of the service, keepers of the * gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers, *being* over ^c the host of the LORD, *were* keepers of the entry.

20 And ^d Phinehas the son of Eleazar *was* the ruler over them in time past, ^e and the LORD *was* with him.

21 And Zephaniah the son of Meshelemiah *was* porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 All these *which were* chosen to be porters in the gates *were* two hundred and twelve. These *were* reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom ^f David and Samuel ^h the seer [†] did ordain in their [§] set office.

23 So they and their children *had* the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, *namely*, the house of the tabernacle, by wards.

24 In four quarters *were* the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south.

25 And their brethren, *which were* in their villages, *were* to come ⁱ after seven days from time to time with them.

26 For these Levites, the four chief porters, *were* in their [§] set office, and *were* over the * chambers and treasures of the house of God.

27 [¶] And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *was* upon them, and the opening thereof every morning *pertained* to them.

28 And certain of them *had* the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should [†] bring them in and out by tale.

29 Some of them also *were* appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.

30 And some of the sons of the priests *made* [¶] the ointment of the spices.

31 And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who *was* the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, *had* the [§] set office ^c over the things that *were* made [¶] in the pans.

32 And other of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, ^r *were* over the * shewbread, to prepare it every sabbath.

33 And these *are* ^t the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, *who remained* in the chambers *were* free: for [†] they *were* employed in *that* work day and night.

34 These chief fathers of the Levites *were* chief throughout their generations; these dwelt at Jerusalem.

35 [¶] And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose wife's name *was* Maachah:

36 And his firstborn son Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,

37 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zephaniah, and Mikloth.

38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And

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^a 2 Ki. 11. 19.

Eze. 44. 2, 3.

46. 1, 2.

Ac. 3. 11.

^b ch. 8. 33.

* thresholds.

Ps. 84. 10.

^c 2 Ki. 11. 9, 15.

2 Ch. 23. 4.

10.

^d Nu. 31. 6.

^e Nu. 25. 11.

13.

1 Sa. 16. 18.

Mat. 28. 20.

Ac. 7. 9, 10.

^f 1 Sa. 31. 1, 2.

^g ch. 26. 1, 2.

^h 1 Sa. 9. 9.

[†] founded.

[†] or, wounded

[§] or, trust.

^{||} or, Ishui,

1 Sa. 14. 49.

* shooters

with bows.

[†] found him.

ⁱ 2 Ki. 11. 5.

^k Ju. 9. 54.

[§] or, trust.

^{||} or, mock

me.

* or, store-

houses.

^l 2 Sa. 17. 23.

1 Ki. 16. 18.

Mat. 27. 4, 5.

Ac. 1. 18.

^m Ec. 9. 1, 2.

Ho. 13. 10, 11

[†] bring them

in by tale,

and carry

them out

by tale.

[†] or, vessels.

ⁿ Ex. 30. 23.

[§] or, trust.

^o Le. 2. 5.

6. 21.

^{||} or, on flat

plates, or,

slices.

^p Ju. 16. 23, 24.

Da. 5. 2, 4, 23

^r Le. 24. 8.

^s 1 Sa. 31. 10.

* bread of

ordering.

^t ch. 6. 31.

25. 1.

[†] upon them.

[†] trans-

gressed.

^u ch. 8. 29.

^v 1 Sa. 13. 13.

15. 23.

^x 1 Sa. 28. 7.

Ac. 16. 16. 18

^y Is. 5. 7, 15.

^z 1 Sa. 15. 28.

2 Sa. 3. 9, 10.

5. 3.

[§] Isai.

they also dwell with their brethren at Jerusalem, over against their brethren.

39 And ^b Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-baal.

40 And the son of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal: and Merib-baal begat Micah.

41 And the sons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, and Ahaz.

42 And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza;

43 And Moza begat Binea; and Rephatah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

44 And Azel *had* six sons, whose names *are* these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these *were* the sons of Azel.

CHAP. X.

NOW ^f the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down in slain in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and ^{||} Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul.

3 And the battle *went* sore against Saul, and the * archers [†] hit him, and he *was* wounded of the archers.

4 Then said Saul to his armourbearer, ^k Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and ^{||} abuse me. But his armourbearer *would* not; for he *was* sore afraid. So Saul [†] took a sword, and fell upon it.

5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul *was* dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.

6 So ^m Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together.

7 And when all the men of Israel that *were* in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons *were* dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 [¶] And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And when they *had* stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry ^p tidings unto their idols, and to the people.

10 And ^s they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

11 [¶] And when all Jabesh-gilead *had* seen that the Philistines *had* done to Saul,

12 They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13 [¶] So Saul died for his transgression which he [†] committed against the LORD, ^v even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that *had* ^x a familiar spirit, to enquire of it;

14 And enquired not of the LORD: therefore ^y he slew him, and ^z turned the kingdom unto David the son of [§] Jesse.

15. king's gate. this was made, as in the old temple, under the house of David. 33. employed, &c. some or other

of them. 34. dwell at Jerusalem, always presiding over the porters, singers, &c.

CHAP. X.—1. Note, &c. see 1 Sam. xxxi., notes.

CHAP. XI.

THEN ^b all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.

2 And moreover ^c in time past, even when Saul was king, thou *wast* he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed ^d my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel.

3 Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they ^e anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD ^f by ^g Samuel.

4 ^h And David and all Israel ⁱ went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus; ^j where the Jebusites *were*, the inhabitants of the land.

5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which is the city of David.

6 And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be ^k chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief.

7 And David dwelt in the castle; therefore they called ^l it the city of David.

8 And he built the city round about, even from Milo round about: and Joab ^m repaired the rest of the city.

9 So David ⁿ waxed greater and greater: for the LORD ^o of hosts was with him.

10 ^p These ^q also are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who ^r strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, and with all Israel, to make him king, according to ^s the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, ^t an Hachmonite, the chief of the captains: he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain ^u by him at one time.

12 And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who *was* one of the three mighties.

13 He was with David at ^v Pas-dammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines.

14 And they ^w set themselves in the midst of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the LORD ^x saved them by a great ^y deliverance.

15 ^z Now ^{aa} three of the thirty captains ^{ab} went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines encamped ^{ac} in the valley of Rephaim.

16 And David ^{ad} was then in the hold, and the Philistines' garrison *was* then at Beth-lehem.

17 And David ^{ae} longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, that is at the gate!

18 And the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took ^{af} it, and brought ^{ag} it to David: but David would not drink of it, but ^{ah} poured it out to the LORD,

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a 1 Ki. 21. 3.

b 2 Sa. 5. 1.

c ^{with their lives.}d ^{both yesterday and the third day.}

e 2 Sa. 23. 18,

f &c.

g ^{or, rule.}

h Ps. 78. 71.

i 2 Sa. 5. 3.

j ^{by the hand of.}

k 1 Sa. 16. 1, 12.

l ^{great of deeds.}

m 2 Sa. 5. 6.

n Ju. 1. 21.

o 19. 10.

p ^{a man of measure.}q ^{head.}r ^{i. e. Zion.}

s 2 Sa. 5. 7.

t ^{revived.}u ^{went in going and increasing.}

v 2 Sa. 23. 24.

w 2 Sa. 23. 8.

x ^{or, Sham-mah.}y ^{or, Harodite.}

z 2 Sa. 23. 25.

aa ^{or, held strongly with him.}ab ^{or, Pallite.}

ac 2 Sa. 23. 25.

ad 1 Sa. 16. 1, 12.

ae ^{or, Mebunnai.}af ^{or, Zalmon.}ag ^{or, son of Hachmoni.}ah ^{or, Heleb.}ai ^{or, Hiddai.}aj ^{or, Abi-albon.}ak ^{or, Ephes-dammim.}

al 1 Sa. 17. 1.

am ^{or, Jashen.}

an 2 Sa. 23. 32.

ao 33.

ap ^{or, Shavar.}aq ^{or, stood.}ar ^{or, Eliphelet.}as ^{or, Ahas-bai.}at ^{or, salvation.}

au Ps. 144. 10.

av Pr. 21. 31.

aw ^{or, Hezrai.}ax ^{or, Paarai the Arbite.}ay ^{or, three captains over the thirty.}

az 2 Sa. 23. 13.

ba ^{or, the Haggerite.}

bb ch. 14. 9.

bc Nu. 11. 4, 5.

bd Ps. 143. 6.

be ^{or, Shimrite.}

bf 1 Sa. 7. 6.

19 And said, ^c My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men ^d that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighties.

20 ^e And ^f Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew ^g them, and had a name among the three.

21 Of the three, he was more honourable than the two; for he was their captain: howbeit he attained not to the *first* three.

22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, ^h who had done many acts; he slew two lionlike men of Moab: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day.

23 And he slew an Egyptian, ⁱ a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

24 These *things* did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had a name among the three mighties.

25 Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the *first* three: and David set him over his guard.

26 ^j Also the valiant men of the armies *were*, ^k Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem.

27 ^l Shammoth the ^m Harorite, Helez the ⁿ Pelonite,

28 Ira the son of Ikesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Antothite,

29 ^o Sibbecai the Hushathite, ^p Ilai the Ahohite,

30 Maharai the Netophathite, ^q Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,

31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, *that pertained* to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

32 ^r Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, ^s Abiel the Arbathite,

33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbomite,

34 The sons of ^t Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite,

35 Abiam the son of ^u Sacar the Hararite, ^v Eliphal the son of ^w Ur,

36 Hephher the Mecherathite, Abihaj the Pelonite,

37 ^x Hezro the Carmelite, ^y Naarai the son of Ezbai,

38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar ^z the son of Haggeri,

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armourbearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah,

40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabab the son of Ahlai,

42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

43 Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite,

44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hothan the Aroerite,

45 Jedaiel the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

CHAP. XII.

NOW ^b these are they that came to David to Ziklag, [†] while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

2 They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and ^c the left in *hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, even of Saul's brethren of Benjamin.

3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of [§] Shemaah the Gibeathite, and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite,

4 And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite,

5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,

6 Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites,

7 And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, and men [†] of war *fit* for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were [†] as ^h swift as the roes upon the mountains;

9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

11 Altai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh.

14 These were of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: [†] one of the least was over an hundred, and the greatest over a thousand.

15 These are they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had [†] overflowed all his ^m banks; and they put to flight all *them* of the vallies, both toward the east, and toward the west.

16 And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David.

17 And David went out ^{||} to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine ⁿ heart shall [†] be knit unto you: but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no [§] wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look *thereon*, and rebuke *it*.

18 Then the spirit ^{||} came upon ^{*} Amasai, who was chief of the captains, and he said, Thine are we, David, ^p and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for ^r thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

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a 1 Sa. 29. 2.

* on our

heads.

b 1 Sa. 27. 2.

† being yet

shut up,

c Ju. 20. 16

† or, with a

band.

d 1 Sa. 30. 1, 9.

§ or, Has-

maah.

|| heads, or,

captains,

or, men.

e ch. 11. 1.

2 Sa. 2. 3, 4.

5. 1.

f ch. 10. 14.

§ 1 Sa. 16. 1, 3.

* or, pre-

pared.

† of the host.

‡ as the roes

upon the

mountains

to make

haste.

h 2 Sa. 2. 18.

i 2 Sa. 8. 17.

§ brethren,

Ge. 31. 23.

|| a multi-

tude of

them.

k 2 Sa. 2. 8, 9.

* men of

names.

† or, one that

was least

could re-

sist an hun-

dred, and

the greatest

a thousand

† filled over.

l Es. 1. 13.

m Jos. 3. 15.

§ or, rangers

of battle,

or, ranged

in battle.

|| before them

* or, set the

battle in

array.

† without a

heart and

a heart.

Ps. 12. 2.

n Ps. 86. 11.

2 Co. 13. 11.

Phi. 1. 27.

† be one.

§ or, violence.

|| clothed

Amasai.

Ju. 6. 34.

13. 25.

o 2 Sa. 17. 25.

* or, keeping

their rank.

p Ru. 1. 16.

2 Sa. 15. 21.

2 Ki. 9. 32.

Mat. 12. 30.

r 1 Sa. 25. 28,

29.

2 Sa. 5. 2.

Zec. 8. 23.

Jno. 6. 67, 68.

19 And there fell some of Manasseh to David, ^a when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul ^{*} to the jeopardy of our heads.

20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediah, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that were of Manasseh.

21 And they helped David [†] against ^d the band of the rovers: for they were all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host.

22 For at *that* time day by day there came to David to help him, until *it* was a great host, like the host of God.

23 [¶] And these are the numbers of the ^{||} bands that were ready armed to the war, and ^e came to David to Hebron, to ^f turn the kingdom of Saul to him, [§] according to the word of the LORD.

24 The children of Judah that bare shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready ^{*} armed to the war.

25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred.

26 Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred.

27 And Jehoiada was the leader of the Aaronites, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred;

28 And [†] Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains.

29 And of the children of Benjamin, the [§] kindred of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto ^{||} the ^k greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul.

30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, ^{*} famous throughout the house of their fathers.

31 And of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king.

32 And of the children of Issachar, [†] which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.

33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, [§] expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could ^{*} keep rank: they were [†] not of double heart.

34 And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand.

35 And of the Danites expert in war twenty and eight thousand and six hundred.

36 And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, ^{*} expert in war, forty thousand.

37 And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand.

38 All these men of war, that could

CHAP. XII.—8. *faces of lions*, there is nothing in nature more terrible than the faces of these animals, when enraged. 18. *Then the spirit*, Then Amasai, 'moved in spirit'.—Boothroyd. 22. *like the host of God*, i.e. a very great host. 32. *understanding of*

the times, possessed of political wisdom and prudence. 33. *which could keep rank*, the Sept. and Vulg. make a trifling alteration in the word, and render it as Boothroyd has followed them, 'came fifty thousand to "his assistance" ' not of double heart, all well

keep rank, came with ^a a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king.

39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.

40 Moreover they that were nigh them, even unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for ^h there was joy in Israel.

CHAP. XIII.

AND David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader.

2 And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and that it be of the LORD our God, § let us send abroad unto our brethren every where, that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the priests and Levites which are in their cities and suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us:

3 And let us ^g bring again the ark of our God to us: ⁱ for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.

4 And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 So ^m David gathered all Israel together, from ⁿ Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God ^p from Kirjath-jearim.

6 And David went up, and all Israel, to ^r Baalah, that is, to Kirjath-jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, ^s that dwelleth between the cherubims, whose name is called on it.

7 And they ^t carried the ark of God ^u in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.

8 And ^v David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with § singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 ^w And when they came unto the threshing-floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen ^x stumbled.

10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, ^y because he put his hand to the ark: and there he ^z died before God.

11 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called ^{aa} Perez-uzza to this day.

12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me?

13 So David § brought not the ark home to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

14 And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months. And ^{ab} the LORD blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

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^a Ps. 101. 2.^b Is. 38. 3.^c Mat. 6. 22, 23^d 2 Sa. 5. 11, &c^e Ps. 89. 20, 37^f Nu. 24. 7.^g 1 Ki. 10. 9.^h 2 Ch. 2. 11.ⁱ Es. 4. 14.^j Is. 1. 25. 27.^k De. 17. 17.^l Pr. 5. 18, 19.^m yet.ⁿ or, victual^o of meal.^p ch. 3. 5.^q Pr. 11. 10.^r 29. 2.^s Je. 23. 5, 6.^t Lu. 19. 37, 38^u or, Eliada,^v 2 Sa. 5. 16.^w § let us break^x forth and^y send.^z 1 Sa. 31. 1.^{aa} Is. 37. 4.^{ab} || in the cities^{ac} of their^{ad} suburbs.^{ae} k ch. 11. 15.^{af} * bring about^{ag} 1 Sa. 7. 1, 2.^{ah} m 2 Sa. 6. 1.^{ai} n Ex. 14. 28.^{aj} Job 30. 14.^{ak} Mat. 7. 27.^{al} o Jos. 13. 3.^{am} + i. e. a place^{an} of breaches^{ao} p 1 Sa. 6. 21.^{ap} q Jos. 15. 9, 60.^{aq} s 1 Sa. 4. 4.^{ar} + made the^{as} ark to ride.^{at} t Nu. 4. 15.^{au} v 2 Sa. 6. 5.^{av} § songs.^{aw} || Called^{ax} Nachon,^{ay} 2 Sa. 6. 6.^{az} x 2 Sa. 5. 25,^{ba} Geba.^{bb} * shook it.^{bc} y 2 Ch. 26. 8.^{bd} z Nu. 4. 15.^{be} a Le. 10. 2.^{bf} b Ps. 132. 5.^{bg} Ac. 7. 46.^{bh} + i. e. The^{bi} breach of^{bj} Uzza.^{bk} c ch. 16. 1.^{bl} + It is not to^{bm} carry the^{bn} ark of God,^{bo} but for the^{bp} Levites.^{bq} d Nu. 4. 2. 15,^{br} 19, 20.^{bs} De. 10. 8.^{bt} 31. 9.^{bu} e Is. 66. 21.^{bv} Je. 33. 17. 22^{bv} § removed.^{bw} f 1 Ki. 8. 1.^{bx} g Ge. 30. 27.^{bx} 39. 5.^{bx} Pr. 10. 22.

CHAP. XIV.

NOW ^a Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him an house.

2 And David perceived that ^b the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for ^c his kingdom was lifted up on high, ^d because of his people Israel.

3 ^e ¶ And David ^f took ^g more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters.

4 Now ^h these are the names of his children which he had in Jerusalem; Sham-mua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, 5 And Ithar, and Elishua, and Elpalet, 6 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 7 And Elishama, and ⁱ Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

8 ^j ¶ And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against them.

9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves ^k in the valley of Rephaim,

10 And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.

11 So they came up to Baal-perazim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like ^l the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place ^m Baal-perazim.

12 And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

13 And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.

14 Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

15 And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines, from ⁿ Gibeon even to Gazer.

17 And ^o the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

CHAP. XV.

AND David made him houses in the city of David, and ^p prepared a place for the ark of God, ^q and pitched for it a tent.

2 Then David said, ^r None ought to carry the ^s ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and ^t to minister unto him for ever.

3 And David ^u gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it.

4 And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites:

5 Of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief,

affected to David. 40. on oxen, these are still employed in Asia, for riding, burden, and draught.

CHAP. XIII.—2. all, i. e. all the leading Israelites:

a further explanation will be found in 2 Sa. chap. vi. CHAP. XIV.—17. all lands, i. e. many countries.

CHAP. XV.—1. houses, a palace consisting of many

and his ^abrethren an hundred and twenty:

6 Of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty:

7 Of the sons of Gershon; Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty:

8 Of the sons of ^aElizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred:

9 Of the sons of ^bHebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore:

10 Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve.

11 And David called for ^cZadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,

12 And said unto them, Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levites: ^csanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it.

13 For ^dbecause ye did it not at the first, ^dthe LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as ^eMoses commanded according to the word of the LORD.

16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

17 So the Levites appointed ^fHeman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, ^fAsaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, ^fEthan the son of Kushaiah;

18 And with them their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the porters.

19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed to sound with cymbals of brass;

20 And Zechariah, and ^gAziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries ^gon Alamoth;

21 And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azariah, with harps ^hon the Sheminith to excel.

22 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, ⁱwas for ⁱsong: he instructed about the song, because he was skilful.

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark.

24 And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nathaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, ^jdid blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.

25 ^kSo ^kDavid, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went

B. C. 1042.

^{*} or, kins-

^a Ex. 6. 22.

^b Ex. 6. 18.

[†] or, carriage

^c 1 Sa. 22. 20.

^d 23.

^e 2 Sa. 8. 17.

^f 15. 24. 23. 35.

^g 20. 25.

^h 1 Ki. 2. 35.

ⁱ ch. 13. 8.

^j Ex. 19. 10, 14.

^k 15.

^l 2 Ch. 5. 11.

^m Eze. 48. 11.

ⁿ Jno. 17. 17.

^o Ro. 12. 1, 2.

^p Re. 5. 9, 10.

^q 2 Sa. 6. 16.

^r ch. 13. 7.

^s 2 Sa. 6. 3.

^t ch. 13. 10, 11.

^u 2 Sa. 6. 17.

^v 19.

^w Ex. 25. 14.

^x Nu. 4. 15.

^y 7. 9.

^z ch. 6. 33.

^{aa} ch. 6. 39.

^{ab} Ps. 38, and

^{ac} 70, title.

^{ad} ch. 6. 44.

^{ae} instruments of

^{af} psalteries

^{ag} and harps.

^{ah} 2 Sa. 23. 1.

^{ai} § ver. 18,

^{aj} Jauziel.

^{ak} Ps. 105. 1. 15

^{al} § Is. 12. 4.

^{am} 1 Co. 1. 2.

^{an} 1 Ki. 8. 43.

^{ao} 2 Ki. 19. 19.

^{ap} Ps. 46, title.

^{aq} Mar. 14. 26.

^{ar} Ep. 5. 19.

^{as} || or, on the

^{at} eighth to

^{au} oversee,

^{av} Ps. 6, title.

^{aw} ch. 28. 9.

^{ax} Pr. 8. 17.

^{ay} Is. 45. 19.

^{az} 55. 6, 7.

^{ba} Je. 29. 13.

^{bb} Mat. 7. 7, 8.

^{bc} * or, was for

^{bd} the car-

^{be} riage: he

^{bf} instructed

^{bg} about the

^{bh} carriage.

^{bi} + lifting up.

^{bj} Nu. 10. 8.

^{bk} Ps. 81. 3.

^{bl} Ps. 25. 10.

^{bm} Mal. 4. 4.

^{bn} z 2 Sa. 6. 12, 13,

^{bo} &c.

^{bp} 1 Ki. 8. 1.

^{bq} De. 7. 9.

^{br} Ge. 17. 2.

^{bs} 26. 3.

^{bt} 28. 13.

^{bu} 35. 11.

^{bv} Lu. 1. 72, 73.

^{bw} Ac. 3. 25.

^{bx} He. 6. 13, 14.

to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.

26 And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams.

27 And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the [†]song with the singers: David also had upon him an ephod of linen.

28 Thus [†]all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

29 [†]And it came to pass, [†]as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

CHAP. XVI.

SO [†]they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.

2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

3 And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

4 [†]And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to [†]record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

5 Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom: and Jeiel with [†]psalteries and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals;

6 Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 [†]Then on that day David delivered [†]first this psalm to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

8 Give [†]thanks unto the LORD, [†]call upon his name, [†]make known his deeds among the people.

9 Sing unto him, [†]sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.

10 Glory ye in his holy name: let [†]the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

14 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

15 Be [†]ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to [†]a thousand generations;

16 Even of the [†]covenant which he

houses for his family. 20. on Alamoth, of this instrument nothing certain is known. Boothroyd reads, 'on acute-sounding psalteries.' 21. on the Sheminith to excel, 'on eight-stringed harps to complete the harmony.'—Boothroyd.

CHAP. XVI.—3. a flagon, 'a fritter.'—Boothroyd. For further explanations of this chapter, see 2 Sam. vi. 17—19; Psalms xvi., cv., and cvii., of which it is composed.

made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac;

17 And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,

18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the *lot of thy inheritance;

19 When ye were but † few, † even a few, and strangers in it.

20 And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people;

21 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he † reproved kings for their sakes,

22 Saying, † Touch not mine anointed, and do not my prophets no harm.

23 Sing † unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation.

24 Declare † his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.

25 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.

26 For all the gods * of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

27 Glory † and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place.

28 Give unto the LORD, † ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD † glory and strength.

29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

30 Fear before him, all the earth: * the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, * The LORD reigneth.

32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.

33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.

34 O † give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

35 And † say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.

36 Blessed † be the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever. And † all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

37 * So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required:

38 And Obed-edom with their brethren, threescore and eight; Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be porters:

39 And Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, † before the tabernacle of the LORD † in the high place that was at Gibeon,

40 To offer burnt offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt offering continually * morning † and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel;

41 And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who

B. C. 1042.

a ver. 34.

2 Ch. 5. 13.

7. 3.

Ezr. 3. 11.

Je. 33. 11.

* cord.

† men of

number.

b Ge. 24. 30.

† for the gate

c 2Sa. 6. 19, 20.

d Ge. 12. 17.

20. 3.

Ex. 7. 15. 18

e 2Sa. 7. 1. &c.

Da. 4. 4. 29.

30.

f Ps. 105. 15.

g Hag. 1. 4, 9.

h Ps. 96. 1, &c.

i Ps. 22. 27.

Is. 12. 2. 6.

Da. 4. 1. 3.

k 1 Co. 13. 9.

l 1 Sa. 16. 7.

Ps. 20. 4.

m Nu. 12. 6.

Am. 3. 7.

n Le. 19. 4.

Ac. 19. 26.

1 Co. 8. 4.

o Is. 55. 8, 9.

Ro. 11. 33, 34

p Ps. 16. 11.

63. 2.

q Jno. 17. 24.

r Is. 66. 1. 2.

s Is. 11. 10.

§ Have been.

t 1 Co. 15. 10.

2Co. 12. 9, 10.

Ep. 1. 6, 17.

19.

u Is. 49. 8.

Je. 10. 12.

He. 1. 3.

|| from after.

v Is. 33. 22.

Mat. 6. 13.

Re. 19. 6.

x Ps. 113. 7, 8.

Lu. 1. 52.

y Ps. 106. 1.

107. 1.

118. 1.

136. 1.

z Eze. 37. 25.

Am. 9. 15.

Re. 21. 4.

a Ps. 106. 47, 48

b 1 Ki. 8. 15.

Ep. 1. 3.

c 1 Pe. 1. 3.

1 Co. 15. 25,

26.

d De. 27. 15.

e Ps. 89. 4, 29,

36, 37.

Is. 9. 7.

Da. 2. 44.

Re. 11. 15.

f 2Sa. 7. 14, 15

g ch. 21. 29.

2 Ch. 1. 3.

h 1 Ki. 3. 4.

i Lu. 1. 33.

* in the

morning,

and in the

evening.

k Ex. 29. 33.

Nu. 28. 3.

were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, † because his mercy endureth for ever;

42 And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were † porters.

43 And † all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

CHAP. XVII.

NOW it came to pass, † as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, † I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth under curtains.

2 Then † Nathan said unto David, Do all † that is in thine heart; for God is with thee.

3 † And it came to pass the same night, that † the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 Go and tell † David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in:

5 For † I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but † I have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

6 Whosoever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedars?

7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, even † from following the sheep, that thou shoulddest be ruler over my people Israel:

8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and † have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth.

9 Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, † and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning,

10 And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover † I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house.

11 † And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

12 He shall build me an house, † and I will establish his throne for ever.

13 I † will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee:

14 But † I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.

15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

16 † And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who am I, O

LORD God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

17 And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

18 What can David *speak* more to thee for the honour of thy servant? *b* for thou knowest thy servant.

19 O LORD, for thy servant's sake, *c* and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all these *d* great things.

20 O LORD, *e* there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went *f* to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt?

22 For *g* thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God.

23 Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established for ever, and do as thou hast said.

24 Let it even be established, *h* that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and let the house of David thy servant be established before thee.

25 For thou, O my God, hast *i* told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found in his heart to pray before thee.

26 And now, LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

27 Now therefore I let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for *k* thou blessest, O LORD, and it shall be blessed for ever.

CHAP. XVIII.

NOW after this *l* it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

3 *m* And David smote *n* Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates.

4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and *o* seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them an hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of *p* Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria-damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 Likewise from *q* Tibhath, and from

B. C. 1042.

a 1Ki.7.15,23.

2Ch.4.12,15,

16.

*** or, *r* Toi,

2Sa.8.9.

† or, *s* Jeram,

2Sa.8.10.

‡ or, *t* Isalute.

§ to bless.

¶ Ps. 139. 1.

Jno. 21. 17.

Re. 2. 23.

c Mat. 11. 26.

Ep. 1.9.11.

3. 11.

|| was the

man of

war.

*** greatnesses

d Ex. 15. 11.

De. 33. 26.

Is. 40. 18,25.

Je. 10. 6, 7.

e Is. 63. 9.

Tit. 2. 14.

† Abshai.

‡ 2Sa.8.13,

&c.

§ Ge. 17. 7.

Ro. 9. 4.6.

11.1,&c.

¶ 1Pe. 2. 9.

h Mat.6.9,13.

Jno. 12. 28.

17. 1.

Phi. 2. 11.

1Pe. 4. 11.

† or, *i* remem-

brancer.

§ Called

j Ahimelech,

2Sa.8.17.

|| Called

k Seravah,

2Sa.8.17,

and Shisha,

1Ki.4.3.

*** revealed

l the ear of

m thy servant

† at the hand

n of the king.

§ 2Sa.10.1,

&c.

‡ or, *o* it hath

¶ pleased thee

j 1Sa.30.26.

2Sa.2.4.6.

9.1,7.

k Es.6.3.

Ro.11.29.

Ep.1.3.

l 2Sa.8.1,&c.

§ In thine

¶ eyes doth

m David, &c.

1Co.13.5.7

|| or, *n* Hadad-

o ezer,

2Sa.8.3.

n 2Sa.8.4,

seven hun-

*** dreded.

† Durmesek.

‡ to stink.

¶ ch. 18. 5, 9.

§ Called in

|| the book of

k Samuel,

l Beiah, and

m Berothai.

Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much brass, wherewith *a* Solomon made the brasen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

9 *¶* Now when *** Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah;

10 He sent *†* Hadoram his son to king David, to enquire of his welfare, and *§* to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; (for Hadarezer *||* had war with Tou;) and with *h* him all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass.

11 *¶* Them also king David dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all these nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover *†* Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt *f* eighteen thousand.

13 *¶* And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

14 *¶* So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.

15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, *‡* recorder.

16 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and *§* Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and *¶* Shavsha was scribe;

17 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief *†* about the king.

CHAP. XIX.

NOW *i* it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead.

2 And David said, *j* I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him.

3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, *k* Thinkest *m* thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?

4 Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 Then there went *n* certain, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

6 *¶* And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves *†* odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syria-maacchah, *o* and out of Zobah.

7 So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and

his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.

8 And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.

9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come *were* by themselves in the field.

10 Now when Joab saw that *the* battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the *choice* of Israel, and put *them* in array against the Syrians.

11 And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of *Abishai* his brother, and they set *themselves* in array against the children of Ammon.

12 And he said, *a* If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee.

13 Be *a* of good courage, and *f* let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and *e* let the LORD do that *which* is good in his sight.

14 So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him.

15 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

16 *¶* And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that *were* beyond the *r*iver: and *§* Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer *went* before them.

17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him.

18 But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand *men which fought* in chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.

19 And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants: *neither* would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XX.

AND *¶* it came to pass, that *a* after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out to battle, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And *¶* Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it.

2 And David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it *¶* to weigh a talent of gold, and *there were* precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city.

3 And he brought out the people that *were* in it, and cut *them* with saws, and

B. C. 1037.

a 2 Sa. 21. 18.

* stood, or,

continued.

† or, Gob.

b ch. 11. 29.

† or, Saph.

2 Sa. 21. 18.

§ or, Rapha.

|| the face of

the battle

was.

* Called also

Jaare-ore-

gim,

2 Sa. 21. 19.

† or, young

men.

c 2 Sa. 21. 20.

† Abshai.

§ a man of

measure.

d Ne. 4. 20.

Lu. 22. 32.

Ro. 15. 1.

|| born to the

giant, or,

Rapha.

* or, re-

proached.

† Called

Shammah,

1 Sa. 16. 9.

e De. 31. 6.

He. 13. 6.

f 1 Sa. 4. 9.

1 Co. 16. 13.

g Job 1. 21.

h 2 Sa. 24. 1.

&c.

Job 1.6..12.

2.1.7.

Zec. 3. 1.

Mat. 4. 3.

Lu. 22. 31.

Jno. 13. 2.

Ac. 5. 3.

Re. 12. 10.

i ch. 27. 23.

k De. 3.11..17

Pr. 29. 23.

† i. e. Eu-

phrates.

§ or, Shobach

2 Sa. 10. 16.

l Ge. 20. 9.

Ex. 32. 21.

m Ec. 8. 4.

n ch. 27. 24.

o Ps. 18.37,38.

48. 4, 5.

|| And it was

evil in the

eyes of the

LORD con-

cerning

this thing.

p 2 Sa. 24. 10.

1 Jno. 1. 9.

r 2 Sa. 11. 1.

* at the re-

turn of the

year.

s 2 Sa. 12. 13.

t 1 Sa. 9. 9.

u 2 Sa. 12. 26.

† stretch out.

* the weight

of.

§ Take to

thee.

with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 *¶* And it came to pass after this, *a* that there *¶* arose war at *†* Gezer with the Philistines; at which time *b* Sibbechai the Hushathite slew *†* Sippai, that was of the children of *§* the giant: and they were subdued.

5 And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of *¶* Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam.

6 And yet again *c* there was war at Gath, where was *§* a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot: and he also was *||* the son of the giant.

7 But when he *¶* defied Israel, Jonathan the son of *†* Shimea David's brother slew him.

8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAP. XXI.

AND *a* Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

2 And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; *i* and bring the number of them to me, *k* that I may know it.

3 And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? *l* why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?

4 Nevertheless *m* the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5 *¶* And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all *they* of Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword.

6 But *¶* Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

7 *¶* And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.

8 And David said unto God, *p* I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: *q* but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

9 *¶* And the LORD spake unto Gad, David's *¶* seer, saying,

10 Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I *†* offer thee three things: choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.

11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *¶* Choose thee

12 Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence,

does not always mean a chariot, and here it must be taken in a more general signification; namely, for all those Syrian auxiliaries who rode either on chariots or on horses.—Boothroyd.

CHAP. XX.—1. And it came, &c. see notes on 2 Sam. xi, xii, xxi., the passages referred to in the margin.

CHAP. XXI.—1. Satan, 'an adversary.'

in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very ^a great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

14 ^a So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

15 And God sent an ^d angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and ^f he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing-floor of [†] Ornan the Jebusite.

16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, [†] fell upon their faces.

17 And David said unto God, [†] Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? ^m let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

18 [†] Then the ^p angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

19 And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the LORD.

20 [†] And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.

21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground.

22 Then David said to Ornan, [§] Grant me the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: ^v that the plague may be stayed from the people.

23 And Ornan said unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: io, I give thee the oxen also for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat offering; I give it all.

24 And king David said to Ornan, ^a Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.

25 So ^a David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight.

26 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings

B. C. 1017.

^a Ps. 51. 15.
91. 15.
99. 9.
Pr. 15. 8.
Is. 65. 24.
Je. 32. 3.
^b Le. 9. 24.
2 Ch. 3. 1.
7. 1.

^{*} or, many.
^c ch. 16. 39.
^d 2 Sa. 24. 16.
^e 1 Ki. 3. 4.
2 Ch. 1. 3.
^f Ge. 6. 6.
[†] or, Araunah,
2 Sa. 24. 13.

[§] ch. 21. 18, 19.
26, 28.
2 Ch. 3. 1.
^h 1 Ki. 9. 21.
ⁱ Nu. 14. 5.
16. 22.
^k Ps. 51. 4.
Eze. 16. 63.
^l ver. 14.
1 Ki. 7. 47.
^m Ge. 44. 33.
Ex. 32. 32, 33.
Jno. 10. 11.
12.

Ro. 9. 3.
1 Jno. 3. 16.
ⁿ 1 Ki. 5. 6.
^o ch. 29. 1.
2 Ch. 3. 1.

[†] or, When Ornan turned back and saw the angel, then he and his four sons with him hid themselves.
^r ch. 17. 1.
28. 2.
2 Sa. 7. 2.
^s 1 Ki. 8. 17.
De. 12. 5, 11.
^t ch. 28. 3.
1 Ki. 5. 3.

[§] Give.
^u ch. 28. 5.
^v Nu. 16. 48.
25. 8.
^x 1 Ki. 4. 25.
5. 4.

^{||} i. e. peaceable.
^y ch. 17. 12, 13.
28. 6.
2 Sa. 7. 13.
1 Ki. 5. 5.
^z He. 1. 5.
^a Ge. 14. 23.
23. 13.
De. 16. 16, 17.
Mal. 1. 12.
14.

^b 1 Ki. 3. 9, 12.
Ps. 72. 1.
^c 2 Sa. 24. 24.
^d Jos. 1. 7, 8.

and peace offerings, and ^a called upon the LORD; and ^b he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering.

27 And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.

28 [†] At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there.

29 For ^c the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that season in the high place at ^e Gibeon.

30 But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

CHAP. XXII.

THEN David said, [§] This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.

2 And David commanded to gather together ^h the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God.

3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance ⁱ without weight;

4 Also cedar trees in abundance: for the ⁿ Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.

5 And David said, ^o Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 [†] Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel.

7 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, ^r it was in my mind to build an house ^s unto the name of the LORD my God:

8 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ^t Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

9 Behold, ^u a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him ^v rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be ^{||} Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.

10 He ^y shall build an house for my name; and ^z he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.

11 Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee.

12 Only the LORD ^a give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God.

13 Then ^d shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judg-

20. angel, the reading of the Septuagint is 'king.' CHAP. XXII. — 1. Then David, &c. Boothroyd properly makes this verse the last of the preceding chapter. 2. strangers, proselytes, or rather, foreigners, conquered and reduced to bondage; by such the laborious work of the temple was done:

1 Kin. ix. 20—22; 2 Chron. ii. 17, 18. 5. tender, inexperienced: chap. xxix. 1; 1 Kin. iii. 7. 8. much blood, touching the blood of the slain rendered one unclean, Num. xxxi. 19; but David had shed much blood, and there was no expiation for the murderer and adulterer: it was not therefore suitable

ments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: ^b be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

14 Now, behold, in my ^{*}trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron ^b without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto.

15 Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work.

16 Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron there is no number. Arise therefore, and be doing, and ^k the LORD be with thee.

17 [†]David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,

18 Is not the LORD your God with you? ^m and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people.

19 Now ^o set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to ^r bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built ^t to the name of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIII.

SO when David was old and full of days, he made ^u Solomon his son king over Israel.

2 [†] And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.

3 Now the Levites were numbered from the age of ^y thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand.

4 Of which, twenty and four thousand were ^z to set forward the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand were ^a officers and judges:

5 Moreover four thousand were porters; and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments ^b which I made, said David, to praise therewith.

6 And ^c David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi, namely, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7 [†] Of the ^e Gershonites were, [†]Laadan, and Shimei.

8 The sons of Laadan; the chief was Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three.

9 The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the chief of the fathers of Laadan.

10 And the sons of Shimei were, Jahath, [†]Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei.

11 And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah ^{*} had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning according to their father's house.

12 [†] The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

13 The sons of Amram; Aaron and

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^a Ex. 28. 1.^b He. 5. 4.^c De. 31. 7, 8.^d Ex. 30. 7.^e 1 Sa. 2. 28.^f ^{*} or, poverty.^g d. 21. 5.^h Nu. 6. 23.ⁱ ch. 26. 23, 25.^j ver. 3.^k Ex. 2. 22.^l 18. 3, 4.^m [†] Shubael,ⁿ ch. 24. 20.^o i. e. masons^p and car-^q penters.^r ch. 26. 25.^s or, the first.^t ^{||} were high-^u ly multi-^v plied.^w k ver. 11.^x ^{*} Shelomoth,^y ch. 24. 22.^z ch. 24. 23.^a m De. 12. 10.^b Jos. 22. 4.^c 2 Sa. 7. 1.^d ch. 24. 26.^e 2 Ch. 20. 3.^f or, kinemen^g Nu. 36. 6, 8.^h 1 Ki. 8. 6, 21.ⁱ 2 Ch. 5. 7.^j 6. 11.^k ch. 24. 30.^l 1 Ki. 5. 3.^m Nu. 10. 17, 21.ⁿ 1 Ki. 1. 33, 39.^o Nu. 1. 3.^p 8. 24.^q Ezr. 3. 8.^r or, and he^s dwelleth in^t Jerusalem.^u y Nu. 4. 3, 47.^v Nu. 4. 5, &c.^w or, to over-^x see.^y a De. 16. 18.^z ^{||} number.^a station was^b at the hand^c of the sons^d of Aaron.^e Ne. 11. 24.^f 2 Ch. 29. 25.^g 26.^h Am. 6. 5.ⁱ Ex. 6. 16.^j Nu. 26. 57.^k divisions.^l d Ex. 25. 30.^m e ch. 26. 21.ⁿ or, Libni,^o ch. 6. 17.^p f Le. 6. 20.^q g Le. 2. 4, 7.^r or, flat^s plate.^t h Le. 19. 35.^u or, Zizah,^v ver. 11.^w i Ps. 81. 3.^x k Le. 23. 4.^y ^{*} did not^z multiply^a sons.

Moses: and ^a Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, ^c to burn incense before the LORD, ^d to minister unto him, and ^e to bless in his name for ever.

14 Now concerning Moses the man of God, ^f his sons were named of the tribe of Levi.

15 The ^h sons of Moses were, Gershom, and Eliezer.

16 Of the sons of Gershom, [†]Shebuel was the chief.

17 And the sons of Eliezer were, [†]Rehabiah [§] the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah ^{||} were very many.

18 Of the sons of Izhar; ^{*}Shelomith the chief.

19 Of [†] the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

20 Of the sons of Uzziel; Micah the first, and Jesiah the second.

21 [†] The [†] sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. The sons of Mahli; Eleazar, and Kish.

22 And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters: and their [†] brethren the sons of Kish [†] took them.

23 The [†] sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

24 [†] These were the sons of [†] Levi after the house of their fathers; even the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of [†] twenty years and upward.

25 For David said, The LORD God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, [†] that they may dwell in Jerusalem for ever:

26 And also unto the Levites; they shall no more ^z carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof.

27 For by the last words of David the Levites were ^{||} numbered from twenty years old and above:

28 Because their ^{*} office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God;

29 Both for ^d the shewbread, and for the ^f fine flour for meat offering, and for the ^g unleavened cakes, and for that which is baked in the [§] pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of ^h measure and size;

30 And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even;

31 And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the LORD [†] in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the [†] set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD:

32 And that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the house of the LORD.

that he should build the temple. 14. in my trouble, with care. —Boothr. an hundred thousand talents, &c. some reckon the value at 547,500,000l.; others, at fifty millions of our money, collected from the spoils of eight conquered nations.

CHAP. XXIII.—2. princes, heads. 4. the work, of preparing the sacrifices. 6. courses, twenty-four

changed weekly, ch. ix. 25. 24. twenty years, they were at first numbered from the age of thirty, as in the days of Moses; but David increased the number, to meet the increased demands from the increased population. 27. words, orders.—Boothr. 29. of measure, &c. to see things were of exact measure and weight.

CHAP. XXIV.

NOW these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. ^a The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

2 But ^b Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office.

3 And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service.

4 And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and thus were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen chief men of the house of their fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers.

5 Thus were they ^d divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.

6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel ^e the scribe, one of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and before the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one ^{*} principal household being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar.

7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoia-rib, the second to Jedaiah,

8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9 The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

10 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to [†] Abijah,

11 The ninth to Jeshuah, the tenth to Shecaniah,

12 The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,

14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

15 The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Apsahs,

16 The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehzekel,

17 The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,

18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.

19 These were the orderings of them in their service ⁿ to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

20 [†] And the rest of the sons of Levi were these: Of the sons of Amram; ^o Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah.

21 Concerning Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Isshiah.

22 Of the Izharites; ^p Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath.

23 And the sons of ^q Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

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^a Le. 10. 1, 6.
Nu. 26. 60.

^b Nu. 3. 4.

^c Ex. 6. 19.

^d Jos. 18. 10.
Pr. 16. 33.
Ac. 1. 26.

^e 1 Ki. 4. 3.
Mat. 8. 19.
13. 52.

^f ch. 6. 33, 39,
44.

^g 1 Sa. 10. 5.
2 Ki. 3. 15.

1 Co. 14. 1.
24. 26.

^h Ps. 81. 2.
92. 1. 3.
150. 3. 5.

Re. 14. 2, 3.
15. 2. 4.

^{*} house of
the father.

[†] Otherwise
called Je-
sharelah,
ver. 14.

[‡] by the
hands of
the king,
ver. 6.

[§] or, Izri,
ver. 11.

^{||} With Shi-
mei men-
tioned,
ver. 17.

ⁱ Ne. 12. 4, 17.
Lu. 1. 5.

^j Je. 33. 11.

^{*} or, Aza-
rech,
ver. 18.

[†] or, Shu-
bael,
ver. 20.

[‡] or, matters.

^k Ge. 33. 5.
1 Sa. 1. 17, 27.

Ps. 127. 3.
128. 3.

Is. 8. 18.

^l Ps. 68. 25.
Ep. 5. 19.
Col. 3. 16.

[§] by the
hands of
the king.

^m ver. 2.

ⁿ ch. 9. 25.

^o ch. 23. 16,
Shebuel.

^p 2 Ch. 23. 13.

^q ch. 23. 18,
Shelomoth.

^r ch. 23. 19.
26. 31.

24 Of the sons of Uzziel; Michah: of the sons of Michah; Shamir.

25 The brother of Michah was Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah; Zechariah.

26 The ^c sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno.

27 [†] The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 Of Mahli came Eleazar, who had no sons.

29 Concerning Kish: the son of Kish was Jerahmeel.

30 The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after the house of their fathers.

31 These likewise cast lots over against their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brethren.

CHAP. XXV.

MOREOVER David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of ^f Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should ^g prophesy with ^h harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was:

2 Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and [†] Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied [‡] according to the order of the king.

3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and [§] Zer, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, ^{||} six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, ^j to give thanks and to praise the LORD.

4 Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukiah, Mattaniah, ^{*} Uzziel, [†] Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth:

5 All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the [†] words of God, to lift up the horn. And ^k God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

6 All these were under the hands of their father [‡] for song in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, [§] according ^m to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.

7 So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the LORD, even all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight.

8 [†] And they cast lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, ^p the teacher as the scholar.

9 Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons were twelve:

10 The third to Zaccur, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:

11 The fourth to Izri, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:

CHAP. XXIV.—1. divisions, classes or courses into which they were divided by David. 5. by lot, to prevent jealousies. governors, chiefs. governors, of the house of God, Grotius and others render 'chiefs of the judges.' 6. wrote, the lots and names put into the urn. 19. These were the orderings, 'the courses of the ministry in their attendance.' 31. over against, 'in like manner.'—Boothroyd.

CHAP. XXV.—1. captains, &c. chiefs of the sacred tribe: military men would not have been employed in these matters. prophesy, 'sing.' 2. hands, authority. 3. words of God, 'Divine matters.' to lift up the horn, Boothroyd reads thus: 'for to exalt his horn, God gave to Heman, &c. 8. ward against ward, 'for their respective courses;' 'ward' formerly signified a class or division.

12 The fifth to Nathaniah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

13 The sixth to Bukkiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

14 The seventh to ^a Jesharelah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

15 The eighth to Jeshaiiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

16 The ninth to Mattaniah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

17 The tenth to Shimei, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

18 The eleventh to ^b Azareel, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

19 The twelfth to Hashabiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

20 The thirteenth to Shubael, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

22 The fifteenth to Jeremoth, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

23 The sixteenth to Hananiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

24 The seventeenth to Joshbekashah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

25 The eighteenth to Hanani, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

27 The twentieth to Eliathah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

28 The one and twentieth to Hothir, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

29 The two and twentieth to Giddalti, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

30 The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

31 The four and twentieth to Romamtiezer, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve.

CHAP. XXVI.

CONCERNING the divisions of the porters: Of the Korhites *was* [†] Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of [†] Asaph.

2 And the sons of Meshelemiah *were*, Zechariah the firstborn, Jedaiel the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh.

4 Moreover the sons of Obed-edom *were*, Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth,

5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth: for God blessed [¶] him.

6 Also unto Shemaiah his son *were* sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father: [‡] for they *were* mighty men of valour.

7 The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren *were* strong men, Elihu, and Semachiah.

8 All these of the sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their brethren, [¶] able men for strength for the service, *were* threescore and two of Obed-edom.

9 And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, [¶] strong men, eighteen.

10 Also [¶] Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (for *though* he

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^a ver. 2, Asarelah.

^{*} or, as well for the small as for the great.

^b ver. 4, Uzziel.

[†] Called Meshelemiah, ver. 1.

[‡] gatherings.

^c 1 Ki. 10. 5. 2 Ch. 9. 4.

^d ch. 28. 12. 1 Ki. 14. 26. 15. 18. Mal. 3. 10.

[§] holy things. 1 Ki. 7. 51. 2 Ch. 31. 11, 12.

^{||} or, Libni, ch. 6. 17.

^{*} or, Jehiel, ch. 23. 8. 29. 8.

^e ch. 23. 16.

[†] or, Shelemiah, ver. 14.

[‡] or, Ebiasaph, ch. 6. 37. 9. 19.

^f ch. 23. 18.

[§] the battles and spoils.

[¶] 2 Ki. 12. 14. Ne. 10. 32. 34.

^{||} i. e. Obed-edom, as ch. 13. 14.

^a 1 Sa. 9. 9.

ⁱ 1 Sa. 14. 47. 51.

^k 2 Ch. 26. 17. Ne. 11. 14.

1 Ti. 6. 12. 2 Ti. 2. 3.

^l ch. 23. 4. Is. 60. 17.

^m Mat. 25. 15. 2 Co. 3. 6. 1 Pe. 4. 11.

^{*} over the charge.

ⁿ Jos. 1. 7. 2 Sa. 1. 23. Ep. 6. 10.

2 Ti. 2. 1.

^o ch. 16. 38.

was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief;)

11 Hilkiiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah *were* thirteen.

12 Among these *were* the divisions of the porters, *even* among the chief men, *having* wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD.

13 [¶] And they cast lots, ^{*} as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate.

14 And the lot eastward fell to [†] Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward.

15 To Obed-edom southward; and to his sons the house of [†] Asuppim.

16 To Shuppim and Hosah the lot came forth westward, with the gate Shallecheth, by the causeway of the [‡] going up, ward against ward.

17 Eastward *were* six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward Asuppim two and two.

18 At Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar.

19 These *are* the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari.

20 [¶] And of the Levites, Abijah *was* over ^d the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the [§] dedicated things.

21 *As concerning* the sons of ^{||} Laadan; the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, chief fathers, *even* of Laadan the Gershonite, *were* ^{*} Jebieli.

22 The sons of Jebieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, *which* *were* over the treasures of the house of the LORD.

23 Of the Amramites, and the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites:

24 And [†] Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, *was* ruler of the treasures.

25 And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jesaiiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and ^f Shelomith his son.

26 Which Shelomith and his brethren *were* over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated.

27 Out of [§] the spoils won in battles did they dedicate [¶] to maintain the house of the LORD.

28 And all that Samuel ^k the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and ⁱ Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated; and whosoever had dedicated *any thing*, it *was* under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

29 [¶] Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons *were* for the outward business over Israel, for ^l officers and judges.

30 And of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, *were* ^{*} officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king.

CHAP. XXVI. — 15. the house of Asuppim, 'the upper storehouse.'—Geddes, Booth. 16. causeway of the going up, the raised causeway, which perhaps led from the palace to the temple: see 1 Kin. x. 5; 2 Chron. ix. 4. 29. outward business, instructing

and governing the people without. 30. business of the Lord, matters relating to religion and ecclesiastical affairs. service of the king, civil affairs; military affairs were not meddled with by the ecclesiastical orders.

31 Among the Hebronites was ^a Jerijah the chief, *even* among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour ^b at Jazer of Gilead.

32 And his brethren, men of valour, were two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and ^c affairs ^d of the king.

CHAP. XXVII.

NOW the children of Israel after their number, *to wit*, the chief fathers and / captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course were twenty and four thousand.

2 Over the first course for the first month was ^e Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

3 Of the children of Perez was the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month.

4 And over the course of the second month was ^f Dodai an Ahoite, and of his course was Mikloth also the ruler: in his course likewise were twenty and four thousand.

5 The third captain of the host for the third month was Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a ^g chief priest: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

6 This is that Benaiah, who was ^h mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course was Ammizabad his son.

7 The fourth captain for the fourth month was ⁱ Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

8 The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shammuth the Izrahite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

9 The sixth captain for the sixth month was ^j Ira the son of Ikesh the Tekoite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

10 The seventh captain for the seventh month was ^k Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

11 The eighth captain for the eighth month was ^l Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

12 The ninth captain for the ninth month was ^m Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

13 The tenth captain for the tenth month was ⁿ Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

14 The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was ^o Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was ^p Heldai the Netophathite, of

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^a ch. 23. 19.

^b Jos. 21. 39.

^c ch. 26. 30.

^d 1 Sa. 16. 6, Eliab.

^e thing.

^f 2 Ch. 19. 11.

^g Ex. 18. 25. De. 1. 15.

^h 1 Sa. 8. 12.

ⁱ ch. 11. 11. 2 Sa. 23. 8.

^j Ge. 15. 5. De. 1. 10. He. 11. 12.

^k ch. 21. 7. 2 Sa. 24. 15.

^l or, Dodo, 2 Sa. 23. 9.

^m ascended.

ⁿ or, principal officer, 1 Ki. 4. 5.

^o ch. 11. 22. &c. 2 Sa. 23. 20, 22, 23.

^p over that which was of the vineyards.

^q 2 Sa. 2. 18. 23. 24.

^r ch. 11. 28.

^s ch. 11. 27.

^t ch. 11. 29. 2 Sa. 21. 18.

^u or, secretary.

^v or, Hachmonite.

^w ch. 11. 28.

^x 2 Sa. 15. 12.

^y 2 Sa. 15. 37. 16. 16.

^z 2 Sa. 23. 28.

^{aa} 1 Ki. 1. 7.

^{ab} ch. 11. 6.

^{ac} ch. 11. 31.

^{ad} ch. 27. 16.

^{ae} or, Heled, ch. 11. 30.

Othniel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

16 ^f Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: the ruler of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah:

17 Of the Levites, ^g Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of the Aaronites, Zadok:

18 Of Judah, ^h Elihu, one of the brethren of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael:

19 Of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel:

20 Of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pellaiah:

21 Of the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner:

22 Of Dan, Azareel the son of Jeroham. These were the princes of the tribes of Israel.

23 ⁱ But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because ^j the LORD had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens.

24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because ^k there fell wrath for it against Israel; neither ^l was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.

25 ^m And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jehonathan the son of Uzziab:

26 And over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub:

27 And over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite: ⁿ over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite:

28 And over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the low plains was Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil was Joash:

29 And over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the vallies was Shaphat the son of Adlai:

30 Over the camels also was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite:

31 And over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagerite. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's.

32 Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counsellor, a wise man, and a ^o scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons:

33 And ^p Ahithophel was the king's counsellor: and ^q Hushai the Archite was the king's companion:

34 And after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and ^r Abiathar: and the general of the king's army was ^s Joab.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND David assembled all the princes of Israel, ^t the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains

CHAP. XXVII.—1. chief fathers, 'paternal chiefs,' or heads of families. 27. over the increase, &c. better rendered by Boothroyd, 'over the produce of

the vineyards, in the wine cellars,' &c. 28. sycamore, a species of fig-tree.

over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and *possession of the king, †and of his sons, with the †officers, and with ^athe mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: *As for me,* ^bI had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for ^cthe footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building:

3 But God said unto me, *d*Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou *hast* been a man of war, and hast shed [§]blood.

4 Howbeit the LORD God of Israel ^echose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen ^fJudah *to be the ruler*; and of the house of Judah, ^gthe house of my father; and among the sons of my father ^hhe liked me to make *me* king over all Israel:

5 And ⁱof all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) ^jhe hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

6 And he said unto me, ^kSolomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him *to be my son*, and I will be his father.

7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, ^lif he be ^mconstant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day.

8 Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, ⁿkeep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave *it* for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

9 ^oAnd thou, Solomon my son, ^pknow thou the God thy father, and serve him ^qwith a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for ^rthe LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: ^sif thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

10 Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do *it*.

11 ^tThen David gave to Solomon his son ^uthe pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasures thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat.

12 And the pattern ^vof all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasures of the house of God, and of the treasures of the dedicated things:

13 Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD.

14 *He gave* of gold by weight for *things* of gold, for all instruments of all manner

B. C. 1015.

* or, cattle.

† or, and his sons.

‡ or, eunuchs

d ch. 11. 10.

e 2 Sa. 7. 2.

f Ps. 132. 3. 5.

g Ps. 99. 5.

h 132. 7.

i ch. 17. 4.

j 22. 8.

k 1 Ki. 5. 3.

l bloods.

m 1 Sa. 16. 7. 13

n Ge. 49. 8.

o Ps. 60. 7.

p 78. 68.

q Ex. 25. 18. 22.

r 1 Sa. 4. 4.

s 1 Ki. 6. 23.

t &c.

u 1 Sa. 26. 1.

v Ps. 18. 19.

w 147. 10, 11.

x Ex. 25. 40.

y ch. 3. 1. &c.

z 23. 1.

aa ch. 22. 9.

ab 2 Sa. 7. 13, 14.

ac 2 Ch. 1. 9.

ad De. 31. 7, 8.

ae Jos. 1. 6, 7, 9.

af Ro. 8. 31.

ag Jos. 1. 5.

ah He. 13. 5.

ai ch. 22. 13.

aj strong.

ak ch. XXIV. XXVI.

al Ps. 119. 4.

am Pr. 2. 1. 5.

an Is. 34. 16.

ao Ac. 17. 11.

ap Ex. 25. 25, 26

aq 35. 1, 2.

ar Je. 9. 24.

as Ho. 4. 1.

at Jno. 17. 3.

au 2 Ki. 20. 3.

av Ps. 101. 2.

aw 1 Sa. 16. 7.

ax 1 Ki. 8. 39.

ay Ps. 7. 9.

az 139. 2.

ba Pr. 17. 3.

bb Je. 11. 20.

bc 17. 10.

bd 20. 12.

be Re. 2. 23.

bf 1 Ki. 3. 7.

bg Pr. 4. 3.

bh 2 Ch. 15. 2.

bi Mat. 7. 7, 8.

bj Ec. 9. 10.

bk 2 Co. 8. 3.

bl Col. 3. 23.

bm 1 Pe. 4. 10, 11.

bn Ex. 25. 40.

bo Is. 54. 11, 12.

bp Re. 21. 18.

bq &c.

br ^cof all that was with him.

bs Ps. 26. 8.

bt 27. 4.

bu 84. 1, 10.

bv cxxii.

bw Pr. 3. 9, 10.

bx 1 Ki. 9. 28.

of service; silver also for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service:

15 Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, *both* for the candlestick, and also for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick.

16 And by weight *he gave* gold for the tables of shewbread, for every table; and likewise silver for the tables of silver:

17 Also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups: and for the golden basons *he gave gold* by weight for every bason; and likewise silver by weight for every bason of silver:

18 And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the ^hcherubims, that spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

19 *All this, said David,* ⁱthe LORD made me understand in writing by *his* hand upon me, *even* all the works of this pattern.

20 And David said to Solomon his son, ^jBe strong and of good courage, and do *it*: ^kP fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, *even my God, will be* with thee; ^lhe will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

21 And, behold, ^mthe courses of the priests and the Levites, *even they shall be with thee* for all the service of the house of God: and *there shall be* with thee for all manner of workmanship ⁿevery willing skillful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people *will be* wholly at thy commandment.

CHAP. XXIX.

FURTHERMORE David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, *is yet* ^aa young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God.

2 Now I have prepared ^cwith all my might for the house of my God the gold for *things* to be made of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the brass for *things* of brass, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood; ^eonyx stones, and stones to be set, glistering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

3 Moreover, ^fbecause I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of ^gmine own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

4 *Even* three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of ^hOphir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses *withal*:

5 The gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of arti-

CHAP. XXVIII.—2. stood up, probably, rose from his couch. 9. a perfect heart, a ready and entire devotedness to God. 12. by the spirit, by supernatural impulse or conception. 18. chariot, &c. generally thought to mean the cherubim only, which

were considered as the chariot of Jehovah. 19. in writing, some sketched plan, seen in a vision.—A. Clarke.

CHAP. XXIX.—3. proper good, private property.

ficers. And who *then* is willing * to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?

6 ^a Then ^a the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with ^b the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly,

7 And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

8 And they with whom *precious* stones were found gave *them* to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of ^c Jehiel the Gershonite.

9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they ^f offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

10 ^g Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed *be* thou, LORD God of Israel ^h our father, for ever and ever.

11 Thine, ⁱ O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that* is in the heaven and in the earth *is* thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

12 Both ^k riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand *it* is to make great, and to ^l give strength unto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

14 But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should ^m be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and ⁿ of thine own have we given thee.

15 For ^p we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers: ^q our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and there is none ^r abiding.

16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name *cometh* of thine hand, and is all thine own.

17 I know also, my God, that thou ^s triest the heart, and ^t hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are ^u present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

B. C. 1015.

* *to fill his hand.*

^a ch. 27. 1.

† *or, stablish.*

^b ch. 27. 25.

&c.

^c Ps. 72. 1.

^d ch. 22. 14.

^e ch. 26. 21.

^f Ps. 110. 3.

^g 2 Co. 9. 7.

^h Is. 63. 16.

ⁱ Lu. 11. 2, 13.

^j Ro. 1. 7.

^k 8. 15.

^l Phi. 4. 20.

^m 2 Th. 2. 16.

ⁿ Mat. 6. 13.

^o 1 Ti. 1. 17.

^p Re. 5. 13.

^q 1 Ki. 1. 35, 39.

^r Ro. 11. 36.

† *gave the hand under Solomon.*

^s Ge. 24. 2.

^t 47. 29.

^u 2 Ch. 30. 8.

^v Eze. 17. 18.

^w Ec. 8. 2.

^x Is. 40. 29.

^y 45. 24.

^z Ep. 3. 16.

^{aa} Phi. 4. 13.

^{ab} Col. 1. 11.

^{ac} 1 Ki. 3. 13.

^{ad} 2 Ch. 1. 12.

^{ae} Ec. 2. 9.

^{af} *§ retain, or, obtain strength.*

^{ag} *|| of thine hand.*

^{ah} ^o 2 Sa. 5. 4.

^{ai} 1 Ki. 2. 11.

^{aj} ^p ch. 39. 12.

^{ak} ^{he} 11. 13.

^{al} ⁱ Pe. 2. 11.

^{am} ^r 2 Sa. 5. 5.

^{an} ^s Job 14. 2.

^{ao} ^{Ps.} 90. 9.

^{ap} 102. 11.

^{aq} 144. 4.

^{ar} ** expectation*

^{as} ^t Ge. 25. 8.

^{at} ^u ch. 23. 1.

^{au} *† words, or, history.*

^{av} ^v ch. 28. 9.

^{aw} ¹ Sa. 16. 7.

^{ax} ^{Pr.} 11. 30.

^{ay} ^{Da.} 2. 21.

^{az} *† or, found.*

18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and [†] prepare their heart unto thee:

19 And ^e give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the palace, for the which ^a I have made provision.

20 [†] And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king.

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, *even* a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel:

22 And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and ⁱ anointed him unto the LORD to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest.

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

24 And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, [†] submitted ⁱ themselves unto Solomon the king.

25 And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and ⁿ bestowed upon him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

26 [†] Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 And ^o the time that he reigned over Israel *was* forty years; ^r seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

28 And he ^t died in a good old age, ^u full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the [†] book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

30 With all his reign and his might, ^v and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

5. *to consecrate*, &c. i. e. to offer an offering, as Exod. xxxii. 29: Lev. viii. 33. 15. *none abiding*, 'no hope of abiding', i. e. in this world. 22. *king the second time*, the first time was upon Adonijah's

rebellion: see 1 Kin. i. 39: it was private compared to this. 24. *submitted*, &c. the original implies, that they swore to obey him as king. 30. *the times*, &c. the events of his reign.

The Second Book of the CHRONICLES.

Containing the chronicles of the Jews from the reign of Solomon to their deliverance by CYRUS.

CHAP. I.

AND ^a Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and ^b the LORD his God *was* with him, and ^c magnified him exceedingly.

2 Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to ^d the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers.

3 So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that *was* at ^e Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.

4 But ^f the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to the place *which* David had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

5 Moreover ^g the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, ^h he put before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it.

6 And Solomon went up thither to the brasen altar before the LORD, which *was* at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.

7 ⁱ In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, ^k Ask what I shall give thee.

8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me ^l to reign in his stead.

9 Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people ^m like the dust of the earth in multitude.

10 Give ⁿ me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may ^o go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, *that is* so great?

11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

12 Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as ^p none of the kings have had that *have been* before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

13 ^q Then Solomon came from his journey to the high place that *was* at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.

14 And ^r Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

15 And ^s the king ^t made silver and gold

B. C. 1015.

^a 1 Ki. 2. 46.

^b Ge. 39. 2.

^c 1 Ch. 29. 25.

^d the going

^e forth of the

^f horses

^g which was

^h Solomon's

ⁱ 1 Ch. 27. 1.

^j 1 Ki. 3. 4, &c.

^k 1 Ch. 16. 39.

^l 21. 29.

^m by their

ⁿ hand.

^o 1 Ki. 5. 5.

^p 1 Sa. 6. 2, 17.

^q 1 Ch. 15. 1.

^r 1 Ki. 5. 15.

^s Ex. 27. 1, 2.

^t 38. 1, 2.

^u or, was

^v there.

^w or, Hiram,

^x 1 Ki. 5. 1.

^y 1 Ch. 14. 1.

^z Mat. 7. 7, 8.

^{aa} Mar. 10. 36.

^{ab} 37. 51.

^{ac} Jno. 16. 23.

^{ad} 1 Jno. 5. 14.

^{ae} 15.

^{af} Ex. 30. 7.

^{ag} incense of

^{ah} spices.

^{ai} Ex. 25. 30.

^{aj} Le. 24. 8.

^{ak} Nu. 28. 3, 9.

^{al} 11.

^{am} 1 Ch. 28. 5.

^{an} Ps. 135. 5.

^{ao} * much as

^{ap} the dust of

^{aq} the earth.

^{ar} ch. 6. 18.

^{as} 1 Ki. 8. 27.

^{at} Is. 66. 1.

^{au} hath re-

^{av} tained, or,

^{aw} obtained

^{ax} strength.

^{ay} Ja. 1. 5.

^{az} Nu. 27. 17.

^{ba} De. 31. 2.

^{bb} to grave

^{bc} gravings.

^{bd} 1 Ch. 22. 13.

^{be} 1 Ki. 5. 6.

^{bf} or, almug-

^{bg} gim.

^{bh} 1 Ki. 10. 11.

^{bi} ch. 9. 22.

^{bj} 1 Ch. 29. 25.

^{bk} Ec. 2. 9.

^{bl} great and

^{bm} wonderful.

^{bn} 1 Ki. 5. 11.

^{bo} 1 Ki. 4. 26.

^{bp} 10. 26.

^{bq} &c.

^{br} Job 22. 24.

^{bs} * gave.

^{bt} ch. 9. 8.

^{bu} 1 Ki. 10. 9.

at Jerusalem as *plenteous* as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that *are* in the vale for abundance.

16 And ^c Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

17 And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they out horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means.

CHAP. II.

AND Solomon ^d determined to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

2 And ^e Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

3 ^f And Solomon sent to ^g Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, ^h As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, *even so deal with me.*

4 Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate *it* to him, and ⁱ to burn before him ^j sweet incense, and for ^k the continual shewbread, and for ^l the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This is *an ordinance* for ever to Israel.

5 And the house which I build is great: for ^m great is our God above all gods.

6 But ⁿ who ^o is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who ^p am I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before him?

7 Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill ^q to grave with the cunning men that *are* with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, ^r whom David my father did provide.

8 Send ^s me also cedar trees, fir trees, and ^t *algum* trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon: and, behold, my servants *shall be* with thy servants,

9 Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build *shall be* ^u wonderful great.

10 And, ^v behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

11 ^w Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, ^x Because the LORD hath loved

CHAP. I. — 1. *strengthened in*, 'established over.' 11. *riches*, signify here 'possessions,' *wealth*, 'precious stones and metals.' 14. *chariot cities*, where the horses and chariots were kept, in the vicinity of good pasture.

CHAP. II. — 1. *house*, the name temple gradually obtained from the Gentiles. *for the name*, 'to the name.' 3. *Hiram*, called in 1 Kings, Hiram: see 1 Kings v. notes.

his people, he hath made three king over them.

12 Huram said moreover, ^a Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, ^b that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, ^c endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

13 And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Huram my father's,

14 The ^d son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.

15 Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants:

16 And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, ^e as much as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in flotes by sea to Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem.

17 ^f And ^g Solomon numbered all ^h the strangers that were in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith ⁱ David his father had numbered them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred.

18 And he set threescore and ten thousand of them to be bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand to be hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people a work.

CHAP. III.

THEN ^k Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem ^l in mount Moriah, ^m where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing-floor of ⁿ Ornan ^o the Jebusite.

2 And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

3 ^p Now these are the things wherein Solomon was ^q instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

4 And the ^r porch that was in the front of the house, the length of it was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

5 And the greater house he cieled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains.

6 And he ^s garnished the house with ^t precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim.

7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls.

B. C. 1015.

^a 1 Ki. 5. 7.^b Ge. 1. 1, &c.

Ps. 33. 6.

102. 25.

124. 8.

136. 5, 6.

^c Ac. 4. 24.

14. 15.

Re. 10. 6.

^d ^e knowing

prudence

and

under-

standing.

^f Ex. 26. 29.^g 1 Ki. 6. 23,

&c.

He. 9. 3, 5,

7-9.

10. 19.

^h or, (as

some

think) of

moveable

work.

ⁱ 1 Ki. 7. 13, 14.^j or, toward

the house.

^k Ex. 26. 31.

Mat. 27. 51

^l according

to all thy

need.

^m Japho,

Jos. 19. 46

Ac. 9. 36.

ⁿ caused to

ascend.

^o Je. 52. 21.^p 1 Ki. 9. 20, 21.^q the men the

strangers.

^r long.^s 1 Ch. 22. 3.^t i.e. he shall

establish.

^u i.e. in it is

strength.

^v 1 Ki. 6. 1, &c.^w Ge. 22. 14.^x Ex. 27. 1, 2.^y 2 Ki. 16. 14.

Eze. 43. 13.

16.

^z or, which

was seen of

David his

father.

^{aa} or, Arau-

nah,

^{ab} 2 Sa. 24. 18.^{ac} 1 Ch. 21. 18.

22. 1.

^{ad} Ex. 30. 18..

21.

^{ae} 1 Ki. 7. 23,

&c.

^{af} his brim to

his brim.

^{ag} founded.^{ah} Jno. 10. 23.

Ac. 3. 11.

5. 12.

^{ai} covered.^{aj} or, like a

lily flower.

^{ak} Is. 54. 11, 12.^{al} Co. 3. 12.^{am} Re. 21. 18, 21.^{an} the work of

burnt offer-

ing.

8 And he made the most holy house the length whereof was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents.

9 And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And ^c he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

10 And ^d in the most holy house he made two cherubims ^e of image work, and overlaid them with gold.

11 ^f And the wings of the cherubims were twenty cubits long: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.

12 And one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the other cherub.

13 The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were ^g inward.

14 ^h And he made the ⁱ vail of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubims thereon.

15 Also he made before the house ^j two pillars of thirty and five cubits ^k high, and the chapter that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.

16 And he made chains, as in the oracle, and put them on the heads of the pillars; and made an hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains.

17 And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand ^l Jachin, and the name of that on the left ^m Boaz.

CHAP. IV.

MOREOVER he made ⁿ an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.

2 ^o Also ^p he made a molten sea of ten cubits from ^q brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

3 And under it was the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen were cast, when it was cast.

4 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

5 And the thickness of it was an handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, ^r with flowers of lilies; and it received and held three thousand baths.

6 ^s He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: ^t such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed

CHAP. III.—3. Now these, &c. 'Now these are the dimensions which Solomon observed.'—Boothroyd. the first measure, the original cubit of Moses, which was longer than that used after the captivity. 6. precious stones for beauty, 'beautiful precious stones.' gold of Parvaim, may mean highly-coloured gold;

'finest gold.'—Vulgate. 9. nails, probably bolts. 10. of image work, rather, 'of engraved or sculptured work:' 1 Kin. vi. 23—30. 15. two pillars, isolated pillars were often erected before the ancient temples.

CHAP. IV.—3. similitude of oxen, probably a wreath

in them; but the sea *was* for the priests to wash in.

7 And he made ten ^b candlesticks of gold ^c according to their form, and set *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

8 He made also ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made an hundred ^a basons of gold.

9 ^a Furthermore ^a he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.

10 And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.

11 And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the ^b basons. And Hiram [†] finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God;

12 *To wit*, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapters *which were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapters *which were* on the top of the pillars;

13 And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapters *which were* upon the pillars.

14 He made also bases, and ^a lavers made he upon the bases;

15 One sea, and twelve oxen under it.

16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all their instruments, did Hiram his father make to king Solomon for the house of the LORD of [§] bright brass.

17 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the [¶] clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.

18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out.

19 [¶] And Solomon made all the vessels that *were* for the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon ^p the shewbread *was set*;

20 Moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn ^c after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold;

21 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, *made he of gold, and that* ^a perfect gold;

22 And the snuffers, and the [†] basons, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold: and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy *place*, and the doors of the house of the temple, *were of gold*.

CHAP. V.

THUS ^v all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and Solomon brought in *all* the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

2 [¶] Then ^v Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD ^z out of the city of David, ^a which is Zion.

3 Wherefore all the men of Israel as-

B. C. 1012.

^a ch. 7. 8. 10.

Le. 23. 34.

^b 1 Ki. 7. 49.

Mat. 5. 14.

^c Ex. 25. 31. 40.

^d Nu. 4. 15.

Jos. 3. 6.

^e or, bowls.

^f 1 Ki. 6. 26.

^g 2 Sa. 6. 13.

1 Ch. 16. 1. 2.

^h Ex. 27. 21.

ⁱ Ex. 37. 6. 9.

^j 1 Ki. 6. 19.

^k He. 9. 4. 5.

^l or, bowls.

^m finished to make.

ⁿ or, they are there.

^o 1 Ki. 8. 8.

^p upon the face of.

^q De. 10. 2. 5.

^r or, caldrons.

^s or, where.

^t Ex. 19. 5.

^u De. 29. 1. 10.

^v Je. 31. 31. 34.

^w He. 8. 6. 13.

^x found.

^y Job 1. 5.

^z made bright, or, scoured.

^a 1 Ch. 25. 1.

Ezr. 3. 10. 11.

^b thicknesses of the ground.

^c Ps. 50. title.

^d Re. 15. 6.

^e 1 Ch. 15. 24.

^f Ps. 68. 25.

^g Ex. 25. 30.

^h &c.

ⁱ Ps. 95. 1. 2.

^j 100. 1. 2.

^k Is. 52. 8.

^l Ac. 4. 24.

^m Re. 5. 8. 14.

ⁿ Ex. 27. 20. 21.

^o perfections of gold.

^p 1 Ch. 16. 34.

^q 41.

^r Ps. cxxvi.

^s or, bowls.

^t Ex. 40. 35.

^u 1 Ki. 7. 51.

^v Le. 16. 2.

^w 1 Ki. 8. 12.

^x &c.

^y Ps. 18. 8. 11.

^z 97. 2.

^a Na. 1. 3.

^b He. 12. 18.

^c 1 Ki. 8. 1, &c.

^d 2 Sa. 6. 12.

^e Ps. 2. 6.

^f 87. 2.

sembled themselves unto the king ^a in the feast which *was* in the seventh month.

4 And all the elders of Israel came; and ^d the Levites took up the ark.

5 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, these did the priests and the Levites bring up.

6 Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, ^f sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, [§] to the oracle of the house, into the most holy *place*, even under the wings of the cherubims:

8 For the cherubims spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

9 And they drew out the staves of the ark, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And [§] there it is unto this day.

10 *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses ^k put *therein* at Horeb, [†] when [†] the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

11 [¶] And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place*: (for all the priests that *were* present were ^k sanctified, and did not then wait by course:

12 Also [†] the Levites *which were* the singers, all of them of ^m Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, *being* ⁿ arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, ^o and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)

13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* ^p as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, *saying*, ^q For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;

14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: ^r for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

CHAP. VI.

THEN ^s said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

2 But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

3 And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood.

4 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth to my father David, *saying*,

5 Since the day that I brought forth my

of an ox eye. 22. snuffers, 'musical instruments.' —Targ. It may mean a sort of tweezers for trimming a lamp, but not snuffers like ours, used only for candles. 12. pommels, thought to have been globes:

see 1 Kin. vii. 22. doors—gold, i.e. overlaid with it. CHAP. V.—11. sanctified, purified by solemn washing: see 1 Kin. viii. notes.

CHAP. VI.—1. Then, &c. see 1 Kin. viii. 12, &c. notes.

people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel:

6 But ^b I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and ^c have chosen David to be over my people Israel.

7 Now ^e it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

8 But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart:

9 Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name.

10 The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

11 And in it have I put the ark, ⁱ wherein is the covenant of the LORD, that he made with the children of Israel.

12 ^k And ^k he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:

13 For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold, of five cubits ^l long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven,

14 And said, O LORD God of Israel, ^m there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which ⁿ keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:

15 Thou ^o which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

16 Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, ^p There ^p shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; ^q yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me.

17 Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.

18 But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? ^r behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!

19 Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee:

20 That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth ^s toward this place.

21 Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall ^t make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling

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^u and he require an oath of him

^a Nu. 5. 19. 22

^b Mat. 23. 13

^c ch. 12. 13.

^d 1 Ch. 28. 4

^e Ps. 10. 14

^f Pr. 1. 31.

^g Is. 3. 11.

^h Ro. 2. 9.

ⁱ 2 Sa. 7. 2.

^j 1 Ch. 17. 1.

^k De. 25. 1.

^l Pr. 17. 15.

^m Eze. 18. 20.

ⁿ or, be smitten.

^o or, toward.

^p Ge. 13. 15.

^q Ex. 6. 8.

^r Jos. 21. 43.

^s 1 Ki. 17. 1.

^t ch. 5. 10.

^u 1 Ki. 8. 22.

^v the length thereof, &c.

^w ch. 20. 9.

^x in the land of their gates.

^y Ex. 15. 11.

^z De. 4. 39.

^{aa} 7. 9.

^{ab} 33. 26.

^{ac} Ps. 59. 23.

^{ad} Da. 9. 4.

^{ae} Mi. 7. 18. 20.

^{af} Lu. 1. 72. 73.

^{ag} or, toward this house.

^{ah} 1 Ch. 22. 9.

^{ai} 1 Ch. 28. 9.

^{aj} all the days which.

^{ak} upon the face of the land.

^{al} There shall not a man be cut off.

^{am} ch. 7. 18.

^{an} 2 Sa. 7. 12, 16

^{ao} 1 Ki. 2. 4.

^{ap} 6. 12.

^{aq} Ps. 132. 12.

^{ar} Jno. 12. 20.

^{as} Ac. 8. 27.

^{at} 10. 1. 4.

^{au} Ep. 2. 12, 13.

^{av} cu. 2. 6.

^{aw} Is. 66. 1.

^{ax} Ac. 7. 49.

^{ay} thy name is called upon this house.

^{az} or, in this place.

^{ba} or, right.

^{bb} Pr. 20. 9.

^{bc} Ec. 7. 20.

^{bd} Ro. 3. 10, 19.

^{be} 23.

^{bf} Ja. 3. 2.

^{bg} 1 Jno. 1. 8.

^{bh} pray.

^{bi} they that take them captives carry them away.

place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.

22 ^h If a man sin against his neighbour, ^h and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and ^a the oath come before thine altar in this house;

23 Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, ^d by requiring the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and ^f by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

24 ^g And if thy people Israel ^g be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee ⁱ in this house;

25 Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which ^g thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

26 ^h When the ^h heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them,

27 Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

28 ⁱ If there ⁱ be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies besiege them ^j in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness ^j there be:

29 Then what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands ^k in this house:

30 Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only ^k knowest the hearts of the children of men.)

31 That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, ^l so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

32 ^m Moreover concerning the stranger, ^m which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house;

33 Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and may know that ⁿ this house which I have built is called by thy name.

34 If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name;

35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their ^o cause.

36 If they sin against thee, (for ^o there is no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and ^p they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;

37 Yet if they * bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, "We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly ;

38 If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name :

39 Then * hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.

40 Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

41 Now * therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy ^h resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength : let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints * rejoice in goodness.

42 O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed : "remember the mercies of David thy servant.

CHAP. VII.

NOW ^o when Solomon had made an end of praying, the ^r fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices ; and * the glory of the LORD filled the house.

2 And * the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.

3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, ^v saying, For he is good ; ^y for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 ^z Then * the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep : so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And ^b the priests waited on their offices : the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever, when David praised ^t by their ministry ; and ^d the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

7 Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD : for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

8 ^u Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto ^s the river of Egypt.

9 And in the eighth day they made ^t a

B. C. 1004.

* *bring back to their heart.*

^a Ps. 106. 6. Is. 64. 6. 12. Je. 3. 12. 14. 31. 18. 20. Lu. 15. 18. 21.

^b 1 Ki. 9. 1. &c.

^c Da. 9. 17. 19

^d Ps. 10. 17. 66. 19.

^e Ac. 10. 31.

^f 1 Jno. 5. 14. 15.

^g or, right.

^h De. 12. 5. Ps. 78. 68. 69.

ⁱ ch. 6. 26, 28.

^j to the prayer of this place.

^k Ps. 132. 8. 10, 16.

^l 1 Ch. 28. 2.

^m upon whom my name is called.

ⁿ Ja. 4. 10.

^o Ne. 9. 25.

^p ch. 6. 27, 30.

^q Ps. 132. 1.

^r Is. 55. 3.

^s ch. 6. 40.

^t to the prayer of this place.

^u 1 Ki. 8. 54.

^v ch. 6. 6.

^w Le. 9. 24.

^x Ju. 6. 21.

^y 1 Ki. 18. 38.

^z 1 Ch. 21. 26.

^{aa} 1 Ki. 8. 10, 11.

^{ab} Eze. 10. 3, 4.

^{ac} ch. 5. 14.

^{ad} There shall not be cut off to thee.

^{ae} ch. 6. 16.

^{af} Ps. 136. 1.

^{ag} Le. 26. 14, 33.

^{ah} De. 28. 15, 36, 37.

^{ai} y ch. 20. 21.

^{aj} 1 Ch. 16. 41.

^{ak} 1 Ki. 8. 62, 63.

^{al} 2 Ki. 17. 20.

^{am} Ps. 52. 5.

^{an} Je. 12. 17.

^{ao} 45. 4.

^{ap} Jude 12.

^{aq} 1 Ch. 15. 16.

^{ar} De. 29. 24.

^{as} Je. 22. 8, 9.

^{at} by their hand.

^{au} ch. 5. 12.

^{av} Je. 1. 15, 16.

^{aw} La. 2. 16, 17.

^{ax} Eze. 14. 23.

^{ay} 36. 17, 20.

^{az} 1 Ki. 9. 10.

^{ba} &c.

^{bb} Jos. 13. 3.

^{bc} a restraint.

solemn assembly : for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

11 Thus ^b Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house : and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

12 ^c And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, ^d I have heard thy prayer, * and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

13 If ^e I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people ;

14 If my people, ^f which are called by my name, shall ^g humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways ; ^h then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

15 Now ⁱ mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent ^j unto the prayer that is made in this place.

16 For now have ^k I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever : and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments ;

18 Then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, * There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

19 But ^l if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them ;

20 Then will ^m I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them ; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.

21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it ; so that he shall say, * Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house ?

22 And it shall be answered, * Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them : therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

CHAP. VIII.

AND ⁿ it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house,

2 That the cities which Huram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

41. arise, &c. part of Psalm cxxii. 8, 9, with a little alteration. 42. turn not away, i. e. ' reject not,' or ' repulse him not.'

CHAP. VII. — 1. Now when Solomon, &c. see the verses in Kings referred to in the margin, with their necessary explanations.

3 And Solomon went to ^a Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it.

4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath.

5 Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars;

6 And Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and * all that ⁵ Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

7 ⁷ As ⁷ for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were not of Israel,

8 But of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day.

9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.

10 And these were the chief of king Solomon's officers, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

11 ¹¹ And Solomon ¹¹ brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because ^m the places are ¹¹ holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.

12 ¹² Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the LORD on ⁿ the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch,

13 Even after a certain rate ^o every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, ^o three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

14 ¹⁴ And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the ^t courses of the priests to their service, and ^t the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the ^v porters also by their courses at every gate: for ^t so had David ¹⁴ the man of God commanded.

15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

16 Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was perfected.

17 ¹⁷ Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to ¹⁷ Elath, at the sea side in the land of Edom.

18 And ¹⁸ Hiram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir,

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^a 2 Sa. 8. 3.

^b Ec. 2. 8.

^c 1 Ki. 10. 1.

&c.

Mat. 12. 42.

Lu. 11. 31.

^d Ge. 10. 28.

25. 3.

^e Ps. 49. 4.

Pr. 1. 6.

Mat. 13. 11.

35.

^f 1 Sa. 1. 15.

Ps. 142. 2.

* all the desire of Solomon

which he desired to build.

⁵ Ec. 2. 4, 10, 11

^h Pr. 18. 4.

Mar. 4. 34.

Ja. 1. 5.

ⁱ 1 Ki. 9. 20.

&c.

† or, butlers.

† word.

§ or, sayings.

^k 1 Ki. 3. 1.

7. 8.

^l Pr. 8. 34.

^m Ex. 3. 5.

29. 43.

|| holiness.

ⁿ Eze. 8. 16.

Joel 2. 17.

^o Ex. 29. 38.

Nu. 28. 3. 9.

11. 26.

^p 2 Sa. 8. 15.

Ps. 72. 2.

Pr. 8. 15.

^q Ps. 72. 10, 15.

Mat. 2. 11.

^r Ex. 23. 14.

De. 16. 16.

^t 1 Ch. 24. 1.

Lu. 1. 5, 8.

^u ch. 8. 18.

^v 1 Ch. 25. 1.

Ezr. 6. 18.

^x 1 Ki. 10. 11.

almug trees.

^y 1 Ch. 9. 17.

26. 1.

* highways, or, stairs.

† so was the commandment of David the man of God.

^z De. 33. 1.

2 Sa. 23. 2.

Ac. 13. 22, 36.

† or, Elath,

De. 2. 8.

2 Ki. 14. 22.

^a ch. 9. 10, 13.

§ or, captains

and ^b took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

CHAP. IX.

AND ^c when the queen of ^d Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard ^e questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, ^f she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

2 And Solomon ² told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.

3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,

4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his ⁴ cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

5 And she said to the king, *It was a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine ⁵ acts, and of thy wisdom:*

6 Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: *for thou exceedest the fame that I heard.*

7 Happy ⁷ are thy men, and happy ⁷ are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.

8 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, *to be king for the LORD thy God:* because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, ⁸ to do judgment and justice.

9 And ⁹ she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

10 And the servants also of Huram, and the servants of Solomon, ¹⁰ which brought gold from Ophir, brought ¹⁰ *algum trees* and precious stones.

11 And the king made of the *algum trees* ¹¹ terraces to the house of the LORD, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah.

12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

13 ¹³ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold;

14 Beside that ¹⁴ which chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and ¹⁴ governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

15 ¹⁵ And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred

CHAP. VIII.—4. *Tadmor*, in the Syrian desert there are the magnificent ruins of an ancient city, which made a conspicuous figure in ancient times, under the name of Palmyra. This is not doubted to occupy the site of the Tadmor built by Solomon; both names equally refer to the palm trees which grew there; and the former is, at this day, the only name by which the spot is known to the natives, although

the palms have now disappeared. See notes on 1 Kin. ix. 11—28, and the chapters and verses in Kings and Chronicles referred to in the margin.

CHAP. IX.—1. *And when the queen*, &c. see 1 Kin. x. 1, &c. notes. 12. *beside that*, &c. this is palpably wrong; he would not insult her by returning her own presents. *Houbigant* corrects the reading, 'besides what the king himself brought to her.'

shekels of beaten gold went to one target.

16 And three hundred shields *made* *he* of beaten gold: three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

18 And *there* were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, *which* were fastened to the throne, and *stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays:

19 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

20 ¶ And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon *were* of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were* of pure gold: †none *were* of silver; it was *not* any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

21 For the king's ships went to *d* Tarshish with the servants of Huram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, §ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

22 And *c* king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 ¶ And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, *§* that God had put in his heart.

24 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

25 ¶ And Solomon *†* had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

26 ¶ And *†* he reigned over all the kings *m* from the *river *†* unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.

27 And *†* the king *†* made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that *are* in the low plains in abundance.

28 And *o* they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

29 ¶ Now *†* the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, *are* they not written in the †book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of *†* Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of *†* Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

30 And *†* Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.

31 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. X.

AND *†* Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king.

2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who *was* in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard *it*, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

3 And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father *†* made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his

B. C. 992.

a Job 12. 12.

32. 7.

Pr. 27. 10.

Je. 42. 2. 4.

43. 2.

* hands.

b Pr. 15. 1.

Mat. 20. 26.

27.

Lu. 9. 48.

c ch. 25. 15, 16.

Pr. 1. 2. 5.

19. 20.

25. 12.

† shut up.

t or, there

was no sil-

ver in

them.

d ch. 20. 36.

Ge. 10. 4.

§ or, ele-

phants'

teeth.

e 1 Ki. 3. 12.

4. 30.

f Pr. 10. 14.

18. 6. 7.

Is. 47. 6.

g Pr. 2. 6.

Da. 1. 17.

2. 21. 23.

Lu. 21. 15.

1 Co. 1. 30.

12. 8.

Ep. 1. 17.

Ja. 1. 5, 17.

|| laded.

h Ex. 1. 13, 14.

5. 5. 3, 18.

Is. 59. 6.

Je. 28. 13, 14.

i 1 Ki. 10. 26.

k Ge. 42. 7.

Ex. 10. 28.

Pr. 10. 11, 32.

Ec. 10. 12.

Ja. 3. 17.

l 1 Ki. 4. 21.

m Ge. 15. 18.

Ps. 72. 8.

* i. e., Eu-

phrates.

n ch. 1. 15, 16.

† gave.

o 1 Ki. 10. 28.

p Ju. 14. 4.

1 Sa. 2. 25.

1 Ki. 12. 15, 24.

Is. 19. 14.

Ac. 2. 23.

4. 28.

r 1 Ki. 11. 41.

s 1 Ki. 11. 29.

† words.

t 1 Ki. 11. 29.

u ch. 12. 15.

v 2 Sa. 20. 1.

x 1 Ki. 11. 42, 43.

y Jno. 6. 66.

7. 53.

a 1 Ki. 12. 1.

&c.

a 1 Ki. 5. 14.

§ strength-

ened him-

self.

b 2 Ki. 17. 21.

c 1 Ki. 12. 21.

&c.

d 1 Sa. 8. 11.

18.

1 Ki. 4. 7.

Mat. 11. 29, 30.

23. 4.

1 Jno. 5. 3.

heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

6 ¶ And king Rehoboam *a* took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye *me* to return answer to this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, *b* If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But *c* he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him.

9 And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?

10 And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, *f* My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 For whereas my father *†* put a heavy yoke upon you, *†* I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but *I will chastise you* with scorpions.

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day.

13 And the king *†* answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,

14 And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but *I will chastise you* with scorpions.

15 So the king hearkened not unto the people: *†* for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the *†* hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 ¶ And when all Israel *saw* that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, *†* What portion have we in David? and *wee* have none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: and now, David, see to thine own house. *†* So all Israel went to their tents.

17 But *as for* the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent *†* Hadoram that *was* over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam *§* made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19 And *†* Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

CHAP. XI.

AND *o* when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen *men*, which

were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.

2 But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

3 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

4 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

5 And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah.

6 He built even Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

7 And Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam,

8 And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, 9 And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah,

10 And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and in Benjamin fenced cities.

11 And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine.

12 And in every several city he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

13 And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel resorted to him out of all their coasts.

14 For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD:

15 And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.

16 And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.

17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they reigned in the way of David and Solomon.

18 And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, and Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse;

19 Which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zahan.

20 And after her he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom; which bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.

21 And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.)

22 And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, to be ruler among his brethren: for he thought to make him king.

B. C. 975.

* a multitude of wives.

a ch. 11. 17.

b Ac. 7. 26.

1 Co. 6. 5. 8.

He. 13. 1.

1 Pe. 3. 8.

1 Jno. 3. 11.

12.

c De. 6. 10. 12.

32. 15. 18.

Ki. 14. 22.

24.

Je. 2. 31.

Ho. 13. 15. 8.

d Ge. 50. 20.

Ps. 33. 11.

e Mi. 1. 15.

f ch. 16. 8.

g ch. 11. 2.

h Is. 22. 10. 11.

i ch. 15. 2.

k Lu. 18. 14.

Ja. 4. 10.

l Ex. 9. 27.

m Ki. 21. 28.

29.

† presented themselves to him.

n Nu. 35. 2.

for, a little while.

o ch. 13. 9.

p Is. 26. 13.

q Ki. 12. 31.

13. 33.

14. 9.

Ho. 13. 2.

s De. 28. 47. 48.

t Le. 17. 7.

1 Co. 10. 20.

1 Ti. 4. 1.

u Ki. 12. 28.

v ch. 30. 11. 18.

w Ki. 14. 25.

26.

y ch. 12. 1.

z ch. 9. 15. 16.

1 Ki. 10. 16.

17.

a Mat. 13. 20.

21.

b 2 Sa. 8. 18.

c 1 Ki. 15. 2.

She is called Mi-

chaiah the

daughter

of Uriel,

ch. 13. 2.

or, and yet

in Judah

there were

good things

ch. 19. 3.

Ge. 18. 24.

1 Ki. 14. 13.

d 1 Ki. 14. 21.

e De. 17. 17.

f ch. 6. 6.

g De. 21. 15. 17.

h or, fixed.

Ps. 57. 7.

78. 8. 37.

1 Co. 15. 58.

16. 13.

h Is. 45. 19.

55. 6. 7.

Eze. 33. 31.

Mat. 7. 7.

23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired many wives.

CHAP. XII.

AND it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.

2 And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against the LORD,

3 With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Libyans, the Sukkims, and the Ethiopians.

4 And he took the fenced cities which pertained to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

5 Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.

6 Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD is righteous.

7 And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

8 Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.

9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

10 Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house.

11 And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber.

12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether: and as now in Judah things went well.

13 So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned. Rehoboam was one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess.

14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.

CHAP. XI.—6. built, 'repaired;' the walls had become decayed during a peaceable reign, and needed strengthening. 15. devils, 'demons;' see Lev. xvii. 7. See the passages in Kings noticed in the margin.

CHAP. XII.—3. without number, Josephus mentions 400,000 foot. Libyans, Libyans of Africa. Sukkims, the Septuagint understand the Tracodyta, an Ethiopian people, so called by the Greeks, from their dwelling in caves.

15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the * book of Shemaiah the prophet, ^a and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? ^b And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and ^d Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.

NOW ^f in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was ^g Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 And Abijah [†] set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valour.

4 [¶] And Abijah stood up upon mount [‡] Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel;

5 Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel [†] gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons [¶] by a covenant of salt?

6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath [‡] rebelled against his lord.

7 And there are gathered unto him [¶] vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye ^{be} a great multitude, and there are with you golden calves, which Jeroboam [¶] made you for gods.

9 Have [¶] ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands? [¶] so that whosoever cometh [¶] to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods.

10 But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business:

11 And [¶] they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the ^d shewbread also set they in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, [¶] to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him.

12 And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, [¶] and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, [¶] fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

13 [¶] But Jeroboam caused [¶] an ambush-

B. C. 971.

* words.

^a ch. 9. 29.

13. 22.

^b 1 Ki. 14. 30.^c Ex. 14. 10.^d 1 Ch. 5. 20.

Ps. 50. 15.

91. 5.

120. 1.

Ac. 2. 21.

^d 1 Ki. 14. 31.

Abijah.

^e ch. 14. 12.

Ps. 118. 5. 7.

Is. 37. 36.

^f 1 Ki. 15. 1.

&c.

^g ch. 11. 20.[†] bound

together.

^h 1 Ch. 5. 20.

Ps. 22. 5.

146. 5.

Da. 3. 28.

Ep. 1. 12.

ⁱ Jos. 18. 22.^k Jos. 15. 9.

Jno. 11. 54.

^l 2 Sa. 7. 12, 13.

16.

^m 1 Sa. 25. 38.

Ac. 12. 23.

ⁿ 1 Ki. 14. 20.^o Nu. 18. 19.^p 1 Ki. 11. 26.

12. 20.

[†] or, com-

mentary.

^q ch. 12. 15.^r Ju. 9. 4.

Job 30. 8.

Ac. 17. 5.

Tit. 1. 10.

^s 1 Ki. 15. 8.

&c.

^t ch. 15. 17.

1 Ki. 15. 14.

^u 1 Ki. 12. 28.

14. 9.

Ho. 8. 6.

^v Ex. 34. 13.[§] statues.^x 1 Ki. 11. 7.^y ch. 11. 14, 15.^z Ex. 29. 35.^{||} to fill his

hand.

Ex. 29. 1.

Le. 8. 2.

* sun images

^a ch. 2. 4.^b Jno. 9. 4.

12. 35, 36.

^c Ps. 105. 3, 4.

Je. 29. 12.

14.

1 Pe. 3. 10.

12.

^d Le. 24. 6.^e Ex. 27. 20, 21.

Le. 24. 2, 3.

^f Nu. 10. 8.^g Ac. 5. 39.^h ch. 16. 8.ⁱ Jos. 8. 4.^k Jos. 15. 44.

ment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment was behind them.

14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind: and [¶] they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God [¶] smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the children of Israel fell before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.

17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.

18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, [¶] because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-el with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and [¶] Ephraim with the towns thereof.

20 Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD [¶] struck him, and [¶] he died.

21 [¶] But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the [†] story of the prophet [¶] Iddo.

CHAP. XIV.

SO Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and [¶] Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

2 And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God:

3 For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and [¶] the high places, and [¶] brake down the [§] images, [¶] and cut down the groves:

4 And commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the [¶] images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

6 [¶] And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.

7 Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars, [¶] while the land is yet before us; [¶] because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.

8 And Asa had an army of men that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these were mighty men of valour.

9 [¶] And [¶] there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto [¶] Mareshah.

10 Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11 And Asa ^b cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, *it is* ^d nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and ^f in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our God; let not [†] man prevail against thee.

12 So the LORD [†] smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto ^k Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they were not recover themselves; for they were [†] destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil.

14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the ⁿ fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them.

15 They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

CHAP. XV.

AND ^p the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded:

2 And he went out [†] to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; [†] The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and [†] if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but [†] if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

3 Now [†] for a long season Israel *hath* been without the true God, and without [†] a teaching priest, and without law.

4 But [†] when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

5 And ^a in those times *there* was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries.

6 And ^b nation was [†] destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity.

7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the [†] abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities ^c which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that *was* before the porch of the LORD.

9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and ^d the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.

10 So they gathered themselves together

B. C. 941.

^a ch. 14. 15.
^b ch. 13. 14.
^c Ex. 14. 10.
^d Ps. 22. 5.
^e in that day.
^f ch. 14. 13.
^g 1 Sa. 14. 6.
^h ch. 34. 31.
ⁱ 2 Ki. 23. 3.
^j Ne. 10. 29.
^k 2 Co. 8. 5.
^l 1 Sa. 17. 45.
^m Pr. 18. 10.
ⁿ Ex. 22. 20.
^o † or, mortal man.
^p h De. 13. 5, 9, 15.
^q i ch. 13. 15.
^r k Ge. 10. 19.
^s 20. 1.
^t † broken.
^u l ver. 2.
^v m 1 Ki. 15. 13.
^w n ch. 17. 10.
^x Ge. 35. 5.
^y † i. e. grand-mother.
^z 1 Ki. 15. 2, 10.
^{aa} † horror.
^{ab} o ch. 14. 3, 5.
^{ac} p 1 Ki. 15. 14, &c.
^{ad} q ch. 20. 11.
^{ae} r Nu. 24. 2.
^{af} s Ju. 3. 10.
^{ag} † before Asa.
^{ah} t Ja. 4. 8.
^{ai} u ver. 4. 15.
^{aj} ch. 33. 12, 13.
^{ak} v 1 Ch. 28. 9.
^{al} w Je. 29. 13.
^{am} x Mat. 7. 7.
^{an} y ch. 24. 20.
^{ao} z From the rending of the ten tribes from Judah, over which Asa was now king.
^{ap} 1 Ki. 15. 17, &c.
^{aq} v Ho. 3. 4.
^{ar} x ch. 15. 9.
^{as} y Le. 10. 11.
^{at} z De. 4. 29.
^{au} a Ju. 5. 6.
^{av} † Darneseek.
^{aw} b Mat. 24. 7.
^{ax} † beaten in pieces.
^{ay} c armies which were his.
^{az} † abominations.
^{ba} c ch. 13. 19.
^{bb} d ch. 11. 16.
^{bc} e ch. 19. 2.
^{bd} f 1 Ki. 16. 1.
^{be} g Is. 31. 1.
^{bf} h Je. 17. 5.

at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11 And ^a they offered unto the LORD [†] the same time, of ^c the spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

12 And they ^c entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;

13 That ^e whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel ^h should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

14 And they swore unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and [†] sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.

16 [†] And also *concerning* ^m Maachah the [†] mother of Asa the king, he removed her from *being* queen, because she had made an [†] idol in a grove; and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron.

17 But ^o the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

18 [†] And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

19 And there was no *more* war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

CHAP. XVI.

IN [†] the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, [†] to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at [†] Damascus, saying,

3 *There is* a league between me and thee, as *there* was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

4 And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of [†] his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.

5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.

6 Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

7 [†] And at that time [†] Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, [†] Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD

15. *tents of cattle* 'herd tents.' The Cushites had most probably brought their cattle along with them as is the custom of many of the eastern tribes; and on the overthrow of the main body, many of these fell into the hands of Asa.

CHAP. XV.—3. *a long season*, refers to the time of the judges, when they worshipped Baal and Asheroth, Judg. ii. 10, 11. 6. *nation*, &c. one tribe destroyed another, Judg. ix. 45; xii. 6; xx. 21, 24.

44, 48. 16. *from being queen*, the Chaldee reads, 'from the kingdom.' 19. *no more war*, i. e. with heathen nations.

CHAP. XVI. 1. *thirty-sixth*, Boothroyd would substitute 'sixteenth;' and for *thirty-fifth*, in the preceding verse, fifteenth. Dates were often carelessly transcribed, and the received one does not accord with all the circumstances of the history. 3. *There is*, several good critics read, 'Let there be.'

thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.

8 Were not ^a the Ethiopians and ^b the Lubims ^{*} a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.

9 For ^e the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, ^f to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein^g thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth ^h thou shalt have wars.

10 Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and ^h put him in a prison house; for *he was* in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa ^h oppressed some of the people the same time.

11 ^h And, ⁱ behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease *was* exceeding great: yet in his disease he ^k sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.

13 ^h And ^h Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had ^l made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled ^m with sweet odours and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made ⁿ a very great burning for him.

CHAP. XVII.

AND^p Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel.

2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, ^q which Asa his father had taken.

3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways ^r of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim;

4 But sought to the LORD God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after ^s the doings of Israel.

5 Therefore the LORD established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought ^t to Jehoshaphat presents; ^u and he had riches and honour in abundance.

6 And his heart^v was lifted up in the ways of the LORD: moreover ^w he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

7 ^h Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, *even* to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nathaneel, and to Michaiah, ^x to teach in the cities of Judah.

8 And with them *he sent* Levites, *even* Shemaiah, and Nathaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asabel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests.

9 And ^y they taught in Judah, and had

B. C. 941.

^a ch. 14. 9.^b ch. 12. 3.^c in abundance.^d Ge. 35. 5.^e Ex. 15. 14.^f 16.^g Jos. 2. 9. 11.^h was.ⁱ Pr. 16. 7.^j Job 34. 21.^k Pr. 5. 21.^l 15. 3.^m Je. 16. 17.ⁿ 32. 19.^o Zec. 4. 10.^p or, strongly to hold with them, &c.^q 1 Sa. 13. 13.^r 1 Ki. 15. 32.^s h Je. 20. 2.^t Mat. 14. 3.^u or, palaces.^v crushed.^w 1 Ki. 15. 23.^x k Je. 17. 5.^y at his hand.^z 1 Ki. 15. 24.^{aa} Jn. 5. 2. 9.^{ab} Ps. 110. 3.^{ac} 2 Co. 8. 3. 5.^{ad} digged.^{ae} Ge. 50. 2.^{af} Mar. 16. 1.^{ag} Jno. 19. 39.^{ah} 40.^{ai} ch. 21. 19.^{aj} Je. 34. 5.^{ak} 1 Ki. 15. 24.^{al} ver. 2.^{am} Mat. 6. 33.^{an} ch. 15. 8.^{ao} 2 Ki. 8. 18.^{ap} 2 Co. 6. 14.^{aq} or, of his father, and of David.^{ar} at the end of years.^{as} 1 Ki. 22. 2.^{at} &c.^{au} 1 Ki. 12. 28.^{av} gave.^{aw} 1 Sa. 10. 27.^{ax} 1 Ki. 10. 25.^{ay} ch. 18. 1.^{az} Ps. 139. 21.^{ba} Ep. 5. 11.^{bb} 2 Jno. 10. 11.^{bc} i. e. was encouraged.^{bd} ch. 20. 33.^{be} 1 Sa. 23. 2. 4. 9.^{bf} 2 Sa. 2. 1.^{bg} Ps. 27. 4.^{bh} Je. 21. 2.^{bi} ch. 15. 3.^{bj} 2 Ti. 4. 3.^{bk} Mt. 2. 11.^{bl} 3. 11.^{bm} Re. 19. 20.^{bn} yet, or, more.^{bo} ch. 35. 3.^{bp} Ne. 8. 7.

the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

10 ^h And ^h the fear of the LORD ^h fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, ^h so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

11 Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

12 ^h And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah ^h castles, and cities of store.

13 And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, *were* in Jerusalem.

14 And these *are* the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand.

15 And ^h next to him *was* Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.

16 And next him *was* Amasiah the son of Zichri, ^m who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour.

17 And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.

18 And next him *was* Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.

19 These waited on the king, beside ⁿ those whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

CHAP. XVIII.

NOW Jehoshaphat ^h had riches and honour in abundance, and ^h joined affinity with Ahab.

2 And ^h after certain years ^h he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth-gilead.

3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, ^h I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and *we will* be with thee in the war.

4 ^h And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, ^h Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of ^h prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, ^h Go up; for God will deliver *it* into the king's hand.

6 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD ^h besides, that we might enquire of him?

7 And the king of Israel said unto Jeho-

8. Lubims, chap. xii. 3, note. 12. diseased, &c. probably with a sort of gout. physicians, were then quacks, mixing mystery and superstition with their practice. Most likely common and simple remedies were generally used; and in extraordinary cases, rendering the parties unclean, application was made to the priest. 14. burning, thought to have been a funeral pile, made of spicy woods.

CHAP. XVII. 3. first ways of—David, which were his best; or perhaps quality is intended, rather than time, ^h his very best ways. 10. fear, or terror, supernaturally induced.

CHAP. XVIII. 5. God will deliver, ^h it is not in the original. The answer is ambiguous, and may be understood, as most convenient, to mean Ramoth-gilead to be delivered to the Hebrew king, or the

shaphat, *There is yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the LORD:* ^a but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same *is* Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

8 And the king of Israel called for one of his officers, and said, § Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.

9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in *their robes*, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until * they be consumed.

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

12 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king † with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of their's, and speak thou good.

13 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, ^e even what my God saith, that will I speak.

14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, § Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?

16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, ^k as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return *therefore* every man to his house in peace.

17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, † Did I not tell thee *that* he would not prophesy good unto me, † but evil?

18 Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, ^k and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.

19 And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

20 Then there came out a ° spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith?

21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the LORD said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do even so.

22 Now therefore, behold, ° the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and ° smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

B. C. 897.

^a Is. 49. 7.
Mat. 10. 22.
Jno. 3. 19, 20.
Ga. 4. 16.

* or, from chamber to chamber.

† a chamber in a chamber.

‡ or, eunuchs

§ Hasten.

b ch. 16. 10.

|| or, floor.

c Nu. 16. 29.

De. 18. 20. 22

* thou consume them.

d Job 24. 15.

Je. 23. 24.

† with one mouth.

e Nu. 22. 18.

20. 35.

23. 12, 26.

24. 13.

1 Ki. 22. 14.

f Pr. 13. 20.

g Am. 4. 4, 5.

‡ from after him.

§ in his simplicity.

|| between the joints and between the breastplate

h Je. 23. 1, 2.

Eze. 34. 5. 8

Zec. 10. 2.

Mar. 6. 34.

* made sick.

i Pr. 10. 24.

27. 22.

† or, but for evil?

k Ge. 32. 2.

Job 1. 6.

Ps. 103. 20, 21

Da. 7. 10.

He. 1. 7, 14.

‡ 1 Sa. 9. 9.

m Ps. 139. 21.

Ep. 5. 11.

2 Ju. 10. 11.

n ch. 32. 25.

Ps. 90. 7, 8.

Ro. 1. 18.

1 Co. 11. 31.

32.

o Job 1. 6.

p ch. 12. 12.

17. 4, 6.

Ro. 7. 18.

r ch. 30. 19.

Ezr. 7. 10.

‡ he returned and went out.

* Job 12. 16.

Is. 19. 14.

Eze. 14. 9.

† De. 1. 17.

u Je. 20. 2.

Mar. 14. 65.

Ac. 23. 2.

v Ps. 82. 1.

Ec. 5. 8.

§ in the matter of judgment.

24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go * into † an inner chamber to hide thyself.

25 Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

26 And say, Thus saith the king, † Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.

27 And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, ° then hath not the LORD spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people.

28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, † I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that were with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel.

31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God moved them to depart from him.

32 For it came to pass that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again † from pursuing him.

33 And a certain man drew a bow § at a venture, and smote the king of Israel † between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am * wounded.

34 And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the sun going down he died.

CHAP. XIX.

AND Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

2 And Jehu the son of Hanani † the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and ° love them that hate the LORD? therefore is ° wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

3 Nevertheless there are ° good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast ° prepared thine heart to seek God.

4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and † he went out again through the people from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

5 ° And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,

6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ° ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, ° who is with you § in the judgment.

7 Wherefore now let the fear of the

LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for ^b there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor ^c respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

8 ¶ Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat ^d set of the Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.

9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do ^e in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 And ^f what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and so wrath ^g come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.

11 And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you ^h in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites ⁱ shall be officers before you. ^j Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.

CHAP. XX.

IT came to pass after this also, ^k that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them ^l other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be ^m in Hazazon-tamar, which is ⁿ En-gedi.

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set ^o himself to seek the LORD, and ^p proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask ^q help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

5 ¶ And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,

6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou ^r God in heaven? and ^s a rulerest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and ^t in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

7 Art not thou ^u our God, ^v who ^w I didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham ^x thy friend for ever?

8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,

9 If ^y when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy ^z name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou ^{aa} wouldst not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt,

B. C. 896.

a Nu. 20. 21.

b De. 32. 4.

c Ro. 9. 14.

d De. 10. 17.

e Ac. 10. 34.

f Ro. 2. 11.

g Ga. 2. 6.

h Ep. 6. 9.

i Col. 3. 25.

j 1 Pe. 1. 17.

k Ps. 83. 12.

l De. 16. 18.

m 1 Sa. 3. 13.

n Ps. 25. 15.

o 121. 1. 2.

p 123. 1. 2.

q 141. 8.

r 2 Sa. 23. 3.

s De. 17. 8, &c.

t Nu. 11. 25, 26.

u 24. 2.

v Nu. 16. 46.

w Eze. 3. 18.

x De. 1. 29, 30.

y 31. 6, 8.

z 1 Ch. 26. 30.

aa ascent.

ab Take courage and do

ac or, valley.

ad Ex. 14. 13, 14.

ae Nu. 14. 9.

af Ex. 4. 31.

ag Ge. 14. 7.

ah Jos. 15. 62.

ai his face.

aj ch. 19. 3.

ak Ezr. 8. 21.

al Je. 36. 9.

am Jon. 3. 5.

an Is. 7. 9.

ao De. 4. 39.

ap 1 Ki. 8. 23.

aq Mat. 6. 9.

ar Ps. 47. 2, 8.

as Da. 4. 17, 25.

at 1 Ch. 16. 29.

au || praises.

av b 1 Ch. 29. 12.

aw Ps. 62. 11.

ax Mat. 6. 13.

ay c Ps. 136. 1.

az d 1 Ch. 16. 41.

ba Ge. 17. 7.

bb Ex. 6. 7.

bc thou.

bd f Ps. 44. 2.

be † in the time that they, &c.

bf † in singing and praise.

bg c Ju. 7. 22.

bh 1 Sa. 14. 20.

bi h 1 Sa. 41. 8.

bj Ja. 2. 23.

bk or, smote one another

bl i 1 Ki. 8. 33, 37.

bm || for the destruction.

bn k ch. 6. 20.

bo * there was not an escaping.

bp d De. 2. 4, 19.

but ^c they turned from them, and destroyed them not;

11 Behold, I say, how they reward us, ^d to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

12 O our God, wilt thou not ^e judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but ^f our eyes are upon thee.

13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

14 ¶ Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, ^g came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;

15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, ^h Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not your's, but God's.

16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the ⁱ cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the ^j brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 Ye ^k shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: ^l for the LORD will be with you.

18 And Jehoshaphat ^m bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 ¶ And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; ⁿ Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, ^o and ^p that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, ^q Praise the LORD; ^r for his mercy endureth for ever.

22 ¶ And ^s when they began ^t to sing and to praise, ^u the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they ^v were smitten.

23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped ^w to destroy another.

24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and ^x none escaped.

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his peo-

CHAP. XIX.—8. for the judgment, &c. 'who were to judge in what related to Jehovah.'—Boothr. This high court seems a new institution. 11. with the good, 'with you for good.'—Vulgate, &c.

CHAP. XX.—2. the sea, here means the Dead sea. 21. with the people, i. e. their chiefs. that they should praise the beauty, &c. 'who with holy beauty were to praise him.'—Boothr. 22. the Lord set, &c. 'Jehovah turned the ambush men of mount Seir, [i. e.

ple came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

26 ¶ And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of * Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the † forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD.

29 And ^g the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his ^h God gave him rest round about.

31 ¶ And ⁱ Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: *he was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing that *which was right* in the sight of the LORD.

33 Howbeit ^j the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not ^k prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the * book of Jehu the son of Hanani, * who ^l is mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

35 ¶ And after this ^m did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly:

36 ¶ And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-gaber.

37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to * Tarshish.

CHAP. XXI.

NOW ⁿ Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son ^o reigned in his stead.

2 And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.

3 And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to ^p Jehoram; because he *was* the firstborn.

B. C. 896.

^a Ge. 4. 8.

¹ Jno. 3. 12.

^b In consort,

² Ki. 8. 17,

&c.

* i. e. blessing.

^c ch. 22. 2.

† head.

‡ lamp, or,

candle.

^d Ne. 12. 43.

^e 2Sa. 7. 12, 13.

¹ Ki. 11. 36.

² Ki. 8. 19.

Ps. 132. 11,

&c.

Lu. 1. 69, 79.

^f 2 Ki. 8. 20,

&c.

§ hand.

^g ch. 17. 10.

^h ch. 15. 15.

Job 34. 29.

ⁱ 1 Ki. 22. 41,

&c.

^k Le. 17. 7.

20. 5.

Ps. 106. 39.

Re. 2. 20. 22

|| Which was

writ before

his death,

² Ki. 2. 1.

^l ch. 17. 6.

^m ch. 12. 14.

19. 3.

* words.

ⁿ Ex. 34. 15.

De. 31. 16.

^o 1 Ki. 16. 1, 7.

† was made

to ascend.

^p 1 Ki. 16. 31..

33.

² Ki. 9. 22.

^r 1 Ki. 22. 48.

‡ a great

stroke.

§ At first Je-

hoshaphat

was un-

willing,

¹ Ki. 22. 49.

^s 1 Ki. 11. 14,

23.

^t ch. 9. 21.

|| carried

captive.

ch. 22. 1.

^u 1 Ki. 22. 50.

^v ch. 24. 7.

* Alone.

† or, Azariah,

ch. 22. 1.

or, Azariah

ch. 22. 6.

‡ His son,

Ahaziah

Prorex,

² Ki. 9. 29,

soon after.

^x ch. 16. 14.

§ Jehoram

made part-

ner of the

kingdom

with his

father,

² Ki. 8. 16.

4 Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, ^a and slew all his brethren with the sword, and *divers* also of the princes of Israel.

5 ¶ Jehoram ^b was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of ^c Ahab to wife: and he wrought that *which was evil* in the eyes of the LORD.

7 Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a ^d light to him and to his ^e sons for ever.

8 ¶ In ^f his days the Edomites revolted from under the ^g dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king.

9 Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots.

10 So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time *also* did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to ^h commit fornication, and compelled Judah *thereto*.

12 ¶ And there came a ⁱ writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

13 But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to ^j go a whoring, like to the ^k whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, *which were better* than thyself:

14 Behold, with ^l a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods:

15 And thou *shalt have* great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

16 ¶ Moreover the LORD ^m stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that *were* near the Ethiopians:

17 And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and ⁿ carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and ^o his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save ^p Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

18 ¶ And ^q after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

19 And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like ^r the burning of his fathers.

20 Thirty and two years old was he

Edomites,] who should have come against Judah, against the Ammonites and Moabites, and they were smitten.—*ibid.* 25. *dead bodies*, some MSS. have 'garments.'

CHAP. XXI.—7. *light*, 'lamp,' the emblem of a prosperous race. 18. *incurable disease*, supposed a violent dysentery. In this manner died Antiochus Epiphanes and Herod Agrippa.

when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed *without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

CHAP. XXII.

AND the inhabitants of Jerusalem made ^b Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

2 Forty ^d and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was ^f Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab; for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.

4 Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction.

5 ^h He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians smote Joram.

6 And ^h he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds ⁱ which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And ^h Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.

7 And the ^h destruction of Ahaziah ^h was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he ⁱ went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, ^m whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

8 And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was ^o executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them.

9 And he ^p sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who ^p sought the LORD with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom.

10 ^q But ^q when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah.

11 But ^q Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: ^q and Athaliah reigned over the land.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND ^r in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the cap-

E. C. 885.

* *without desire.*
Je. 22. 18.

^a Ps. 112. 5.

Mat. 10. 16.

^b ch. 21. 17.

2 Ki. 8. 24.

&c.

^c ch. 6. 16.

7. 18.

21. 7.

2 Sa. 7. 12.

1 Ki. 2. 4.

9. 5.

^d 2 Ki. 8. 26.

^e 1 Ch. 9. 25.

^f ch. 21. 6.

^g thresholds.

^h 1 Ch. 23. 28.

29.

ⁱ 2 Ki. 9. 15.

^j Ex. 19. 12, 13.

^k Nu. 3. 10, 38.

^l *wherewith they wounded him.*

^m Otherwise called Ahaziah, ver. 1. and Jehozabab, ch. 21. 17.

ⁿ *treading down.*

^o ch. 10. 15.

Ju. 14. 4.

1 Ki. 12. 15.

2 Ki. 9. 21.

^p 2 Ki. 9. 6, 7.

^q 1 Ch. xxiv.

xxv.

^r 2 Ki. 10. 10.

14.

^s *shoulder.*

^t *house.*

^u 2 Ki. 9. 27.

at Megiddo in the kingdom of Samaria.

^v De. 17. 18.

Ps. 78. 5.

Is. 8. 20.

^w ch. 17. 4.

^x *Let the king live.*

1 Sa. 10. 24.

2 Sa. 16. 16.

1 Ki. 1. 34.

^y 2 Ki. 11. 1.

&c.

^z 2 Ki. 11. 2.

^{aa} *Jehosheba.*

^{ab} 1 Ki. 1. 39, 40.

Fr. 29. 2.

Mar. 11. 9, 10.

^{ac} 1 Ch. 25. 8.

^{ad} *Conspiracy*

^{ae} Ps. 12. 8.

Je. 12. 1.

Hab. 1. 12.

Mal. 3. 15.

^{af} 2 Ki. 11. 4.

&c.

^{ag} Eze. 9. 7.

tains of hundreds. Azariah the son of Jehoram, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.

2 And ^a they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

3 And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath ^a said of the sons of David.

4 This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you ^a entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the ^a doors;

5 And a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD.

6 But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and ^a they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.

7 And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; ^a and whosoever elseth cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not ^a the courses.

9 Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of God.

10 And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right ^a side of the ^a temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.

11 Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and ^a gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, ^a God save the king.

12 ^a Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD:

13 And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: ^a and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of musick, and ^a such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, ^a Treason, Treason.

14 Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in ^a the house of the LORD.

CHAP. XXII.—1. *band*, 'horde.

CHAP. XXIII.—1. *Jehoiada*, &c. this chapter is the same with 2 Kin. xi. 4—20, where see notes. 9. *spears*, &c. probably David and his worthies, on re-

turning from war, had deposited their weapons in the house of God, in token of gratitude to him for victories. A similar custom prevailed among the heathen, on retiring from the army.

15 So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering ^a of the horse gate by the king's house, they ^c slew her there.

16 ¶ And Jehoiada ^d made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that ^e they should be the LORD's people.

17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

18 Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had ^e distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the ^a law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained ^f by David.

19 And he set the ^g porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none *which* was unclean in any thing should enter in.

20 And ^h he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

21 And ⁱ all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

CHAP. XXIV.

JOASH ^j was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

2 And Joash ^k did that *which* was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

4 ¶ And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded ^l to repair the house of the LORD.

5 And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened it not.

6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of ^m Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the ⁿ tabernacle of witness?

7 For ^o the sons of Athaliah, ^p that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon Baalim.

8 And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD.

9 And they made ^q a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD ^r the collection that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness.

B. C. 878.

^a Ne. 3. 23.

^b Is. 64. 5.

^c Ac. 2. 45. 47

^d Co. 9. 7.

^e Ps. 5. 6.

55. 23.

^f Mat. 7. 2.

Ja. 2. 13.

^g Re. 16. 5. 7.

^h De. 5. 2, 3.

29. 1. 15.

ⁱ Ezr. 10. 3.

^j Is. 44. 5.

^k 2 Co. 8. 5.

^l De. 12. 3.

13. 9.

^m Is. 2. 15.

ⁿ Zec. 13. 2, 3.

^o 1 Ch. 23. 30,

31.

24. 1.

^p Nu. 23. 2.

^q the healing

went up

upon the

work.

^r by the

hands of

David.

1 Ch. 25. 2, 6.

^s 1 Ch. 26. 1,

&c.

^t Hag. 2. 3.

Lu. 21. 5, 6.

^u 2 Ki. 11. 19.

^v 2 Ki. 12. 13.

^w or, pests.

^x Ps. 58. 10, 11.

^y Pr. 11. 10.

^z Re. 18. 20.

19. 1. 4.

^{aa} Ge. 15. 15.

25. 8.

^{ab} Job 5. 26.

^{ac} Ps. 91. 16.

^{ad} Ne. 13. 14.

^{ae} He. 6. 10.

^{af} 2 Ki. 11. 21.

12. 1, &c.

^{ag} s. ch. 26. 5.

^{ah} 1 Ki. 14. 23.

^{ai} ch. 19. 2.

28. 13.

29. 8.

32. 25.

^{aj} Ju. 5. 8.

^{ak} to renew.

^{al} v. ch. 36. 15.

^{am} Je. 7. 25, 26.

25. 4.

^{an} ch. 20. 14.

^{ao} clothed.

^{ap} Ju. 6. 34.

^{aq} Nu. 14. 41.

^{ar} ch. 15. 2.

^{as} Mat. 23. 33.

^{at} Ac. 7. 58, 59.

^{au} Ex. 30. 12.

14, 16.

^{av} Nu. 1. 50.

^{aw} Ac. 7. 44.

^{ax} ch. 21. 17.

^{ay} Pr. 10. 7.

^{az} Re. 2. 20.

^{ba} in the re-

volution of

the year.

^{bb} a voice.

^{bc} ver. 6.

^{bd} Darnesek.

^{be} Le. 26. 8.

^{bf} De. 32. 30.

^{bg} Is. 30. 17.

10 And all the princes and all the people ^b rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.

11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that *there was much money*, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD.

13 So the workmen wrought, and ^c the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God ^d in his state, and strengthened it.

14 And when they had finished it, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, ^e whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, *even* vessels to minister, and ^f to offer *withal*, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

15 ¶ But Jehoiada waxed old, and ^g was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old *was he* when he died.

16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, ^h because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.

17 Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them.

18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served ⁱ groves and idols: and ^j wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.

19 Yet he ^k sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

20 And ^l the Spirit of God ^m came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, ⁿ Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? ^o because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

21 And they conspired against him, and ^p stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon it, and require it.

23 ¶ And it came to pass ^q at the end of the year, that the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus.

24 For the army of the Syrians ^r came with a small company of men, and the

LORD ^a delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they ^b executed judgment against Joash.

25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.

26 And these are they that conspired against him; † Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of † Shimrith a Moabitess.

27 ¶ Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens *laid* upon him, and the † repairing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the * story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXV.

AMAZIAH ^a was twenty and five years old *when* he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

2 And he did that *which* was right in the sight of the LORD, ^a but not with a perfect heart.

3 ¶ Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was † established to him, that he † slew his servants that had killed the king his father.

4 But he slew not their children, but *did* as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, ^a The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

5 ¶ Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them ^m from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice *men*, *able* to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

6 He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for an hundred talents of silver.

7 But there came ^p a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; ^r for the LORD is not with Israel, *to wit*, with all the children of Ephraim.

8 But if thou wilt go, do *it*, ^a be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath ^u power to help, and to cast down.

9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the † army of Israel? And the man of God answered, * The LORD is able to give thee much more than this.

10 Then Amaziah separated them, *to wit*, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go [§] home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against

B. C. 839.

^a Le. 26. 25.
De. 28. 25.
* in heat of anger.

^b ch. 22. 8.
Is. 10. 5.

† the sons of the band.

† or, Joza-char,

2 Ki. 12. 21.

§ or, Shomer.

† founding.

* or, commentary.

^c ch. 28. 23.

Is. 41. 19.

^d Ex. 20. 3, 5.

^e 2 Ki. 14. 1.

&c.

^f Ps. 96. 5.

^g Ps. 115. 4, 8.

Is. 46. 1, 2.

1 Co. 8. 4.

10. 20.

^h ver. 14.

2 Ki. 14. 4.

Mat. 6. 24.

† confirmed upon him.

ⁱ Ge. 9. 6.

Ex. 21. 12.

14.

Nu. 35. 33.

† counselled.

^j 1 Sa. 2. 25.

Ac. 4. 28.

Ro. 9. 22.

Ep. 1. 11.

^k De. 24. 16.

Je. 31. 30.

Eze. 18. 20.

^l Ju. 9. 8, &c.

§ or, furze bush, or, thorn.

|| a beast of the field.

^m Nu. 1. 3.

ⁿ Pr. 13. 10.

Eze. 28. 25, 17.

Hab. 2. 4.

Ja. 4. 6.

^o ch. 22. 7.

1 Ki. 12. 15.

1 Pe. 2. 8.

^p De. 33. 1.

1 Ki. 13. 1.

1 Ti. 6. 11.

^r Is. 28. 1.

Ho. 5. 13. 15.

^s ver. 14.

^t Ec. 11. 9.

Is. 8. 9, 10.

^u ch. 20. 6.

Job 5. 18.

Ec. 9. 11.

* smitten.

† band.

^v ch. 21. 17.

22. 1, 6.

^x Pr. 10. 22.

† the gate of it that looketh.

§ to their place.

Judah, and they returned home * in great anger.

11 ¶ And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand.

12 And other ten thousand *left* alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces.

13 ¶ But † the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

14 ¶ Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that ^a he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up *to be* ^a his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them.

15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after ^a the gods of the people, which ^a could not deliver their own people out of thine hand?

16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that God hath † determined ^a to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

17 ¶ Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face.

18 And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, ^a The ^a thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by ^a a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and ^a thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to *thine* hurt, that thou shouldst fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee?

20 But Amaziah would not hear; for ^a it came of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of *their* enemies, because they ^a sought after the gods of Edom.

21 So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, *both* he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah.

22 And Judah was ^a put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.

23 And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of ^a Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to ^a the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

24 And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in

of Jehoram with Athaliah. 25. sepulchres of the kings, were doubtless excavations in the rock.

CHAP. XXV.—12. cast them down, no intimation is

given on what account or on what provocation, this most cruel conduct towards the prisoners of war was adopted. The enmity between the parties seems to have been reciprocal and deeply malignant.

the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

25 ¶ And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, *are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?*

27 ¶ Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away from [†] following the LORD they [†] made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.

28 And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of [¶] Judah.

CHAP. XXVI.

THEN [†] all the people of Judah took ^{*} Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

2 He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

3 Sixteen years old *was* Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jeoliah of Jerusalem.

4 And he did *that which was right* in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

5 And [†] he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who ^m had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.

6 And he went forth and ⁿ warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities [†] about Ashdod, and among the Philistines.

7 And God helped him against ^{*} the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwell in Gur-baal, and the Mehunims.

8 And the Ammonites [†] gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name [†] spread abroad *even* to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened *himself* exceedingly.

9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the ^w corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and ^{*} fortified them.

10 Also he built towers in the desert, and [†] digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen *also*, and vinedressers in the mountains, and in [†] Carmel: for he loved ^{*} husbandry.

11 Moreover Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, *one* of the king's captains.

12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour *were* two thousand and six hundred.

13 And under their hand *was* ^{*} an army,

B. C. 826.

* stones of slings.

Ju. 20. 16.

† after.

† conspired a

conspiracy

went for th.

b Mat. 4. 24.

b De. 32. 15.

c De. 8. 14.

d 2 Ki. 16. 12.

13.

|| 1. e. the

city of

David,

2 Ki. 14. 20.

e 1 Ch. 6. 10.

f 2 Ki. 14. 21.

22.

15. 1. &c.

* or, Aza-

riah.

b Mat. 14. 4.

Ga. 2. 11.

h Nu. 16. 40.

18. 7.

i Ex. 30. 7. 8.

h Nu. 12. 10.

2 Ki. 5. 27.

l ch. 24. 2.

Ho. 6. 4.

Mat. 13. 20.

21.

m Ge. 41. 15.

Da. 1. 17.

2. 19.

10. 1.

† in the see-

ing of God.

n Is. 14. 23.

o Es. 6. 12.

p Le. 14. 34.

De. 28. 22, 35.

† or, in the

country of

Ashdod.

r Le. 13. 46.

Nu. 5. 2.

2 Ki. 7. 3.

s free.

s ch. 21. 16.

t 2 Sa. 8. 2.

|| went.

u Is. 1. 1.

v Is. 6. 1.

w 2 Ki. 14. 13.

Ne. 3. 13, 19.

32.

Zec. 14. 10.

* or, repaired

† or, cut out

many cis-

terns.

z 2 Ki. 15. 32.

&c.

† or, fruitful

fields.

s ground.

y Ps. 119. 120.

Ac. 5. 13.

|| or, the

tower,

ch. 33. 14.

Ne. 3. 26.

* the power

of an army

z Jos. 14. 12.

Lu. 1. 33.

three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

14 And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and ^{*} slings to cast stones.

15 And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name [§] spread ^a far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong.

16 ¶ But ^b when he was strong, his heart *was* ^c lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and ^d went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

17 And ^e Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, *that were valiant men*:

18 And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, *It ^h appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the ⁱ priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the LORD God.*

19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and *had* a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, ^k the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar.

20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself ^o hastened also to go out, because ^p the LORD had smitten him.

21 And Uzziah the king *was* a leper unto the day of his death, and ^r dwelt in a [§] several house, *being* a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

22 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did ^u Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write.

23 So ^v Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings; for they said, *He is a leper*: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXVII.

JOTHAM *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name *also* *was* Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did *that which was right* in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit ^y he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly.

3 He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of [¶] Ophel he built much.

4 Moreover he built cities in ^z the moun-

to burn incense, in many heathen countries the kings, by virtue of their office, had a right to exercise sacerdotal functions, and it best explains Uzziah's conduct to suppose that he was stimulated by foreign example to aspire to the same privilege.

CHAP. XXVII.—2. he entered not, he was probably

castles of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers.

5 ¶ He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. * So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third.

6 So Jotham became mighty, ^a because he [†] prepared his ways before the LORD his God.

7 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

9 ¶ And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AHAZ [§] was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father:

2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also [§] molten images for [¶] Baalim.

3 Moreover he [†] burnt incense in [¶] the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt [°] his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Wherefore [†] the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought them to [¶] Damascus. And [¶] he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter.

6 ¶ For [¶] Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, which were all [°] valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah that was [†] next to the king.

8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their [°] brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, [†] because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage that [†] reacheth up unto heaven.

10 And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for [°] bondmen and bondwomen unto you:

B. C. 758.

^a Je. 25. 29.

Mat. 7. 2. 5.

^b Is. 58. 6.

Je. 34. 14. 16.

He. 13. 1, 3.

^c Ja. 2. 13.

^d This.

^e Ps. 57. 7.

78. 7.

^f 1 Co. 15. 58.

16. 13.

[†] or, established.

[°] ver. 12.

[†] Job 31. 16.

23.

[†] 1 Jno. 3. 17.

18.

[§] 2 Ki. 16. 2.

^h 2 Ki. 6. 22.

Pr. 25. 21. 22.

Lu. 6. 27.

Ro. 12. 20.

ⁱ De. 34. 3.

Ju. 1. 16.

^k Ex. 34. 17.

Le. 19. 4.

^l 2 Ki. 16. 7.

^m Ju. 2. 11.

[†] or, offered sacrifice.

ⁿ 2 Ki. 23. 10.

[°] a captivity

^o Le. 18. 21.

Ps. 106. 37, 38.

Je. 32. 35.

Eze. 16. 21.

20. 26. 31.

^p Eze. 16. 27.

57.

^r Is. 7. 1.

^s ch. 21. 2.

^t Ex. 32. 25.

[¶] Darnese.

^u Is. 9. 21.

^v 2 Ki. 15. 29.

^w 2 Ki. 15. 27.

^x sons of valour.

^y Ps. 50. 15.

Is. 1. 5.

Eze. 21. 13.

Re. 16. 9. 11.

^z Ps. 52. 7.

[†] the second to.

^a ch. 25. 14.

[†] Darnese.

^b Ac. 7. 26.

^c Je. 44. 17, 18.

^d Is. 1. 28.

Je. 44. 20. 29.

Ho. 13. 9.

^e ch. 29. 3. 7.

^f Ps. 69. 26.

Is. 10. 5.

47. 6.

Eze. 25. 12.

15.

26. 2.

Ob. 10, &c.

Zec. 1. 15.

^g Je. 2. 28.

Ho. 12. 11.

Ac. 17. 16, 23.

^h Ezr. 9. 6.

Re. 18. 5.

[§] or, to offer.

ⁱ Le. 25. 39, 42.

43, 46.

but ^a are there not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God?

11 Now hear me therefore, and ^b deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: ^c for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.

12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shalum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war,

13 And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the LORD *already*, ye intend to add *more* to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.

14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.

15 And the men ^e which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil ^f clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and ^g gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, ⁱ the city of palm trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

16 ¶ At [†] that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him.

17 For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away [§] captives.

18 The [¶] Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shochoh with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.

19 For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of [°] Israel; for he [†] made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD.

20 And [¶] Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not.

21 For Ahaz took away a portion *out* of the house of the LORD, and *out* of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave *it* unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.

22 ¶ And [†] in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: [°] this is *that* king Ahaz.

23 For [†] he sacrificed unto the gods of [¶] Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them, that [†] they may help me. [†] But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.

24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, [†] and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and [§] he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

25 And in every several city of Judah he made high places [§] to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

26 ¶ Now the rest of his acts and of all

afraid, from what had happened to his father. But he did not shun the temple, only he did not enter in to burn incense, for he prepared his ways before the Lord his God, verse 6.

CHAP. XXVIII.—8. *two hundred thousand*, some imagine, from the large number, that this is an inaccuracy: such a number must have left the country nearly desolate.

his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem: but ^a they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXIX.

HEZEKIAH ^b began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of ^c Zechariah.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

3 ^d He in ^e the first year of his reign, in the first month, ^f opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,

5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, ^g sanctify now yourselves, and ^h sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.

6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have ⁱ turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and ^k turned their backs.

7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel.

8 Wherefore the ^l wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to ^m trouble, to astonishment, and to ⁿ hissing, as ye see with your eyes.

9 For, lo, ^o our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

10 Now it is in mine heart to make ^p a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

11 My sons, ^q be not now negligent: for the LORD hath ^r chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and ^s burn incense.

12 ^t Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah:

13 And of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah, and Mattaniah:

14 And of the sons of Heman, Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah, and Uzziel.

15 And they gathered their brethren, and ^u sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, ^v by the words of the LORD, ^w to cleanse the house of the LORD.

B. C. 726.

a 1 Sa. 2. 30.

Pr. 10. 7.

b 2 Ki. 19. 1.

&c.

c ch. 26. 5.

d Ps. 101. 3.

Ec. 9. 10.

Mar. 6. 33.

Gal. 1. 16.

e ch. 28. 24.

f 2 Ki. 14. 16.

13.

g ch. 35. 6.

1 Ch. 16. 12.

h Je. 7. 11.

Lu. 12. 45.

i Co. 6. 16.

13.

j Le. 4. 2, 14.

k Je. 2. 27.

Eza. 9. 16.

l given the neck.

m Le. 14. 15.

19. 24.

n He. 9. 21.

o ch. 24. 15.

+ near.

p consecration.

De. 26. 15.

q 1 Ki. 9. 3.

Je. 19. 16.

19. 8.

25. 9. 13.

26. 18.

r Le. 4. 15. 21.

s ch. 23. 5. 8.

t or, be not now de-

ceived.

u 1 Ch. 16. 4.

25. 6.

v Na. 3. 6.

8. 14.

w 18. 2. 6.

x ch. 5. 14.

y 1 Ch. 23. 5.

25. 1.

z or, offer sacrifice.

aa 2 Sa. 24. 11.

yb ch. 30. 12.

cc by the hand of the LORD.

dd by the hand of.

ee 1 Ch. 23. 5.

Am. 6. 5.

ff Nu. 10. 10.

gg 1 Ch. 15. 24.

hh 16. 6.

ii in the time.

jj ch. 23. 18.

kk hands of instruments.

ll song.

mm ver. 5.

nn or, in the business of the LORD.

oo ch. 30. 12.

pp 1 Ch. 23. 28.

qq ch. 20. 13.

16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron.

17 Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof.

19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did ^r cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are before the altar of the LORD.

20 ^s Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.

21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a ^t sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer ^u them on the altar of the LORD.

22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and ^v sprinkled it on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.

23 And they brought forth the he goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their ^w hands upon them:

24 And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, ^x to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel.

25 And ^y he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, ^z according to the commandment of David, and of ^{aa} God the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: ^{ab} for so was the commandment ^{ac} of the LORD ^{ad} by his prophets.

26 And the Levites stood with the instruments ^{ae} of David, and the priests with ^{af} the trumpets.

27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And ^{ag} when the burnt offering began, ^{ah} the song of the LORD began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel.

28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, ^{ai} the king and all that were

CHAP. XXIX.—3. opened the doors, these his father in his zeal for idolatry, had shut up, chap. xxviii. 24. 5. filthiness, the altar, like that at Damascus, which Ahaz, removing the altar of the Lord, had placed in the court of the priests. 6. their backs, some think this refers to a rite or custom, introduced by Ahaz, before

he shut up the temple, that instead of looking to the west, when they worshipped, there was the ark, he ordered them to turn to the east, where his altar stood. 13. cast away, 'profaned.'—Sept. Vulgate. 24. too few, many priests had become unclean, by engaging at the idolatrous altars.

* present with him ^a bowed themselves, and worshipped.

30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And ^d they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have ^{consecrated} yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and ^e thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and ⁱ thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD.

33 And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.

34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore ^o their brethren the Levites ^{did} help them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves: ^r for the Levites were more ^e upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.

35 And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with ^u the fat of the peace offerings, and ^x the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So ^y the service of the house of the LORD was set in order.

36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God ^z had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

CHAP. XXX.

AND Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that ^b they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, ^d to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel.

2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second ^e month.

3 For they could not keep it ^f at that time, ^g because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

4 And the thing ^h pleased the king and all the congregation.

5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written.

6 So ⁱ the posts went with the letters [†] from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, ^m turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and

B. C. 726.

* found.

^a Ps. 72. 11.

Ro. 14. 11.

Phi. 2. 10, 11.

^b 2 Ki. 15. 19.

^c Eze. 20. 18.

^d Ps. 32. 11.

100. 1, 2.

149. 2.

Phi. 4. 4.

ch. 29. 8.

[†] harden not your necks

^f De. 10. 16.

Ro. 10. 21.

[†] or, filled your hand.

ch. 13. 9.

^g give the hand.

1 Ch. 29. 24.

Ezr. 10. 19.

Ro. 6. 13. 20.

^h Le. 7. 12.

h ch. 29. 10.

ⁱ Ro. 12. 1.

^k Ps. 106. 46.

1 Ex. 34. 6.

^m Is. 55. 7.

ⁿ ch. 36. 16.

^o ch. 35. 11.

^{||} strengthened them.

^p ch. 11. 16.

^q ch. 20. 3.

^r Ps. 7. 10.

26. 6.

^t Phi. 2. 13.

^u Le. 3. 16.

^v ch. 29. 25.

^w Nu. 15. 5, 7.

10.

^y Ezr. 6. 18.

1 Co. 14. 40.

^z Ps. 10. 17.

Pr. 16. 1.

^a ch. 28. 24.

^b De. 16. 2. 6.

^c ch. 29. 34.

^d Ex. 12. 3. 20.

1 Co. 5. 7, 8.

^e their standing.

^f Nu. 9. 10, 11.

^g Ex. 12. 6, 18.

^h ch. 29. 34.

ⁱ was right in the eyes of the king.

^j ver. 11.

^k Ex. 12. 43.

^l &c.

^m ch. 19. 3.

ⁿ Es. 8. 14.

^o Job 9. 25.

^p Je. 51. 31.

^q from the hand of.

^r Je. 4. 1.

^s Joel 2. 13.

^t Ja. 4. 8.

^u Ps. 103. 3.

^v Ja. 5. 15, 16.

Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of ^b the kings of Assyria.

7 And be not ye ^c like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, ^{who} therefore ^e gave them up to desolation, as ye see.

8 Now [†] be ye not ^f stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but ^g yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, ^h that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

9 For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children ^{shall} find ^k compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God is ⁱ gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye ^m return unto him.

10 So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but ⁿ they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

11 Nevertheless ^p divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

12 Also in Judah ^q the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, ^r by the word of the LORD.

13 [†] And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.

14 And they arose and took away the ^a altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron.

15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth ^{day} of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ^{ashamed}, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD.

16 And they stood in ^e their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, ^{which} they received of the hand of the Levites.

17 For there were many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one ^{that} was not clean, to sanctify them unto the LORD.

18 For a multitude of the people, ^{even} ^k many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, ⁱ yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one.

19 ^{That} ^k he prepare his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.

20 And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, ⁿ and healed the people.

21 And the children of Israel that were

CHAP. XXX.—1. to all Israel, it was the duty of all the Hebrews to keep the passover at Jerusalem; but it seems that this obligation had been neglected by the ten tribes, since they had established a separate monarchy for themselves. In the present instance, Hezekiah could hardly have sent his invitation without the concurrence of the king of Israel; this was Hoshea, who though 'he did evil,' did it not as the kings before him, 2 Kin. xvii. 2. Ephraim and Ma-

nasseh, denote the ten tribes. 6. posts, 'runners,' running footmen or messengers. 8. yield, &c. literally 'give the hand,' i. e. join in a covenant to serve the Lord: same phrase, 1 Chron. xxix. 24; Ezr. x. 19. 10. laughed, mocked, a proof of their ripeness for destruction, which took place two years afterwards, by means of the king of Assyria. 15. were ashamed, i. e. were now ashamed of their selfishness and indifference.

* present at Jerusalem kept ^a the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, *singing* with loud instruments unto the LORD.

22 And Hezekiah spake ^c comfortably unto all the Levites ^c that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and ^c making confession to the LORD God of their fathers.

23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep ^f other seven days: and they kept *other* seven days with gladness.

24 For Hezekiah king of Judah ^g did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep; and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

25 And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, ^h rejoiced.

26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel *there was not* the like in Jerusalem.

27 ⁱ Then the priests the Levites arose and ^h blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to this holy dwelling place, *even* unto heaven.

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NOW when all this was finished, all Israel that were ^g present went out to the cities of Judah, and ^h brake the ^h images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until ⁱ they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

2 ^h And Hezekiah appointed ^h the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and ⁱ to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD.

3 ^h He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, *to wit*, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as *it is written* in the ^h law of the LORD.

4 Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the ^h portion of the priests and the Levites, that ^h they might be encouraged in ^h the law of the LORD.

5 ^h And as soon as the commandment ^h came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance ^h the first-fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and ^h honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all *things* brought they in abundantly.

6 And concerning the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah,

B. C. 726.

* found.

a Ex. 12. 15.

b Le. 27. 30.

De. 14. 23.

† heaps,

heaps.

‡ instru-

ments of

strength.

§ to the heart

of all.

Is. 40. 2.

c De. 33. 10.

d 2 Co. 8. 16.

Ep. 1. 3.

Phi. 4. 10, 19.

1 Th. 3. 9.

e Ezr. 10. 11.

f 1 Ki. 8. 65.

† lifted up,

or, offered.

g ch. 35. 7, 8.

h Hag. 2. 18, 19.

Mal. 3. 10.

i 1 Ti. 4. 8.

* or, store-

houses.

k Ps. 32. 11.

92. 4.

l Ne. 13. 13.

† at the hand

m Nu. 6. 23.

† the habita-

tion of his

holiness.

Ps. 68. 5.

§ found.

n Ex. 23. 24.

De. 7. 5.

2 Ki. 18. 4.

h statues,

ch. 30. 14.

* at his hand

o Jos. 21. 9.

† to make

an end.

‡ or, trust,

1 Ch. 9. 22.

p 1 Ch. xxiii.

xxvi.

r Ps. cxxxiv.

135. 1. 3.

136. 26.

s 1 Ch. 23. 24.

27.

§ or, trust,

t Is. 5. 16.

Ro. 15. 16.

u Nu. xxviii.

xxix.

v Le. 25. 34.

Nu. 35. 2.

x Nu. 18. 8, &c.

Ne. 13. 10.

y ver. 12. 15.

z 1 Co. 9. 9. 14

Ga. 6. 6.

a Mal. 2. 7.

h brake

forth.

b Ex. 22. 29.

Pr. 3. 9.

c 2 Ki. 20. 3.

Lu. 1. 6.

Jno. 1. 47.

Ac. 24. 16.

1 Th. 2. 10.

* or, dates.

they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the ^b tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid *them* ^c by heaps.

7 In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished *them* in the seventh month.

8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, ^d they blessed the LORD, and his people Israel.

9 Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

10 And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said,

^e Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.

11 ^h Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare ^h chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared *them*,

12 And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated *things* faithfully: ⁱ over which Cononiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next.

13 And Jehiel, and Azariah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers ⁱ under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.

14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the east, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things.

15 And ^h next him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in ^h the cities of the priests, in *their* ⁱ set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small:

16 Beside their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, *even* unto every one that entereth into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses;

17 Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites ^h from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses;

18 And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation. for in their ^h set office ^h they sanctified themselves in holiness:

19 Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, *which were* in ^h the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were ^h expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.

20 ^h And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and ^h wrought that *which was* good and right and truth before the LORD his God.

21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek

CHAP. XXXI.—2. tents, 'camp;' the whole space within the outer wall that surrounded the temple, is thus called, because here the people assembled to worship, and here the musicians and singers were stationed. 11. chambers, 'storehouses,' 'granaries.'

There were many in the temple for that purpose, but they had been otherwise employed. The king ordered them to be prepared for the tithes; and the abundance brought showed that God had blessed them.

his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

CHAP. XXXII.

AFTER ^a these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought ^{*} to win them for himself.

2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that [†] he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,

3 He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which *were* without the city: and they did help him.

4 So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that [†] ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?

5 Also [‡] he strengthened himself, ^{*} and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired [§] Millo in the city of David, and made [§] darts and shields in abundance.

6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and [¶] spake comfortably to them, saying,

7 Be [‡] strong and courageous, [‡] be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for [‡] there be more with us than with him:

8 With him is an [†] arm of flesh; but [‡] with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people [†] rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9 [¶] After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he himself laid siege against Lachish, and all his [†] power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that *were* at Jerusalem, saying,

10 Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria: Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide ^{*} in the siege in Jerusalem?

11 Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, ^{*} The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

12 Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of other lands? ^{*} were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?

14 Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that [‡] your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?

15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall ^{*} your God deliver you out of mine hand?

B. C. 713.

a 2 Ki. 18. 13, &c.
Is. 36. 1, &c.
b 2 Ki. 19. 9, &c.

* to break them up.

† his face was to war.

c He. 12. 22.

‡ overflowed.

d Is. 22. 9, 10.

e ch. 25. 23.

f Mat. 13. 49.

g 2 Sa. 5. 9.

h 1 Ki. 9. 24.

i or, swords, or, weapons

¶ spake to their heart.

ch. 30. 22.

Is. 40. 2.

* made him fall.

h Da. 31. 6.

i ch. 20. 15.

k 2 Ki. 6. 16.

l Je. 17. 5.

m 1 Jsa. 4. 4.

n ch. 13. 12.

o Ro. 8. 31.

† precious things.

n ch. 17. 5.

‡ leaned.

o ch. 1. 1.

p 2 Ki. 20. 1, &c.

Is. 38. 1, &c.

or, wrought a miracle for him.

¶ dominion.

q Ps. 116. 12.

r ch. 26. 16.

Hab. 2. 4.

t ch. 24. 18.

u Ps. 4. 2, 3.

* or, in the strong hold.

v Je. 26. 18, 19.

† the lifting up.

x Ps. 3. 2.

11. 1. 3.

42. 10.

71. 11.

Mat. 27. 43.

2 Ki. 20. 19.

† instruments of desire.

z Ps. 115. 3. 8.

Is. 44. 8, &c.

Je. 10. 11, 12.

16.

1 Co. 8. 4.

a 2 Ch. 29. 12.

b Ex. 14. 3. 4.

15. 9. 11.

Is. 42. 8.

c Is. 22. 9, 11.

§ inter-preters.

d Is. 39. 2.

e Ex. 5. 1.

f Da. 3. 15.

16 And his servants spake yet more against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah.

17 He [‡] wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand.

18 Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that *were* on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.

19 And they spake against ^{*} the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, *which were* the work of the hands of man.

20 And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

21 [¶] And [‡] the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels ^{*} slew him there with the sword.

22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side.

23 And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and [†] presents [‡] to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was [‡] magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

24 [¶] In [‡] those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he [‡] gave him a sign.

25 But Hezekiah ^{*} rendered not again according to the benefit *done* unto him; for ^{*} his heart was lifted up: [‡] therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

26 Notwithstanding ^{*} Hezekiah humbled himself for [†] the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them [‡] in the days of Hezekiah.

27 [¶] And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasures for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of [‡] pleasant jewels;

28 Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks.

29 Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for ^{*} God had given him substance very much.

30 This ^{*} same Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

31 [¶] Howbeit in the business of the [‡] ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who [‡] sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was *done* in the land, God

left him, to ^a try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

32 ^a Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his ^b goodness, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the ^c book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him ^d honour at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIII.

MANASSEH ^e was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem:

2 But did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the ^f abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

3 ^g For he ^h built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had ⁱ broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and ^j made groves, and worshipped ^k all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, ^l In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven ^m in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And ⁿ he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In ^o this house, and in Jerusalem, which ^p I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

8 Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; ^q so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.

9 So Manasseh ^r made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and ^s to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 And ^t the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.

11 ^u Wherefore ^v the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host ^w of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and ^x bound him with ^y fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

12 And ^z when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and ^{aa} humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.

13 And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh ^{ab} knew that the LORD he was God.

14 Now after this he built a wall with-

B. C. 712.

^a De. 8. 2.
^b 1 Ki. 1. 33.
^c kindnesses.
^d ch. 27. 3.
^e or, the tower.
^f Is. xxxvi. xxxix.
^g 2 Ki. xviii. xx.
^h Is. 2. 17. 21.
ⁱ Ho. 14. 1. 3.
^j Mat. 3. 8.
^k or, in highest.
^l Pr. 10. 7.
^m Le. 7. 12.
ⁿ 2 Ki. 21. 1. &c.
^o De. 18. 9.
^p Pr. 15. 8.
^q Ac. 9. 11.
^r 1 Jno. 1. 9.
^s 1 Sa. 9. 9.
^t returned and built.
^u 2 Ki. 18. 4.
^v De. 16. 21.
^w De. 17. 3.
^x De. 12. 11.
^y 1 Ki. 8. 29. 9. 3.
^z or, Hosai.
^{aa} ch. 4. 9.
^{ab} Le. 18. 21.
^{ac} 2 Ki. 23. 10.
^{ad} 2 Ki. 21. 19. &c.
^{ae} Lu. 12. 19. 20.
^{af} Ja. 4. 13. 15.
^{ag} Ps. 132. 13. 14.
^{ah} Je. 32. 34.
^{ai} ver. 12.
^{aj} Ps. 78. 68.
^{ak} multiplied trespass.
^{al} De. 28. 1. 14.
^{am} Is. 1. 19. 20.
^{an} Eze. 33. 25. 26.
^{ao} Pr. 29. 12.
^{ap} Mi. 6. 16.
^{aq} d 2 Ki. 22. 1. &c.
^{ar} Le. 18. 24.
^{as} Eze. 16. 45. 47.
^{at} Ne. 9. 29. 30.
^{au} Je. 25. 4. 7. 44. 4. 5.
^{av} Ac. 7. 51. 52.
^{aw} Job 36. 8.
^{ax} which were the king's.
^{ay} ch. 15. 2.
^{az} Ps. 107. 10. 11.
^{ba} 1 Ki. 13. 2.
^{bb} or, chains.
^{bc} ch. 33. 17. 22.
^{bd} De. 4. 30. 31.
^{be} Ps. 119. 67.
^{bf} Je. 31. 18. 20.
^{bg} Lu. 15. 17. 19.
^{bh} Lu. 18. 14.
^{bi} Ja. 4. 10.
^{bj} 1 Pe. 5. 6.
^{bk} Le. 26. 30.
^{bl} or, sun images.
^{bm} Ps. 9. 16.
^{bn} Da. 4. 25.
^{bo} Jno. 17. 3.
^{bp} He. 8. 11.
^{bq} face of the graves.

out the city of David, on the west side of ^b Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed ^c about ^d Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

15 And ^e he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city.

16 And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings, and ^f thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

17 Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the LORD their God only.

18 ^g Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of ^h the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.

19 His prayer also, and how God was intreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of ⁱ the seers.

20 ^j So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

21 ^k Amon ^l was two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned ^m two years in Jerusalem.

22 But he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them;

23 And humbled not himself before the LORD, ⁿ as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon ^o trespassed more and more.

24 And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house.

25 ^p But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIV.

JOSIAH ^q was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined ^r neither to the right hand, nor to the left.

3 ^s For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to ^t seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began ^u to purge Judah and Jerusalem ^v from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.

4 And ^w they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the ^x images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the ^y graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.

5 And he ^a burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

6 And so *did he* in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their *mattocks round about.

7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had ^a beaten the graven images † into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

8 ¶ Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maasiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

9 And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered [§] the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem.

10 And they put *it* in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD, to repair and amend the house:

11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they *it*, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and ^h to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

12 And the men did the work ^k faithfully: and the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward; and *other of the Levites*, all that could skill of instruments of musick.

13 Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and *were* overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: ^m and of the Levites *there were* scribes, and officers, and porters.

14 ¶ And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest ^o found a book of the law of the LORD *given* † by Moses.

15 And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, ¶ I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.

16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed [§] to thy servants, they do *it*.

17 And they have [§] gathered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.

18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan ^u read † it before the king.

19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that ^t he rent his clothes.

20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and I Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,

B. C. 630.

a 1 Ki. 13. 2.

b Ps. 25. 14.

Pr. 3. 6.

Am. 3. 7.

c Ps. 76. 7.

Da. 9. 5. 7.

Na. 1. 6.

Ro. 1. 18.

2. 8. 12.

4. 15.

* or, mauls.

d De. 9. 21.

† to make powder.

e 2 Ki. 22. 14.

± or, Harhas.

§ garments.

|| or, in the school, or, in the second part.

f Jos. 23. 16.

Is. 5. 4. 6.

Je. 6. 19.

19. 3. 15.

35. 17.

Da. 9. 11. 14.

g 2 Ki. 12. 4.

&c.

Phi. 4. 8.

h Je. 7. 20.

Eze. 20. 48.

Mar. 9. 43.

48.

* or, to rafter.

i Ps. 51. 17.

Is. 57. 15.

k Ne. 7. 2.

Mat. 24. 45.

Lu. 16. 1. 10.

12.

l Co. 4. 2. 3.

3 Jno. 5.

m Ps. 37. 37.

n 1 Ch. 23. 4. 5.

o 2 Ki. 23. 1.

&c.

p 2 Ki. 22. 8.

&c.

† by the hand of.

p De. 31. 24. 26.

± from great even to small.

§ to the hand of.

r ch. 6. 13.

2 Ki. 11. 14.

23. 3.

|| poured out, or, melted.

* found.

s De. 17. 18. 20.

Je. 13. 18.

22. 1. 2.

† in it.

t Je. 36. 22. 24.

Joel 2. 13.

Jon. 3. 5. 8.

u 1 Ki. 11. 5.

± or, Achbor.

v 2 Ki. 22. 12.

w Je. 3. 10.

§ from after.

21 Go, [§] enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is ^c the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.

22 And Hilkiah, and *they* that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of [§] Tikvath, the son of [§] Hasrah, keeper of the [§] wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem ^{||} in the college:) and they spake to her to that effect.

23 ¶ And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, [§] I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:

25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, ^k and shall not be quenched.

26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel concerning the words which thou hast heard;

27 Because thine [†] heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard *thee* also, saith the LORD.

28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, [†] and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

29 ¶ Then ^h the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, [†] great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD.

31 And the king stood in [†] his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

32 And he caused all that were ^u present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to *it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And Josiah took away all the ^u abominations out of all the countries that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the LORD their God. ^v And all his days they departed not [§] from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

CHAP. XXXV.

MOREOVER ^a Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the ^c fourteenth day of the first month.

2 And he set the priests in their ^c charges, and ^f encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD,

3 And said unto the Levites ^e that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the LORD,

^a Put the holy ark ⁱ in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; ^k it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his people Israel,

4 And prepare yourselves by the ^m houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the ^o writing of David king of Israel, and according to the ^p writing of Solomon his son.

5 And ^r stand in the holy place according to the divisions of ^t the families of the fathers of your brethren ^s the people, and after the division of the families of the Levites.

6 So kill the passover, and ^t sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that they may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

7 And ^u Josiah ^u gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these were of the king's substance.

8 And his princes ^t gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover offerings two thousand and six hundred small cattle, and three hundred oxen.

9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, ^g gave unto the Levites for passover offerings five thousand small cattle, and five hundred oxen.

10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment.

11 And they killed the passover, and the priests ^t sprinkled the blood from their hands, and the Levites ^b flayed them.

12 And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as it is written ^q in the book of Moses. And so did they with the oxen.

13 And they ^f roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: but the other holy offerings ^g sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and I divided them ^q speedily among all the people.

14 And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron were busied in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

B. C. 623.

a 2 Ki. 23. 21, 22.

* station.

b 1 Ch. 25. 1, &c.

c Ex. 12. 6, Ezr. 6. 19.

d 1 Ch. 9. 17, 18, 26. 14, &c.

e ch. 23. 18, f ch. 29. 5, 11.

g ch. 30. 22, De. 33. 10.

h ch. 34. 14, i ch. 5. 7.

k 1 Ch. 23. 26, t found.

l ch. 30. 21, Ex. 12. 15.

m 1 Ch. 9. 10, n 2 Ki. 23. 22, 23.

o 1 Ch. xxiii. xxvi.

p ch. 8. 14, q Ps. 134. 1.

r the house of the fathers.

s the sons of the people.

t Je. 46. 2, u ch. 29. 5, 15.

v ch. 30. 21, Ezr. 6. 20.

w house.

x ch. 30. 24, y offered.

z the house of my war.

aa offered.

ab 1 Ki. 22. 34.

ac offered.

ad made sick.

ae 1 Ki. 22. 34.

af 2 Ki. 23. 30.

ag Ps. 36. 6, Ec. 8. 14.

ah 9. 1, 2.

ai or, among the sepulchres.

aj Zec. 12. 11.

ak ch. 29. 22.

al Le. 1. 5, 6.

am Nu. 18. 3, 7.

an He. 9. 21, 22.

ao La. 4. 20.

ap ch. 29. 34.

aq Mat. 9. 23.

ar Je. 22. 20.

as Le. 3. 3.

at kindnesses.

au Ex. 12. 8, 9.

av De. 16. 7.

aw 1 Sa. 2. 13.

ax 15.

ay made them run.

az Ro. 12. 11.

ba 2 Ki. 23. 30, &c.

15 And the singers the sons of Asaph were in their ^a place, according to the commandment ^b of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters ^c waited at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

16 So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah.

17 And the children of Israel that were ^d present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of ^e unleavened bread seven days.

18 And ^f there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.

20 ^g After ^h all this, when Josiah had prepared the ⁱ temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Charchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him.

21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? ^j I come not against thee this day, but against ^k the house where-with I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from meddling with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not.

22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but ^l disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

23 And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore ^m wounded.

24 His ⁿ servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and ^o he died, and was buried ^p in one of the sepulchres of his fathers. And ^q all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

25 ^r And Jeremiah ^s lamented for Josiah; and ^t all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, ^u and made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they are written in the lamentations.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his ^v goodness, according to ^w that which was written in the law of the LORD,

27 And his deeds, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

CHAP. XXXVI.

THEN ^a the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem.

2 Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

CHAP. XXXV.—5. families of the fathers, 'paternal families.'—Boothr. According to their families, they were to provide a lamb for the passover. If they were sufficient to eat a whole lamb, they were to have a Levite to slay it; hence the Levites were

distributed among the families. See 2 Kin. xxiii. 21 &c. and notes there.

CHAP. XXXVI.—1. took Jehoahaz, &c. see 2 Kin. xxiii. and xxiv., notes.

3 And the king of Egypt * put him down at Jerusalem, and † condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

5 † Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God.

6 Against † him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in * fetters, to † carry him to Babylon.

7 Nebuchadnezzar * also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and † Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

9 † Jehoiachin * was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.

10 And § when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, † with the † goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made * Zedekiah * his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 † Zedekiah * was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the LORD.

13 And † he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he † stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.

14 † Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen;

B. C. 610.

* removed him.

† mulcted.

† Je. 25. 3, 4.

† by the hand of.

§ i. e. continually and carefully.

b Je. 5. 12, 13.

c Pr. 1. 25, 30.

d Mat. 23. 34.

e Ps. 79. 5.

† healing.

f Je. 28. 49.

g Ps. 74. 20.

h 2 Ki. 24. 1.

* or, chains:

foretold.

Hab. 1. 6.

i Je. 36. 30.

k Da. 1. 1, 2.

l 2 Ki. 25. 13.

&c.

m Ps. 74. 6, 7.

† or, Jecooniah,

1 Ch. 3. 16.

or, Coniah,

Je. 22. 24.

n 2 Ki. 24. 8.

† the remainder from.

o Je. 27. 7.

§ at the return of the year.

p Da. 5. 2.

|| vessels of desire.

* or, Mattaniah, his father's brother,

2 Ki. 24. 17.

r Je. 25. 9, 12.

s Je. 37. 1.

t Le. 26. 34, 35.

u Le. 25. 4, 5.

v Je. 52. 1, &c.

x Ezr. 1. 1.

y Je. 33. 10. 14.

z Is. 44. 28.

a Eze. 17. 15, 18.

b 2 Ki. 17. 14.

and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

15 And † the LORD God of their fathers sent to them † by his messengers, rising up § betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

16 But † they mocked the messengers of God, and † despised his words, and † misused his prophets, until the † wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no † remedy.

17 Therefore † he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who † slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand.

18 And † all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon.

19 And † they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

20 And † them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; † where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:

21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of † Jeremiah, until the land † had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate † she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

22 † Now † in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of † Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of † Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

E Z R A.

Ezra was a priest and scribe of the house of Aaron, and wrote this book to record the return of the Jews from Babylon to Jerusalem, after the seventy years' captivity.

CHAP. I.

NOW in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD † by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, † the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, † that he † made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged † me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

3 Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and

B. C. 536.

a Da. 6. 26.

Ac. 10. 36.

b Je. 25. 12.

c 3 Jno. 6. 8.

d Pr. 21. 1.

* lift him up.

e ch. 5. 13, 14.

† caused a voice to pass.

f Is. 44. 28.

g Phi. 2. 13.

† i. e. helped them.

build the house of the LORD God of Israel, († he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, † let the men of his place † help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

5 † Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit † God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

6 And all they that were about them † strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with

beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was ^a willingly offered.

7 ^a Also ^b Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods;

8 Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto ^d Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.

9 And this is the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives,

10 Thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand.

11 All ^c the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up with them of [†] the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

CHAP. II.

NOW ^e these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, ^a whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city;

2 Which came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, ^g Seraiah, ^h Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, ⁱ Mizpar, Bigvai, [†] Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

3 The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

5 The children of Arah, ^j seven hundred seventy and five.

6 The children of ^k Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.

9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

10 The children of ^l Bani, six hundred forty and two.

11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three.

12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.

13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.

14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six.

15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.

16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.

18 The children of ^m Jorah, an hundred and twelve.

19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.

20 The children of ⁿ Gibbar, ninety and five.

21 The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred twenty and three.

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^a Ps. 110. 3.

² Co. 9. 7.

^b ch. 5. 14.
6. 5.

^c or, Beth-azmaveth, Ne. 7. 28.

^d 2 Ki. 24. 13.
2 Ch. 36. 7.

^e ch. 5. 14.

^f 2 Ti. 2. 20, 21.

^g ver. 7.

[†] the transportation.

^h or, Harid, as it is in some copies

ⁱ Ne. 7. 6, &c.

^j 2 Ki. 24. 14.
16.
25. 11.

^k 2 Ch. 36. 20.

^l 1 Ch. 24. 7.

^m 1 Ch. 24. 14.

ⁿ or, Azariah, Ne. 7. 7.

^o or, Raamiah.

^p 1 Ch. 9. 12.

^q or, Mispreth.

^r or, Nehum.

^s 1 Ch. 24. 8.

^t or, Judah, ch. 3. 9.
called also Hodevah, Ne. 7. 43.

^u Ne. 7. 10.

^v Ne. 7. 11.

^w 1 Ch. 9. 2.

^x or, Binnui, Ne. 7. 15.

^y or, Sia.

^z or, Shamlat.

^{aa} or, Nephtesim.

^{ab} or, Bazlith, Ne. 7. 54.

^{ac} or, Hariph, Ne. 7. 24.

^{ad} or, Gibeon, Ne. 7. 25.

^{ae} 1 Ki. 9. 21.

^{af} or, Perida, Ne. 7. 37.

22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six.

23 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

24 The children of ^{ag} Azmaveth, forty and two.

25 The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three.

26 The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

27 The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two.

28 The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty and three.

29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two.

30 The children of Magbish, an hundred fifty and six.

31 The children of the other ^{ah} of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

33 The children of Lod, ^{ai} Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five.

34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

35 The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.

36 ^{aj} The priests: the children of ^{ak} Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

37 The children of ^{al} Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

38 The children of ^{am} Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

39 The children of ^{an} Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

40 ^{ao} The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of ^{ap} Hodaviah, seventy and four.

41 ^{aq} The singers: the children of Asaph an hundred twenty and eight.

42 ^{ar} The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all an hundred thirty and nine.

43 ^{as} The ^{at} Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,

44 The children of Keros, the children of ^{au} Siabai, the children of Padon,

45 The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,

46 The children of Hagab, the children of ^{av} Shalmai, the children of Hanan,

47 The children of Giddel, the children of Gabar, the children of Reaiah,

48 The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam,

49 The children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai,

50 The children of Asnah, the children of Mehumim, the children of ^{aw} Nephusim,

51 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

52 The children of ^{ax} Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

53 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah,

54 The children of Nezhiah, the children of Hatipha.

55 ^{ay} The children of ^{az} Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of ^{ba} Peruda,

denoting the vastness of his empire. 8. *Sheshbazzar*, the Babylonian name of Zerubbabel. 9. *knives*, probably of flint, and costly; used in circumcision

and for sacrifices. 10. *basons*, or cups with covers. CHAP. II. — 1. *children of*, &c. 'posterity of the province,' i. e. of Babylon, say some; others think, of

The whole number of the people.

56 The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

57 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaiim, the children of * Ami.

58 All the ⁶ Nethinims, and the children of ^c Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

59 And these were they which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsa, Cherub, [†] Aidan, and Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, and their [‡] seed, whether they were of Israel:

60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two.

61 [¶] And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai: which took a wife of the daughters of [†] Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name:

62 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: [‡] therefore ^{*} were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

63 And the [†] Tirshatha said unto them, that they ^m should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with [¶] Urim and with Thummim.

64 [¶] The [¶] whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore,

65 Beside their servants and their maids, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and there were among them two hundred singing men and singing women.

66 Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five;

67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

68 [¶] And [¶] some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which is at Jerusalem, [¶] offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place:

69 They gave after their ability unto the [¶] treasure of the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

70 So [¶] the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

CHAP. III.

AND when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then stood up ^{*} Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and [†] Zerubbabel the son of [†] Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God

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^a De. 12. 5.

^{*} or, Amon, Ne. 7. 59.

^b Jos. 9. 21, 27.

^c 1 Ki. 9. 21.

^d Nu. 25. 3. 4.

^e Zec. 14. 16, 17.

[†] or, Addon, Ne. 7. 61.

[‡] Ex. 23. 16.

[§] Nu. 29. 12, &c.

[¶] or, pedigree.

[¶] the matter of the day in his day.

[¶] Ex. 29. 38.

[¶] 2 Sa. 17. 27.

[¶] temple of the LORD was not yet founded.

[¶] Nu. 3. 10.

[¶] they were polluted from the priesthood.

[¶] or, workmen.

[¶] 1 Ki. 5. 6, 9.

[¶] 2 Ch. 2. 10.

[¶] Ac. 12. 20.

[¶] or, governor.

[¶] Ne. 8. 9.

[¶] Le. 22. 2, 10, 15, 16.

[¶] Ac. 9. 36.

[¶] ch. 6. 3.

[¶] Ex. 28. 30.

[¶] Nu. 27. 21.

[¶] Ne. 7. 67.

[¶] 1 Ch. 23. 24, 27.

[¶] ch. 2. 40.

[¶] or, Hodaviah, ch. 2. 40.

[¶] as one.

[¶] Ne. 7. 70.

[¶] Lu. 21. 1. 4.

[¶] 2 Co. 9. 7.

[¶] 1 Ch. 16. 5, 6, 42.

[¶] 1 Ch. 26. 20.

[¶] 1 Ch. 6. 31.

[¶] 2 Ch. 7. 3.

[¶] Ne. 7. 73.

[¶] Ps. cxxxvi. 145. 1. 10.

[¶] Je. 33. 11.

[¶] Hag. 2. 3.

[¶] or, Joshua, Hag. 1. 1.

[¶] 2. 2.

[¶] Zec. 3. 1.

[¶] Called Zerubbabel, Mat. 1. 12.

[¶] Called Salathiel, Lu. 3. 27.

The foundation of the temple laid.

of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is ^a written in the law of Moses the man of God.

3 And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, even ^a burnt offerings morning and evening.

4 They ^c kept also the feast of tabernacles, ^f as it is written, and [§] offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, [§] as the duty of every day required;

5 And afterward offered the [‡] continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD.

6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the [¶] foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid.

7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the [†] carpenters; and [‡] meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of [¶] Joppa, [¶] according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

8 [¶] Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; [¶] and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.

9 Then stood [†] Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of [§] Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites.

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, [¶] they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the [¶] ordinance of David king of Israel.

11 And [¶] they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; [¶] because he is good, [¶] for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

12 But [¶] many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise

Judea. 63. *Tirshatha*, a name of grandeur in the Chaldee, and is here equivalent to governor, evidently meaning Zerubbabel, chap. i. 8. with *Urim*, &c. i. e. one who would have power given him to solve all difficulties in religious matters. This expression is all one, as the Talmudists say, as if it had been said, Until the dead rise or Messiah come; and who is come, the true High-priest, with whom are the true *Urim* and *Thummim*, lights and perfections. 69. *drams*, or *daries*, a Persian gold coin, valued at one pound and fourpence, by Bp. Cumberland; but by Brerewood at fifteen shillings only.

CHAP. III.—1. *was come*, or *drew nigh*. 8. *second year*, the previous time had been employed in preparations, hewing, &c. 12. *wept*—*shouted*, those who had been born in a strange land, or had been taken thither so early as to have no distinct recollection of Jerusalem, rejoiced to see the foundations of a goodly structure laid; while those ancient men who had seen the first house, and knew how inadequate their means were to build another comparable to it in magnificence, wept aloud. We weep in silence, but among the easterns tears are usually attended with lamenting cries.

of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

CHAP. IV.

NOW when ^a the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that [†] the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel;

² Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye *do*; and we do sacrifice unto him: [†] since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither.

³ But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, ^a Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as ^c king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

⁴ Then ^f the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,

⁵ And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

⁶ And in the reign of [†] Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they unto him an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

⁷ [†] And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote [†] Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their [†] companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

⁸ Rehun the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort:

⁹ Then wrote Rehun the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their [†] companions; ² the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsathchites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, and the Elamites,

¹⁰ And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Assnapper brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest that are on this side the river, [†] and [†] at such a time.

¹¹ [†] This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, [†] even unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time.

¹² Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building [†] the rebellious and the bad city, and have [†] set up the walls thereof, and [†] joined the foundations.

¹³ Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls set up [†] again, then will they not [†] pay [†] toll, tribute, and custom, and so thou shalt endanger the [†] revenue of the kings.

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[†] Ch. we are sated with the salt of the palace.

^a Eze. 33. 31.

^b Jer. 12. 5, 6.

^c ver. 7. 9.

[†] the sons of the trans-

[†] Ch. made.

[†] Ch. in the midst thereof.

^c ver. 10.

² Ki. 17. 24.

32. 33.

19. 37.

^d Ne. 2. 20.

[†] Ch. societies.

^e ch. 1. 1. 3.

^f ch. 3. 3.

[†] Ch. by me a decree is set.

[†] Ch. lifted up itself.

[†] Ahasuerus.

^g 1 Ki. 4. 21.

^h Ps. 72. 8.

ⁱ Ge. 15. 18.

^j Jos. 1. 4.

[†] Ch. Make a decree.

[†] or, in peace.

[†] societies.

[†] or, secretary.

ⁱ Pr. 4. 16.

^j Mi. 2. 1.

^k Ro. 3. 15. 18.

[†] Ch. societies.

² Ki. 17. 30.

31.

[†] Ch. arm.

^l ver. 11, 17.

^m Hag. 1. 1.

[†] Ch. Cheeneth.

ⁿ Zec. 1. 1.

^o ch. 3. 2.

^p 2 Ki. 18. 20.

^q Lu. 23. 2. 5.

^r Ac. 24. 5.

[†] or, finished.

² Co. 1. 24.

[†] Ch. sewed together.

^s ch. 6. 6.

^t ver. 9.

^u Mar. 11. 27.

25.

^v Ac. 4. 7.

[†] Ch. give.

^w ch. 7. 24.

^x or, strength

¹⁴ Now because [†] we have maintenance from the king's palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we sent and certified the king;

¹⁵ That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have [†] moved sedition [†] within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed.

¹⁶ We certify the king that, if this city be builded [†] again, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river.

¹⁷ [†] Then sent the king an answer unto Rehun the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their [†] companions that dwell in Samaria, and unto the rest beyond the river, [†] peace, and at such a time.

¹⁸ The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me.

¹⁹ And [†] I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath [†] made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein.

²⁰ There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have [†] ruled over all countries [†] beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them.

²¹ [†] Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until [†] another commandment shall be given from me.

²² Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

²³ [†] Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehun, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, [†] they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by [†] force and power.

²⁴ Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

CHAP. V.

THEN the prophets, ^m Haggai the prophet, and ⁿ Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, [†] even unto them.

² Then rose up ^o Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God [†] helping them.

³ [†] At the same time came to them [†] Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-bozmai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, [†] Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall?

⁴ Then said they unto them after this

CHAP. IV.—1. *adversaries*, the Samaritans. 2. *we seek your God*, this was not true, for they did not worship him alone, but with idols. 5. *hired counsellors*, bribed the courtiers or chief officers, a thing common under despotic princes. 5. *all the days of Cyrus*, who being at war, could not attend to such matters. 6. *Ahasuerus*, who married Esther, generally supposed to have been Cambyses, the son of Cyrus, but was perhaps Xerxes. 7. *Artaxerxes*, thought to be Smerdis, but was perhaps Artaxerxes Longimanus. The name was common to Persian

kings. 9. *Dinaites*, &c. colonies from Chaldaea, Media, and Persia, settled in the several cities of Samaria. 10. *Anapper*, thought to be the name by which Esaraddon was known in the eastern parts of the Assyrian empire, 2 Kin. xix. 37. 13. *toll, tribute, and custom*, taken in all sorts of taxes and levies on persons, goods, and merchandise.

CHAP. V.—1. *son, grandson*, for he was the son of Berechiah, Zec. i. 1. 3. *came to them Tatnai*, this visit implies that although the Jews were indulged with native governors, invested with full

The Jews misrepresented.

manner, What are the names of the men that [†] make this building?

5 But [†] the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this matter.

6 [†] The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, [†] and his companions the Apharsachites, which were on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king:

7 They sent a letter unto him, [†] wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, [†] all peace.

8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with [†] great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.

9 Then asked we those elders, and said unto them thus, [†] Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls?

10 We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were the chief of them.

11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, [†] We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded [†] and set up.

12 But [†] after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of [†] Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.

13 But in the first year of [†] Cyrus the king of Babylon the same king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

14 And [†] the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those [†] did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one, [†] whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made [†] governor;

15 And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place.

16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and [†] laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and [†] yet it is not finished.

17 Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, [†] let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

CHAP. VI.

THEN Darius the king made a decree, [†] and search was made in the house of the

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- * Ch. books.
- † Ch. made to descend.
- ‡ Ch. build.
- § ch. 7. 6, 28.
- ¶ Ps. 33. 18.
- ‡ Phil. 1. 28.
- § 1 Pe. 3. 12.
- § or, Ecabata, or, in a coffer.
- b ch. 4. 9.
- c Ps. 122. 3. 4.
- || Ch. in the midst whereof.
- d Da. 4. 1.
- Jno. 14. 27.
- 2 Th. 3. 16.
- e 1 Ki. 6. 36.
- f Ps. 68. 29.
- Is. 49. 23.
- 60. 6. 10.
- g ch. 5. 14.
- * Ch. stones of rolling.
- † Ch. go.
- || Mat. 21. 23.
- † Ch. their societies.
- i Ps. 119. 46.
- Lu. 12. 8.
- Ac. 27. 23.
- Ro. 1. 16.
- Ga. 6. 14.
- k Ac. 5. 38. 39.
- l 1 Ki. 6. 1.
- § Ch. by me a decree is made.
- m 2 Ch. 36. 16.
- 17.
- n 2 Ki. 24. 2.
- 25. 8, 9.
- 11.
- || Ch. made to cease.
- o ch. 1. 1.
- Is. 44. 28.
- 45. 1.
- p ch. 1. 7. 8.
- r ch. 7. 23.
- Je. 29. 7.
- * Ch. of rest.
- s Pr. 21. 1.
- t 1 Ti. 2. 1, 2.
- u Hag. 1. 14.
- 2. 2, 21.
- † or, deputy.
- Ac. 13. 7.
- † Ch. be destroyed.
- v Da. 2. 5.
- 3. 29.
- x 1 Ki. 9. 3.
- y ch. 3. 8, 10.
- z Job. 12. 13.
- Pr. 29. 26.
- a ch. 6. 15.
- b Pr. 25. 2.
- § Ch. decree.
- c ch. 1. 1.
- 5. 13.
- d ch. 5. 17.
- Job 29. 16.
- e ch. 4. 24.
- f ch. 7. 1.

Favourable decree of Darius.

* rolls, where the treasures were [†] laid up in Babylon.

2 And there was found at [†] Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written:

3 In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, [†] Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits;

4 With [†] three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: [†] and let the expences be given out of the king's house:

5 And also let [†] the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and [†] brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to his place, and place them in the house of God.

6 Now therefore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shethar-boznai, and [†] your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence:

7 Let [†] the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place.

8 Moreover [†] I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expences be given unto these men, that they be not [†] hindered.

9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail:

10 That they may offer sacrifices [†] of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and [†] pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

11 Also I have made a decree, that who-soever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him [†] be hanged thereon; [†] and let his house be made a dunghill for this.

12 And the God that hath caused his [†] name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; [†] let it be done with speed.

13 [†] Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the [†] commandment of [†] Cyrus, and [†] Darius, and [†] Artaxerxes king of Persia.

powers for internal government, they were not entirely exempted from the control of the general governor of the province, who, however, probably seldom interfered, while peace was preserved, and while he duly received from the Hebrew governor his proportion of the annual contribution which the king

required from the province. 8. timber, of cedar wood.

CHAP. VI.—2. Achmetha, supposed to be a city afterwards called Ecbatana, a summer royal residence.

6. be ye far, do not disturb the Jews. 11. let his house, &c. so the Romans pulled down the dwellings of wicked men, for their greater disgrace.

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

16 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy.

17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,

22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

CHAP. VII.

NOW after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,

2 The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahiub,

3 The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,

4 The son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,

5 The son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest:

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

7 And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king.

8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

9 For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon,

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a Ne. 2. 8, 18.

b Ps. 119. 45.

* Ch. sons of the trans-

portation.

c 1 Ki. 8. 63.

2 Ch. 7. 5.

d De. 33. 10.

Mal. 2. 7.

e ch. 8. 35.

f Eze. 26. 7.

Da. 2. 37.

† or, to Ezra

the priest,

a perfect

scribe of

the law of

the God of

heaven,

peace, &c.

g 1 Ch. 24. 1.

h 1 Ch. 23. 6.

i ch. 4. 10.

* Ch. accord-

ing to the

writing.

k Nu. 3. 6.

8. 9.

l Ex. 12. 6.

§ Ch. from

before the

king.

m 2 Ch. 30. 15.

n Es. 1. 14.

o 2 Ch. 35. 11.

p ch. 9. 11.

q 2 Ch. 6. 2.

Ps. 135. 21.

r ch. 8. 25.

t Ex. 12. 15.

13. 6.

2 Ch. 30. 21.

35. 17.

u Pr. 21. 1.

v 1 Ch. 23. 6, 9.

2 Co. 8. 12.

9. 7.

x ch. 1. 1.

2 Ki. 23. 29.

2 Ch. 33. 11.

y De. 14. 24, 26.

Jno. 2. 13, 14.

z Nu. 15. 4, 13.

a De. 12. 5, 11.

b Ne. 2. 1.

c 1 Ch. 6. 14.

d 2 Ch. 32. 19.

Je. 3. 17.

e ch. 8. 22, 31.

f ch. 8. 1.

g ch. 8. 15, &c.

h Ch. cors.

i Whatso-

ever is of

the decree.

k Ps. 119. 4.

Ec. 9. 10.

† was the

foundation

of the going

up.

and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

11 Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel.

12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time.

13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.

14 Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand;

15 And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem,

16 And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of thy God which is in Jerusalem:

17 That thou mayest buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of thy God which is in Jerusalem.

18 And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do after the will of your God.

19 The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, those deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem.

20 And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king's treasure house.

21 And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily,

22 Unto an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred measures of wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much.

23 Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

17. number of the tribes, as many of the ten tribes returned from the Babylonish captivity, and were now mingled with Judah and Benjamin, they considered themselves as representing the whole of the Jewish nation. 22. with joy, no mourning now; after the lapse of twenty years from laying the foundation, the old men were dead. king of Assyria, the king of Persia is of course intended, who is here called by the name of the greatest conquest.

CHAP. VII.—6. a ready scribe, means, one learned in the law of God, verses 11, 12. the king granted, it was usual with the Persian monarchs to grant boons to their favourites on special occasions, and

this is thought to have been granted on the solicitation of Esther. 12. king of kings, having several kings subject to him. perfect peace, the word peace is not in the text, and the word perfect belongs to Ezra's title as a scribe, signifying that he was a most learned and complete scribe or teacher of the law of God. 14. seven counsellors, the appointment of seven counsellors or cabinet ministers to assist the king, is said to have originated in the conspirators against Smerdis being seven in number. As they placed Darius on the throne, he retained them as his counsellors. 21. beyond the river, in relation to Persia, signifies west of the Euphrates.

24 Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them.

25 And thou, Ezra, after ^a the wisdom of thy God, that ^b is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that ^c are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and ^d teach ye them that know them not.

26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether ^e it be unto death, or ^f to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

27 ^g Blessed ^h be the LORD God of our fathers, ⁱ which hath put ^j such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem:

28 And ^k hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened as ^l the hand of the LORD my God was upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

CHAP. VIII.

^m THESE are now the chief of their fathers, and ⁿ this is the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

2 Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; ^o Hattush.

3 Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of ^p Pharosh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males an hundred and fifty.

4 Of the sons of Pahath-moab; Elihoenai the son of Zerabiah, and with him two hundred males.

5 Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males.

6 Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

7 And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males.

8 And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him fourscore males.

9 Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

10 And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah and with him an hundred and threescore males.

11 And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males.

12 And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan the ^q son of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males.

13 And of the last sons of Adonikam,

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* or, Zaccur, as some read.

* Ps. 19. 7. 119. 98. 100.

Pr. 2. 6. Ja. 1. 5.

b Ex. 18. 21, 22 De. 16. 18.

+ or, pitched.

c ch. 7. 7. d Mal. 2. 7.

Mat. 23. 2, 3. Ro. 10. 14. 17.

+ Ch. to rooting out.

e Ps. 19. 7. Pr. 2. 6.

Da. 2. 21. 1 Co. 14. 20.

2 Ti. 2. 7. f 1 Ch. 29. 10.

g 2 Co. 8. 16. Ja. 1. 17.

h I put words in their mouth.

Ex. 4. 15. De. 18. 18.

2 Sa. 14. 3, 19. Je. 1. 9.

i ch. 9. 9. j Pr. 3. 6.

k ch. 8. 18. l Ne. 8. 7.

m ch. 9. 4, 5. n ch. 2. 43.

o Phi. 4. 3. p 1 Ch. 3. 22.

q Joel 1. 14. r ch. 2. 3.

s Is. 58. 3, 5. t Ps. 5. 8.

u Je. 10. 23. v 1 Co. 9. 15.

w Ro. 8. 28. x 1 Pe. 3. 12.

y 2 Ch. 15. 2. Ps. 34. 16.

z 50. 11. He. 10. 38.

1 Jo. 19. 22. Je. 23. 12, 13.

Mat. 7. 7, 8. 1 Jno. 5. 13.

|| yellow, or, shining brass.

* or, youngest son.

+ desirable.

z Le. 21. 6, 8. De. 33. 8.

Is. 52. 11. a Nu. 4. 4, 15.

whose names are these, Eliheiet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males.

* Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

15 ^a And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there ^b abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the ^c sons of Levi.

16 Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, ^d men of understanding.

17 And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia, and ^e I told them what they should say unto Iddo, and to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God.

18 And ^f by the good hand of our God upon us they ^g brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen;

19 And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty;

20 Also ^h of the Nethinims, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinims: ⁱ all of them were expressed by name.

21 ^j Then I ^k proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a ^l right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

22 For ^m I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the kings, saying, ⁿ The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but ^o his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

23 So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was ^p intreated of us.

24 ^q Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,

25 And weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, ^r even the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel ^s there present, had offered:

26 I even weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels an hundred talents, and of gold an hundred talents;

27 Also twenty basons of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of ^t fine copper, ^u precious as gold.

28 And I said unto them, Ye are ^v holy unto the LORD; the vessels are ^w holy also;

CHAP. VIII.—15. in tents three days, this is still the general custom in western Asia, with large caravans. The rendezvous is appointed at a short distance from the town, and necessarily near a stream, lake, or well, for the convenience of water. To this place the persons who purpose to be of the party proceed, with their cattle, baggage, and merchandize, if they have any, and here they remain, till the necessary arrangements are completed. 22. a band, as a guard. enemy in the way, the way they had to take has never been without enemies to all who travel through it: these are the Bedouin Arabs, whose

hands are against every man, like the hand of their progenitor Ishmael. None, but those who have resided in the district from which Ezra departed, or in some other bordering on the regions traversed by the Bedouins, can imagine half the anxiety and alarm with which a journey through them is contemplated. 25. the silver and the gold, these, exclusive of the precious copper, amount in value to nearly 515,000*l*. 27. fine copper, &c. the Asiatics still possess a compound metal, in some respects more valuable than gold, which receives the finest polish, and will not become readily tarnished.

and the silver and the gold *are* a freewill offering unto the LORD God of your fathers.

29 Watch ye, and keep *them*, until ye weigh *them* before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD.

30 So took the priests and the Levites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to Jerusalem unto *the* house of our God.

31 *¶* Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and *the* hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

32 And we *came* to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.

33 *¶* Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabab the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites;

34 By number *and* by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that time.

35 Also the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, *offered* burnt offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he goats for a sin offering: *all this* was a burnt offering unto the LORD.

36 *¶* And they delivered the king's *commissions* unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river: and *they* furthered the people, and the house of God.

CHAP. IX.

NOW when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not *separated* themselves from the people of the lands, *doing* according to their abominations, *even* of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 For they have *taken* of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the *holy* seed have *mingled* themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

3 And when I heard this thing, *I* rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down *astounded*.

4 Then were assembled unto me every one that *trembled* at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astounded until the *evening* sacrifice.

5 *¶* And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my *heaviness*; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon

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a Ex. 9. 23. 33.

b Da. 9. 7. 8.

c Ps. 38. 4.

* or, guiltiness.

d 2 Ch. 28. 9.

Re. 18. 5.

e Ps. 106. 6.

f De. 28. 36. 64

g Ps. 122. 9.

Is. 60. 13.

h ch. 7. 6. 9. 28.

† moment.

i Ne. 2. 11.

‡ or, a pin:

that is, a

constant

and sure

rhode.

Is. 22. 23.

k Ps. 13. 3.

l Ne. 9. 36.

m Ps. 136. 23.

n ch. 7. 28.

§ to set up.

o Is. 5. 2.

p Ro. 3. 19.

|| by the hand

of thy

servants.

r ch. 6. 17.

Le. 1.

Ps. 66. 10. 15

116. 17. 19

Lu. 1. 74. 75.

s ch. 6. 21.

* mouth to

mouth.

t Ki. 21. 16.

† Ex. 23. 32.

u ch. 7. 21.

v De. 23. 6.

x Is. 56. 6. 7.

y Pr. 13. 22.

z Ps. 103. 10.

+ withheld

beneath

our iniqui-

ties.

a Ne. 9. 2.

b De. 12. 30. 31

c Jno. 5. 14.

d 2Pe. 2. 20. 21.

e Ne. 13. 23. 27.

f De. 9. 8.

g Ex. 34. 16.

h De. 7. 3.

i Ex. 19. 6.

j De. 22. 31.

k Co. 7. 14.

l 2 Co. 6. 14.

m Da. 9. 14.

n Ro. 3. 19.

o 1 Co. 15. 17.

p Ps. 130. 3.

q Job 1. 20.

r Da. 9. 20.

s Ps. 143. 4.

t 2 Ch. 20. 9.

u Is. 66. 2.

+ wept a

great

weeping.

† Ex. 29. 39.

§ or, affliction

my knees, and *spread* out my hands unto the LORD my God,

6 And said, O my God, I am *ashamed* and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for *our* iniquities are increased over our head, and our *trespass* is *grown* up unto the heavens.

7 Since the days of our fathers *have* *we* been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities *have* we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as *it* is this day.

8 And now for a *little* space grace hath been *shewed* from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us *a* nail in his holy place, that our God may *lighten* our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

9 For *we were* bondmen; *yet* our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but *hath* extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and *to* repair the desolations thereof, and to give us *a* wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

10 And now, O our God, *what* shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments,

11 Which thou hast commanded *thy* servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with *the* filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from *one* end to another with their uncleanness.

12 Now therefore *give* not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, *nor* seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and *leave* it for an inheritance to your children for ever.

13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God *hast* *punished* us less than our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us *such* deliverance as this;

14 Should we *again* break thy commandments, and *join* in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be *angry* with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that *there should* be no remnant nor escaping?

15 O LORD God of Israel, *thou art* righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as *it* is this day: behold, we *are* *before* thee *in* our trespasses: for we cannot *stand* before thee because of this.

CHAP. X.

NOW when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down *before* the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore.

2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, *one* of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of

CHAP. IX.—1. *princes*, principal persons, chiefs. 2. *holy seed*, the race of Abraham, by Isaac, separated from all other nations, to serve the Lord. 3. *plucked*, &c. as do the Hindoos in distress, to this day. *astounded*, confounded, overwhelmed with grief. 6. *over our head*, like deep waters, ready to drown us. Psal. xxxviii. 4. 8. *and*, the meaning here is, to establish or fix. The general explanation has been,

that this alludes to tent nails or pins: but we have a far better given us by *Charlin*, who informs us that nails or pegs are not driven into eastern walls, as with us, but are fastened in with the brick work, while the houses are building. 9. *a wall*, a figure of protection, for it was the chief means of the security of ancient towns: see Zech. ii. 5. 15. *righteous*, rather, 'merciful' or 'gracious.'

the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

3 Now therefore let us make ^a a covenant with our God ^{*} to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that ^b tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

4 Arise; for *this matter belongeth* unto thee: we also *will* be with thee: ^c be of good courage, and do it.

5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, ^d to swear that they should do according to this word. And they sware.

6 ^e Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and when he came thither, he ^f did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away.

7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem;

8 And that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be ^g forfeited, and ^h himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.

9 ⁱ Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and ^j all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of *this matter*, and for ^k the great rain.

10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and ^l have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel.

11 Now therefore ^m make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do.

13 But the people are many, and *it is* a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither *is this* a work of one day or two: for ⁿ we are many that have transgressed in this thing.

14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until ^o the fierce wrath of our God ^p for this matter be turned from us.

15 ^q Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah ^r were employed about *this matter*: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.

16 And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain

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^a De. 29. 12.
^b 2 Ki. 11. 17.
^c 2 Ch. 15. 12.
^d 34. 31.

Ne. 10. 29.

^e *to bring forth.*

^f ch. 9. 4.
Ps. 119. 120.
Is. 66. 2.
Eze. 9. 4.
Hab. 3. 16.

^g 1 Ch. 28. 10.
Is. 25. 3, 4.
He. 10. 24.
12. 12, 13.

^h Ne. 5. 12.

ⁱ 2 Ki. 10. 15.
1 Ch. 29. 24.

^j Le. 5. 15, 16.
6. 4, 6.

^k 1 Ch. 24. 14.
Ne. 7. 40.

^l De. 9. 18.
Job 23. 12.

^m 1 Ch. 24. 8.
Ne. 7. 42.

ⁿ 1 Ch. 9. 12.
Ne. 11. 16.

^o Ne. 7. 8.
^p *devoted.*

^q Mat. 18. 17.
Jno. 9. 22, 34.
1 Co. 5. 13.

^r 1 Sa. 12. 18.
^s *the showers*

^t *have caused to dwell, or, have brought back.*

^u Ne. 7. 11.

^v Jos. 7. 19.
Ps. 32. 5.
Pr. 28. 13.

^w Je. 3. 13.
2 Co. 6. 17.
1 Jno. 1. 7-9.

^x Ne. 3. 11.
Malchijah.

^y *or, we have greatly offended in this thing.*

^z *or, Mabnadedebai, according to some copies*

^{aa} 2 Ch. 30. 8.

^{ab} *or, till this matter be dispatched*

^{ac} Ne. 7. 33.

^{ad} *stood.*

^{ae} Pr. 2. 16.
5. 3, 20.
6. 24.

chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by *their names*, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

18 ^{af} And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives: *namely*, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they ^{ag} gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and *being guilty*, ^{ah} they offered a ram of the flock for their trespass.

20 And of the sons of ^{ai} Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiab.

21 And of the sons of ^{aj} Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziab.

22 And of the sons of ^{ak} Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

23 Also of the Levites; ^{al} Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same is Keita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 Of the singers also; ^{am} Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

25 Moreover of Israel: of ^{an} the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

26 And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.

27 And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

28 Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.

29 And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheel, and Ramoth.

30 And of ^{ap} the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

31 And of the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, ^{aq} Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, 32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.

33 Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.

34 Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh,

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,

38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,

39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,

40 ^{ar} Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.

43 Of the sons of ^{as} "Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

44 All these had taken ^{at} "strange wives: and *some* of them had wives by whom they had children.

CHAP. X.—2. *hope*, of Divine pardon. 3. *make a covenant*, solemnly engage under the sanction of an oath. 8. *forfeited*, or ^{*} *devoted* to the service of the temple. 9. *street*, or court of the temple. *this matter*, the matter they were met about. *great rain*, which now fell, and which they interpreted as a token

of the Divine displeasure. 14. *our rulers—stand*, let the great sanhedrim, or court of judicature at Jerusalem, be fixed and continued. *come*, to the court at Jerusalem. 15. *were employed*, to see that this affair was conducted in the manner proposed. 44. *had children*, making separation more difficult.

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CHAP. I.

THE words of ^a Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass ^b in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in ^c Shushan the palace,

2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and *certain* men of Judah; and ^d I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are ^e in great affliction and reproach: ^f the wall of Jerusalem also ^g is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

4 ^h And it came to pass, when I heard these words, ⁱ that I sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

5 And said, I beseech thee, ^j O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, ^k that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and ^l thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, ^m day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

7 We ⁿ have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have ^o not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, ^p If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

9 But ^q if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, ^r yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

10 Now ^s these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.

11 O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who ^t desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

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- ^a ch. 10. 1.
- ^b Zec. 7. 1.
- ^c Ezr. 7. 1.
- ^d Es. 1. 2, 5.
- ^e Ps. 122. 6, 9.
- ^f Pr. 15. 13.
- ^g 1 Ki. 1. 31.
- ^h Da. 2. 4.
- ⁱ Ps. 44. 11.
- ^j Is. 32. 9. 14.
- ^k 43. 28.
- ^l La. 1. 7.
- ^m 5. 1.
- ⁿ ch. 2. 17.
- ^o 2 Ki. 25. 10.
- ^p ch. 1. 3.
- ^q Mar. 10. 51.
- ^r Ps. 102. 13.
- ^s Ro. 12. 15.
- ^t Pr. 3. 6.
- ^u Phi. 4. 6.
- ^v Da. 9. 4.
- ^w Ex. 20. 6.
- ^x He. 6. 13.. 18.
- ^y wife.
- ^z 1 Ki. 3. 28, 29.
- ^{aa} 2 Ch. 6. 40.
- ^{ab} Lu. 2. 37.
- ^{ac} 18. 7.
- ^{ad} 2 Ti. 1. 3.
- ^{ae} ch. 13. 6.
- ^{af} Ps. 106. 6.
- ^{ag} De. 28. 15.
- ^{ah} ch. 3. 7.
- ^{ai} Le. 26. 33.
- ^{aj} De. 4. 25, &c.
- ^{ak} 28. 64.
- ^{al} Ezr. 5. 5.
- ^{am} Le. 26. 39, &c.
- ^{an} De. 30. 2.
- ^{ao} Pr. 30. 21, 22.
- ^{ap} Nu. 22. 3, 4.
- ^{aq} Ps. 112. 10.
- ^{ar} Pr. 27. 4.
- ^{as} Ac. 4. 2.
- ^{at} 5. 24.
- ^{au} De. 9. 29.
- ^{av} Ezr. 8. 32.
- ^{aw} Ge. 32. 22.
- ^{ax} Jos. 10. 9.
- ^{ay} Ju. 6. 27.
- ^{az} Mat. 2. 14.
- ^{ba} Ac. 3. 7.
- ^{bb} Am. 5. 13.
- ^{bc} Mat. 10. 16.
- ^{bd} Is. 26. 8.
- ^{be} He. 13. 18.
- ^{bf} 2 Co. 8. 16.
- ^{bg} Ja. 1. 16, 17.

CHAP. II.

AND it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of ^a Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been *beforetime* sad in his presence.

2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing *else* but ^b sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

3 And said unto the king, ^c Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when ^d the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

4 Then the king said unto me, ^e For what dost thou make request? So ^f I prayed to the God of heaven.

5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.

6 And the king said unto me, (the ^g queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him ^h a time.

7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;

8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *appertaineth* ⁱ to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, ^j according to the good hand of my God upon me.

9 ^k Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.

10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and ^l Tobiah the servant the Ammonite, heard of it, ^m it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

11 So I ⁿ came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

12 ^o And I arose ^p in the night, I and some few men with me; neither ^q told I any man what ^r my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.

CHAP. I.—3. *province*, Judea, now reduced to a province of the Persian empire. *broken down*, remains in the dilapidated state in which it was left, when destroyed by the Chaldeans, 2 Kin. xxv. 10, Ezra's attention having been devoted to the temple. 11. *cup-bearer*, who filled and presented the king's cup with wine, first tasting a portion poured into the palm of his own hand, to show that it was not poisoned. The office was considered most dignified, and was one of great emolument.

CHAP. II.—1. *I took up the wine*, it is supposed that there was a different cup-bearer for each quarter

of the year. 2. *sick*, the word also signifies 'wicked.' Nehemiah's sorrow was too oppressive to be mistaken for a mind occupied by malicious thoughts or wicked purposes. 3. *the plect*, &c. scarcely any object was more sacred in the eyes of the ancients, and especially of the Jews, than the family sepulchre. 6. *the queen*, probably Esther, and the intimation that she was present, renders it probable that she used her influence in favour of Nehemiah. *a time*, to return. 7. *letters*, persons of rank in the east, have such letters for travelling, duplicates of which are forwarded to the chiefs on their road. 7. *company*, &c. permit a safe passage. 9. *river*, i. e. Euphrates.

13 And I went out by night ^a by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were ^c broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but *there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass.*

15 Then went I up in the night by the ^fbrook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.

16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

17 ^g Then said I unto them, ^h Ye see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more ^k a reproach.

18 Then ^m I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they ^p strengthened their hands for this good work.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Gessem the Arabian, heard it, they ^r laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? ^s will ye rebel against the king?

20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: ^t but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

CHAP. III.

THEN ^u Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded ^v the sheep gate; ^w they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; ^x even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of ^y Hananeel.

2 And ^z next unto him builded ^a the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.

3 But ^b the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build, who also laid the beams thereof, and ^c set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

4 And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.

5 And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to ^d the work of their Lord.

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^a ch. 3. 13.

^b 2 Ch. 26. 9.

^c ch. 12. 39.

^d ch. 1. 3.

^e Jos. 9. 3, &c.

^f 2 Sa. 21. 1, 2.

^g ch. 2. 8.

^h 2 Sa. 15. 23.

ⁱ Je. 31. 40.

^j Jno. 18. 1.

^k Is. 46. 6.

^l Ge. 50. 2.

^m Ex. 30. 25.

ⁿ or, left.

^o La. 2. 2.

^p 3. 51.

^q ch. 1. 3.

^r Ps. 44. 13.

^s 79. 4.

^t Je. 24. 9.

^u Eze. 5. 14, 15.

^v 22. 4.

^w second

measure.

^x ch. 12. 38.

^y Is. 35. 3, 4.

^z Ex. 35. 25.

^a Lu. 8. 3.

^b Phi. 4. 3.

^c ch. 2. 13.

^d 2 Sa. 2. 7.

^e Hag. 1. 13, 14.

^f Ep. 6. 10.

^g Ps. 80. 6.

^h Mat. 9. 24.

ⁱ He. 11. 36.

^j Je. 6. 1.

^k ch. 6. 6.

^l Ezr. 4. 3.

^m Ac. 8. 21.

ⁿ Is. 8. 6.

^o Shiloah.

^p Lu. 13. 4.

^q Jno. 9. 7.

^r Siloam.

^s ch. 12. 10.

^t Jno. 5. 2.

^u De. 20. 5.

^v Ps. 30. title.

^w ch. 12. 39.

^x Ac. 2. 29.

^y Je. 31. 38.

^z Zec. 14. 10.

^a 2 Ki. 20. 20.

^b Is. 22. 11.

^c at his hand.

^d Ezr. 2. 34.

^e 2 Ch. 33. 14.

^f Zep. 1. 10.

^g ch. 6. 1.

^h 7. 1.

ⁱ 2 Ch. 26. 9.

^j or, Zaccai.

^k Ju. 5. 23.

^l 1 Co. 3. 9.

^m 2 Co. 6. 1.

6 Moreover ^b the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

7 And next unto them repaired Melatiah ^c the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the ^d throne of the governor on this side the river.

8 Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of ^e the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of one of ^f the apothecaries, and they ^g fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall.

9 And next unto them repaired Rephiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.

10 And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabiah.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-moab, repaired the tother piece, ^h and the tower of the furnaces.

12 And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he ⁱ and his daughters.

13 The ^j valley gate repaired Hanan, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate.

14 But the dung gate repaired Malchijah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of ^k Beth-haccerem; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

15 But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of ^l Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David.

16 After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Bethzur, unto the place over against ^m the sepulchres of David, and to the ⁿ pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty.

17 And after him repaired the Levites, Rehun the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part.

18 After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah.

19 And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over against the going up to the armoury at the ^o turning of the wall.

20 After him Baruch the son of ^p Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning of the wall unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

13. dragon well, perhaps so named on account of the serpent form of the pipe by which the water was poured out. dung port, through which it is thought the filth of the beasts sacrificed was conveyed out of the city. 20. nor memorial, no mention in any record.

CHAP. III.—1. sheep gate, probably so called from the victims intended for sacrifice being conducted through it to the temple. sanctified it, being for sacred use, it was consecrated by a solemn service. 2. men of Jericho, the posterity of those who formerly dwelt there. 3. fish gate, northwards, where fish was sold from the sea of Galilee. 5. Tekoites, inhabitants of the city of Tekoa, in the tribe of

Judah. put not their necks, would not labour, as refractory oxen refuse the yoke. 6. old gate, perhaps the gate of the old wall, which led to the north of the land. 7. Gibeon—Mizpah, both in the tribe of Benjamin, Josh. xviii. 25. unto the throne, &c. 'which belonged to the jurisdiction of the governor on this side the river.'—Boothoyn. 8. apothecaries, perhaps spice and perfume merchants. The different artists seemed to have been formed into companies. 12. ruler of the half, one half was governed by one of Judah, and the other by one of Benjamin, the city belonging partly to both tribes. 16. house of the mighty, formerly occupied by a garrison.

21 After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain.

23 After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah by his house.

24 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadab another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning of the wall, even unto the corner.

25 Palai the son of Uzai, over against the turning of the wall, and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that was by the ^d court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh.

26 Moreover ^e the Nethinims dwelt in ^f Ophel, ^g unto the place over against ^h the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out.

27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.

28 From above the ⁱ horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house.

29 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate.

30 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired Meshulam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber.

31 After him repaired Malchiah the son of the goldsmith's son unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the ^j going up of the corner.

32 And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

CHAP. IV.

BUT it came to pass, ^k that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and ^l mocked the Jews.

2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these ^m feeble Jews? will they ⁿ fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

4 Hear, ^o O our God: for we are ^p despised: and ^q turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity:

5 And ^r cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

6 So build we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for ^s the people had a mind to work.

7 ^t But it came to pass, that when San-

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^u ascended.^v Ps. 83. 3. 5.^w to make an error to it.^x Ps. 50. 15.^y Lu. 6. 11, 12.^z 1 Th. 5. 16.^{aa} 1 Pe. 5. 8.^{ab} Je. 32. 2.^{ac} 33. 1.^{ad} 37. 21.^{ae} ch. 11. 21.^{af} Ezr. 2. 43.^{ag} or, which dwell in Ophel, repaired unto^{ah} or, the tower.^{ai} 2 Ch. 27. 3.^{aj} ch. 8. 1, 3.^{ak} 12. 37.^{al} or, That from all places ye must return to us.^{am} from the lower parts of the place, &c.^{an} 2 Ki. 11. 16.^{ao} 2 Ch. 23. 15.^{ap} Je. 31. 40.^{aq} Ca. 3. 7, 8.^{ar} Ep. 6. 11, 18.^{as} Nu. 14. 9.^{at} De. 1. 29.^{au} Mat. 10. 23.^{av} He. 13. 6.^{aw} De. 10. 17.^{ax} 2 Sa. 10. 12.^{ay} Job 5. 12.^{az} or, corner-chamber.^{ba} ch. 2. 10, 19.^{bb} 1 Co. 16. 9, 13.^{bc} 2 Ti. 2. 3.^{bd} Ps. 35. 15, 16.^{be} 44. 13, 14.^{bf} Mat. 27. 29.^{bg} on his toins.^{bh} Zec. 12. 8.^{bi} 1 Co. 1. 27.^{bj} leave to themselves.^{bk} Ps. 123. 3, 4.^{bl} despite.^{bm} Ex. 14. 14, 25.^{bn} De. 1. 30.^{bo} 3. 22.^{bp} 20. 4.^{bq} Jos. 23. 10.^{br} Ps. 79. 12.^{bs} Pr. 3. 34.^{bt} Ps. 69. 27, 28.^{bu} 109. 14, 15.^{bv} Je. 18. 23.^{bw} 2 Ti. 4. 14.^{bx} 1 Co. 15. 10.^{by} Ps. 110. 3.^{bz} 2 Co. 8. 16, 17.^{ca} Phi. 2. 13.^{cb} He. 13. 21.

ballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem ^c were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,

8 And ^d conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and ^e to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless ^f we made our prayer unto our God, and ^g set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall.

11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

12 And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, ^h From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will be upon you.

13 ⁱ Therefore set I ^j in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with ^k their swords, their spears, and their bows.

14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, ^l Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is ^m great and terrible, and ⁿ fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, ^o and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.

16 And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah.

17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, ^p every one ^q with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.

18 For the builders, every one had his sword girded ^r by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

19 ^s And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another.

20 In what place ^t therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: ^u our God shall fight for us.

21 So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.

22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day.

23 So ^v neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off

our clothes, * saving that every one put them off for washing.

CHAP. V.

AND there was a great ^b cry of the people and of their wives against their ^c brethren the Jews.

2 For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many: therefore we take up corn for them, that we may eat, and live.

3 Some also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth.

4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, and that upon our lands and vineyards.

5 Yet now ^e our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we ^d bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought unto bondage already: neither is it in our power to redeem them; for other men have our lands and vineyards.

6 ^f And I was ^g very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

7 Then ^h I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, ⁱ Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them.

8 And I said unto them, We after our ability have ^j redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen: and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing to answer.

9 Also I said, It is not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God ^k "because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?"

10 I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury.

11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.

12 Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, ^l and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise.

13 Also ^m I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. ⁿ And the people did according to this promise.

14 ^o Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not ^p eaten the bread of the governor.

23. every one put, &c. literally, 'every man his weapon for water,' i. e. 'none of us put off our clothes; even every man went with his weapon to draw water:' see margin.

CHAP. V.—1. a great cry, of the poor against the oppressions of the rich. 2. therefore, &c. rather, 'how can we get corn, that we may eat and live?' 5. into bondage, as permitted in extreme cases, Exod. xxi. 7. 11. their lands, &c. made over for corn and borrowed money. the hundredth part, a peculiar kind of usury, thought to be one per cent. every month,

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* or, every one went with his weapon for water. Ju. 5. 11.

a 1 Co. 9.4,15.

b Is. 5. 7.

c Le. 25. 35..

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De. 15. 7.

d Co. 11. 9.

12.13.

e ver. 9.

f 2 Sa. 9. 7.

1 Ki. 18. 19.

g Is. 58. 7.

h 1 Ki. 4. 22.

i Ex. 21. 7.

Le. 25. 39.

k ch. 13. 22.

l Ex. 11. 8.

Nu. 16. 15.

Mar. 3. 5.

Ep. 4. 26.

† my heart consulted in me.

m ch. 2. 10, 19.

4. 1, 7.

n Ex. 22. 25.

Eze. 22. 12.

o or, Gashmu

ver. 6.

p ch. 3. 1, 3.

Le. 25. 48.

Pr. 26. 24, 25.

Ec. 4. 4.

q 1 Ch. 8. 12.

r Ps. 12. 2.

37.12.32.

Lu. 20. 19..

21.

s 2 Sa. 12. 14.

Ro. 2. 24.

t 1 Pe. 2. 12.

v Ec. 9. 10.

Lu. 14. 30.

Jno. 9. 4.

1 Ti. 4. 15.

x Pr. 14. 15.

y Mat. 5. 11.

Ro. 3. 8.

z Co. 6. 8.

1 Pe. 2. 12.

3. 16.

§ or, Geshem.

a ch. 2. 19.

b Ezr. 10. 5.

c Je. 34. 8, 9.

d Lu. 23. 2.

e Mat. 10. 14.

f Ac. 13. 51.

18. 6.

|| empty, or, void.

d 2 Ki. 23. 3.

e Pr. 26. 24. 25.

f Ac. 23. 15.

g Is. 59. 4.

h Mat. 12. 34.

i Jno. 8. 44.

artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not ^a eaten the bread of the governor.

15 But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but ^d so did not I, because of the ^e fear of God.

16 Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work.

17 Moreover there were ^f at my table an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beside those that came unto us from among the heathen that are about us.

18 Now that ^g which was prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.

19 Think ^h upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

CHAP. VI.

NOW it came to pass, ⁱ when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and ^j Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (^k though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates:)

2 That Sanballat and Geshem ^l sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of ^m Ono. But they ⁿ thought to do me mischief.

3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, ^o I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?

4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; ^p and I answered them after the same manner.

5 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand;

6 Wherein was written, ^q It is reported among the heathen, and ^r Gashmu saith it, ^s that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that ^t thou mayest be their king, according to these words.

7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come ^u now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

8 Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou ^v feignest them out of thine own heart.

9 For they all made us afraid, saying,

or twelve per cent. per annum. 13. shook, &c. an idea taken from so discharging the contents of the lap or skirt of the garment, as women do those of their aprons; and in the east, this significant action is understood strongly to express dissent from, or to clear oneself from the responsibility of what is done, said, or asserted.

CHAP. VI.—5. open letter, this was a studied insult, for although the orientals do not close their letters as we do, yet they roll them up, fasten them at the ends, and seal them; and they never send them open but to an inferior person.

Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, ^a strengthen my hands.

10 Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.

11 And I said, ^c Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

12 And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that ^d he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that ^e they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

14 My God, ^f I think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the ^g prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

15 ^h So ⁱ the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.

16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for ^j they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

17 ^k Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah ^l sent many letters unto Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came unto them.

18 For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

19 Also ^m they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my ⁿ words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

CHAP. VII.

NOW it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had ^o set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

2 That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler ^p of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for ^q he was a faithful man, and ^r feared God above many.

3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one to be over against his house.

4 Now the city was ^s large and great: but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded.

5 ^t And ^u my God put into mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein,

6 These ^v are the children of the province, that went out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, ^w whom

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^a 2 Co. 12. 9.

Ep. 3. 16.

6. 10.

Phi. 4. 13.

1 Pe. 5. 10.

^b Hag. 1. 1.

Mat. 1. 12, 13.

Zorobabel.

^c or, Seraiah,

Ezr. 2. 2.

^d Ps. 11. 1, 2.

112. 6, 7.

Pr. 28. 1.

Ac. 20. 24.

He. 11. 27.

^e Eze. 13. 22.

^f Da. 6. 4, 5.

Mat. 22. 15.

^g ch. 13. 29.

2 Ti. 4. 14, 15.

^h or, Bani.

ⁱ Eze. 13. 17.

^j Ps. 1. 3.

^k Ps. 126. 2.

Ac. 5. 38, 39.

^l multiplied

their letters

passing to

Tobiah.

^m or, Jora.

ⁿ or, Gibbar.

^o Pr. 28. 4.

Jno. 7. 7.

1 Jno. 4. 5.

^p or, matters.

^q Is. 10. 20.

Je. 1. 1.

^r or, Azmaveth.

^s ch. 6. 1.

^t or, Kirjath-arim.

^u ch. 2. 8.

^v Mat. 25. 21.

1 Co. 4. 2.

He. 3. 5.

^w Ex. 18. 21.

Job 1. 1.

Pr. 14. 27.

^x ver. 12.

^y broad in spaces.

^z 1 Co. 15. 10.

2 Co. 8. 16.

Ja. 1. 17.

^{aa} 1 Ch. 24. 7.

^{ab} Ezr. 2. 1, &c.

^{ac} 1 Ch. 24. 14.

^{ad} 2 Ki. 24. 14.

16.

2 Ch. xxxvi.

Je. xxxix.

iii.

Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city;

7 Who came with ^b Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, ^c Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehun, Baanah. The number, I say, of the men of the people of Israel was this;

8 The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

10 The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two.

11 The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred and eighteen.

12 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.

14 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

15 The children of ^d Binnui, six hundred forty and eight.

16 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.

17 The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.

18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven.

19 The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven.

20 The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.

21 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

22 The children of Ashum, three hundred twenty and eight.

23 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.

24 The children of ^e Hariph, an hundred and twelve.

25 The children of ^f Gibeon, ninety and five.

26 The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight.

27 The men of ^g Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

28 The men of ^h Beth-azmaveth, forty and two.

29 The men of ⁱ Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.

30 The men of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

31 The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two.

32 The men of Beth-el and Ai, an hundred twenty and three.

33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.

34 The children of the other ^j Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

35 The children of Hamm, three hundred and twenty.

36 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.

38 The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

39 ^k The priests: the children of ^l Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

40 The children of ^m Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

41 The children of ^a Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

42 The children of ^b Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

43 [†] The Levites: the children of Jesubaz, of Kadmiel, and of the children of ^{*} Hodevah, seventy and four.

44 [†] The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred forty and eight.

45 [†] The porters, the children of Shalum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.

46 [†] The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth,

47 The children of Keros, the children of [†] Sia, the children of Padon,

48 The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of [§] Shalmal,

49 The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,

50 The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,

51 The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,

52 The children of Besai, the children of Meumim, the children of ^{||} Nephishesim,

53 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

54 The children of ^{*} Baziith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

55 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah,

56 The children of Neziab, the children of Hatipha.

57 [†] The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of [†] Perida,

58 The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

59 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of ^{||} Amon.

60 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

61 And ^m these were they which went up also from Tel-melah, Tel-haresha, Cherub, [†] Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew their father's house, nor their [†] seed, whether they were of Israel.

62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two.

63 [†] And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of [†] Barzillai, which took one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

64 These [†] sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

65 And ^{||} the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummin.

66 [†] The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore.

67 Beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women.

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^a 1 Ch. 9. 12.

24. 9.

^b 1 Ch. 24. 8.

^{*} or, Hoda-

viah,

Ezr. 2. 40.

or, Judah,

Ezr. 3. 9.

[†] part.

^c Ezr. 2. 63.

^d Job 34. 19.

Lu. 21. 1..4.

2 Co. 8. 12.

^e Ezr. 2. 69.

[†] or, Siaha.

[§] or, Sham-

lai.

^f Ezr. 2. 70.

[§] Ezr. 3. 1.

^{||} or, Neph-

sim.

^h ch. 3. 26.

ⁱ Ezr. 7. 6.

Je. 8. 8, 9.

Mat. 13. 52.

^{*} or, Baz-

luth.

^k De. 31. 11, 12

[†] that under-

stood in

hearing.

^l Le. 23. 24.

[†] or, Peruda.

[§] from the

light.

^{||} or, Ami.

^{*} tower of

wood.

^m Ezr. 2. 59.

[†] or, Addan.

[†] or, pedigree

[§] eyes.

ⁿ Ju. 3. 20.

^o 1 Co. 14. 16.

^p 2 Sa. 17. 27.

19. 31..39.

^r La. 3. 41.

1 Ti. 2. 8.

^s Ex. 4. 31.

12. 27.

2 Ch. 20. 18.

^t Mat. 22. 11

..13.

^u Le. 10. 11.

De. 33. 10.

2 Ch. 17. 7..9

Mal. 2. 7.

^{||} or, the go-

vernor.

ch. 8. 9.

^t ch. 7. 65.

10. 1.

Ezr. 2. 63.

^{*} or, the go-

vernor.

^x 2 Ch. 35. 3.

^y Le. 23. 24.

Nu. 29. 1.

^z De. 16. 14, 15

Eo. 3. 4.

68 Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five:

69 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

70 [†] And [†] some of ^c the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. ^d The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.

71 And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work ^e twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver.

72 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.

73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; ^f and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

CHAP. VIII.

AND all [§] the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the ⁱ scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

2 And Ezra the priest brought ^k the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all [†] that could hear with understanding, [†] upon the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate [§] from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.

4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a ^{*} pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Matthithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishaël, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people ^{||} stood up:

6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people ^o answered, Amen, Amen, with ^r lifting up their hands: and they ^s bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, ^u caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place.

8 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

9 [†] And [†] Nehemiah, which is ^{*} the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, ^x and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, ^y This day is holy unto the LORD your God; ^z mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

13 And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:

15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.

16 So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

CHAP. IX.

NOW in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sack-clothes, and earth upon them.

2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.

4 Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenaniah, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God.

5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethabiah, said, Stand up and bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious

B. C. 445.

a Es. 9. 19. 22.

Re. 11. 10.

b Ps. 86. 10.

Is. 37. 16. 20.

c Ge. 1. 1.

Ex. 20. 11.

Re. 14. 7.

d Ps. 36. 6.

e ver. 10.

f Ge. 11. 31.

12. 1.

g ver. 7, 8.

h Ge. 17. 5.

* or, that

they might

instruct in

the law.

i Jos. 23. 14.

† by the hand

of.

k Ex. 2. 25.

3. 7.

l Ex. 14. 10.

m Le. 23. 34. 42.

n Ex. vii. xiv.

o Le. 23. 4.

p De. 16. 16.

r Le. 23. 40.

s Is. 63. 12. 14.

Je. 32. 29.

Da. 9. 15.

t Ps. 78. 13.

u De. 22. 8.

v ch. 12. 37.

x 2 Ki. 14. 13.

y Ex. 19. 20.

20. 1.

z Ps. 19. 8, 9.

Ro. 7. 12.

† laws of

truth.

a 2 Ch. 30. 21.

b De. 31. 10.

&c.

c Jno. 6. 31.

§ restraint.

d Le. 23. 36.

Nu. 29. 35.

e Nu. 20. 9.

&c.

f De. 1. 8.

g ch. 8. 2.

h lift up

thine hand

to give

them.

Nu. 14. 30.

h Ps. 106. 6.

i Jos. 7. 6.

1 Sa. 4. 12.

2 Sa. 1. 2.

Job 2. 12.

k De. 31. 27.

2 Ch. 30. 8.

Je. 19. 15.

l Ezr. 10. 11.

* strange

children.

Ps. 147. 11.

Is. 2. 6.

Ho. 5. 7.

m Ps. 78. 11. 42.

n ch. 8. 7, 8.

† a God of

pardons.

o Joel 2. 13.

† or, scaffold.

p 1 Co. 10. 1.

r Ps. 103. 1, 2.

cxvii.

Je. 33. 11.

1 Pe. 1. 3.

name, which is exulted above all blessing and praise.

6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou pre-servest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

7 Thou art the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham;

8 And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous:

9 And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea;

10 And shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day.

11 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters.

12 Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.

13 Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:

14 And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:

15 And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.

16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments,

17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

18 Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations;

19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.

it and translated it into Chaldee, better understood than the Hebrew after the captivity. 10. eat, &c. make a feast, &c. portions unto them, i. e. to the poorer brethren: see Deut. xvi. 11, 14; Esth. ix. 19, 22.

14. feast of the seventh month, that is, of tabernacles.

CHAP. IX.—2. all strangers, all who were not of the Jewish religion, including the strange wives they had taken. 4. stairs, a platform.

20 Thou gavest also thy ^a good spirit to instruct them, and withholdest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.

21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

22 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners; so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

23 Their ^a children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it.

24 So the children went in and possessed the land, and ^b thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them ^c as they would.

25 And they took strong cities, and a ^d fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, ^e wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and ^f fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and ^g became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great ^h goodness.

26 Nevertheless they ⁱ were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and ^j cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy ^k prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations.

27 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou hearest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

28 But after they had rest, ^l they did evil again before thee: therefore ledest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou hearest them from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies;

29 And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (^m which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and ⁿ withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.

30 Yet many years didst thou ^o forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit ^p in ^q thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: ^r therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

31 Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake ^s thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou ^t art a gracious and merciful God.

32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the ^u mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all

B. C. 445.

^a Is. 63. 11.

^b weariness.

^c that hath

^d found us.

^e 2 Ki. 17. 3.

^f Ps. 119. 137.

^g Da. 9. 14.

^h Ps. 106. 6.

ⁱ Ge. 22. 17.

^j De. 28. 47.

^k Ps. 44. 2, 3.

^l De. 28. 48.

^m Ezr. 9. 9.

ⁿ according

^o to their

^p will.

^q De. 28. 48.

^r De. 8. 7, 8.

^s Eze. 20. 6.

^t or, cisterns.

^u tree of food.

^v ch. 10. 29.

^w 2 Ki. 23. 3.

^x 2 Ch. 29. 10.

^y 34. 31.

^z Ezr. 10. 3.

^{aa} De. 32. 15.

^{ab} are at the

^{ac} sealing, or,

^{ad} sealed.

^{ae} ch. 10. 1.

^{af} Ho. 3. 5.

^{ag} Ju. 2. 11, 12.

^{ah} 1 Ki. 14. 9.

^{ai} Ps. 50. 17.

^{aj} at the seal-

^{ak} ings.

^{al} ch. 9. 38.

^{am} ch. 8. 9.

^{an} t Mar. 23. 37.

^{ao} Ac. 7. 52.

^{ap} or, the go-

^{aq} vernor.

^{ar} ch. 1. 1.

^{as} ch. 12. 1. 21.

^{at} they re-

^{au} turned to

^{av} do evil.

^{aw} ch. 7. 8, &c.

^{ax} Ezr. 2. 3, &c.

^{ay} Le. 18. 5.

^{az} Eze. 20. 11.

^{ba} Ro. 10. 5.

^{bb} Ga. 3. 12.

^{bc} they gave

^{bd} a with-

^{be} drawing

^{bf} shoulder,

^{bg} Zec. 7. 11.

^{bh} protract

^{bi} over them.

^{bj} in the hand

^{bk} of thy pro-

^{bl} phets.

^{bm} Ac. 7. 51.

^{bn} 1 Pe. 1. 11.

^{bo} 2 Pe. 1. 21.

^{bp} Is. 5. 5.

^{bq} 42. 24.

^{br} Je. 4. 27.

^{bs} 5. 10, 18.

^{bt} Ezr. 2. 35.

^{bu} 43.

^{bv} Ezr. 9. 1.

^{bw} 10, 11, 12,

^{bx} 19.

^{by} Ro. 1. 1.

^{bz} 2 Co. 6. 14.

^{ca} 17.

^{cb} Ex. 34. 6, 7.

the ^c trouble seem little before thee, ^d that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, ^e since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day.

33 Howbeit ^f thou ^g art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but ^h we have done wickedly.

34 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them.

35 For they have ⁱ not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.

36 Behold, ^j we are servants this day, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we ^k are servants in it: 37 And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have ^l dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we ^m are in great distress.

38 And because of all this we ⁿ make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, ^o seal ^p unto it.

CHAP. X.

NOW ^q those that sealed were, ^r Nehemiah, ^s the son of Hachabiah, and Zidkijah,

2 ^t Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah, 4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, 5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, 6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, 7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, 8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these were the priests.

9 And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azariah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;

10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, 11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah, 12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, 13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.

14 The chief of the people; ^u Parosh, Pabath-moab, Elam, Zathai, Bani,

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, 16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, 17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur, 18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,

19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, 20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, 21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua, 22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub, 24 Halloehsh, Pileah, Shobek, 25 Rehun, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, 26 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, 27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 ^v And ^w the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they ^x that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters,

22. corners, the districts of Canaan ran into many angles. 27. saviours, leaders miraculously endowed. The judges, after Joshua, were principally so denominated. 29. withdrew the shoulder, alludes to the

obstinacy of untrained oxen. 35. in their kingdom, Boothroyd supplies from the various readings, 'For in thine own kingdom.'

CHAP. X.—1. that sealed, that set their hand and

every one having knowledge, and having understanding;

29 They came to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes;

30 And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons:

31 And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God;

33 For the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the law:

35 And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD:

36 Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God:

37 And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithes of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house.

39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

CHAP. XI.

AND the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in

B. C. 445.

a Mat. 4. 5.

27. 53.

b ch. 5. 12, 13.

De. 29. 12, 14

Ps. 119. 106.

c Ju. 5. 9.

d 2 Ki. 23. 3.

e 2 Ch. 34. 31.

f Jno. 1. 17.

7. 19.

* by the hand

of

f 1 Ch. 9. 2, 3.

g Ex. 34. 16.

De. 7. 3.

h Ezr. 9. 12, 14.

i Ezr. 2. 43.

j Ezr. 2. 55.

k 1 Ch. 9. 3, &c.

l Ex. 23. 10, 11

De. 25. 4.

m De. 15. 1, 2.

Mat. 6. 12.

18. 21. 35.

+ every hand

Is. 58. 6.

n Ge. 38. 29.

Pharez.

o Le. 24. 5, &c.

2 Ch. 2. 4.

p Nu. xxviii.

xxix.

q ch. 13. 31.

Is. 40. 16.

r Le. 6. 12.

s Ex. 23. 19.

34. 26.

Le. 19. 23.

Nu. 18. 12.

De. 26. 2.

u 1 Ch. 9. 10,

&c.

v Ac. 5. 24.

x Ex. 13. 2, 12,

13.

Le. 27. 26, 27.

Nu. 15. 15, 16.

y 1 Co. 9. 6. 14.

Ga. 6. 6.

z Le. 23. 17.

Nu. 15. 19.

18. 12.

&c.

De. 18. 4.

26. 2.

† or, the son

of Haggai.

a 1 Ch. 9. 26.

b 2 Ch. 31. 11.

De. 12. 6, 11.

§ were over.

c 1 Ch. 26. 29.

Ac. 6. 2, 3.

d Phi. 4. 6.

e 1 Th. 5. 18.

f ch. 13. 10, 11.

He. 10. 25.

g ver. 1.

Da. 9. 24.

Mar. 27. 53.

Re. 11. 2.

21. 2.

Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

3 Now these are the chief of the province that dwell in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants.

4 And at Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziiah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Maaiaseel, of the children of Perez;

5 And Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.

6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

7 And these are the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiiah, the son of Koliaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah.

8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight.

9 And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer: and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city.

10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin.

11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the ruler of the house of God.

12 And their brethren that did the work of the house were eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of Jerobam, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah,

13 And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two: and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

14 And their brethren, mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of one of the great men.

15 Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God.

17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakkukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammun, the son of Galai, the son of Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred fourscore and four.

19 Moreover the porters, Akkub, Tal-

but as few of them probably returned, their places were now supplied by lot.

CHAP. XI. — 1. cast lots, every tenth man was chosen by lot to dwell at Jerusalem, the people being deterred by enemies there, and because other parts were better supplied and more favourable for gain. holy city, so called because of the temple and the worship of God in it. 2. blessed, i. e. commended.

mon, and their brethren that * kept * the gates, *were* an hundred seventy and two.

20 * And the residue of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.

21 But * the Nethinims dwelt in * Ophel: and Ziha and Gispah *were* over the Nethinims.

22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers *were* over the business of the house of God.

23 For * it *was* the king's commandment concerning them, that * a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.

24 And Pethabiah the son of Meshezebeel, of the children of * Zerach the son of Judah, *was* * at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 And for the villages, with their fields, *some* of the children of Judah dwelt at * Kirjath-arba, and *in* the villages thereof, and at Dibon, and *in* the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and *in* the villages thereof,

26 And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-pheret,

27 And at Hazar-shual, and at Beersheba, and *in* the villages thereof,

28 And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and *in* the villages thereof,

29 And at En-rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and *in* their villages, at Lachish, and the fields thereof, at Azekah, and *in* the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beersheba unto the valley of Hinnom.

31 The children also of Benjamin * from Geba dwelt * at Michmash, and Aija, and * Beth-el, and *in* their villages,

32 And at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, 33 Hazor, * Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat.

35 Lod, and Ono, * the valley of craftsmen.

36 And of the Levites *were* divisions in Judah, and in Benjamin.

CHAP. XII.

NOW these *are* the * priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: * Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, * Malluch, Hattush,

3 * Shechaniah, * Rehum, * Meremoth,

4 Iddo, * Ginnetho, * Abijah,

5 * Miamin, * Maadiah, Bilgah,

6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,

7 * Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah.

These *were* the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the days of * Jeshua.

8 Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, * *which was* over * the thanksgiving, he and his brethren.

9 Also Bakkukiah and Unni, their brethren, *were* over against them in the watches.

10 * And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada,

11 And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.

12 And in the days of Joiakim *were*

B. C. 445.

a Ps. 84. 10.

* at the gates

b ch. 3. 26.

† or, the tower.

c Ezr. 6. 8. 9.

7. 20, &c.

† or, a sure ordinance.

d Ge. 38. 30.

Zarah.

e 1 Ch. 18. 17.

23. 28.

f Jos. 14. 15.

g 1 Ch. 9. 14.

&c.

h 1 Ch. xxiii.

xxv.

i Ezr. 3. 11.

§ or, treasures, or, assemblies.

|| or, of Geba.

k ch. 8. 9.

* or, to Michmash.

l Sa. 13. 11.

23.

Is. 10. 28.

† Ezr. 7. 6. 11.

m Ge. 28. 19.

n De. 20. 5.

Ps. 33, title.

o Mat. 2. 18.

Rama.

p 1 Ch. 4. 14.

r 1 Ch. 25. 6.

2 Ch. 5. 13.

7. 6.

Ps. 81. 1. 4.

150. 1. 6.

Re. 5. 8.

s Ezr. 2. 1. 2.

t ch. 10. 2. 8.

† or, Melicu,

ver. 14.

† or, Shebani-

ah, ver. 14.

§ or, Harim,

ver. 15.

|| or, Merai-

oth, ver. 15.

* or, Ginnetho,

ver. 16.

* Lu. 1. 5.

* Job 1. 5.

He. 5. 1. 3.

† or, Miniamin,

ver. 17.

† or, Moadi-

ah, ver. 17.

§ or, Sallai,

ver. 20.

* Ezr. 3. 2.

Hag. 1. 1.

Zec. 3. 1.

y ch. 2. 13.

3. 13.

z ch. 11. 17.

|| i. e. the psalms of thanksgiving.

a Na. 10. 2. 8.

priests, the chief of the fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

13 Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

14 Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

15 Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

16 Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

17 Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;

18 Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

19 And of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

20 Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

21 Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

22 * The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, *were* recorded chief of the fathers: also the priests, to the reign of Darius the Persian.

23 The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, *were* written in the book of the * chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

24 And the chief of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and to give thanks, * according to the commandment of David the man of God, * ward over against ward.

25 Mattaniah, and Bakkukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, *were* porters keeping the ward at the § thresholds of the gates.

26 These *were* in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah * the governor, and of Ezra the priest, * the scribe.

27 * And at * the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with * thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.

28 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of Netophathi;

29 Also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem.

30 And the priests and the Levites * purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks, *whereof* one went on the right hand upon the wall * toward the dung gate:

32 And after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah,

33 And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,

34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,

35 And certain of the priests' sons * with trumpets; *namely*, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph:

36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and

CHAP. XII.—8. *was over the thanksgiving*, * *was* the leader in the praises in the temple. —Boothr. 9. *were over against them in the watches*, * superintended the watches. —Boothr. 24. *ward over against ward*, in alternate bands. —Boothr. 28. *the plain*

country, this extended from Jerusalem to Jericho, 2 Sam. ii. 29. *Netophathi*, see 1 Chron. ix. 16. *Netophah* was a city not far from Jerusalem. 30. *purified*, &c. by washing their bodies and clothes, and perhaps using the water of purification: see Num.

Azrael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with ^b the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.

37 And ^c at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto ^c the water gate eastward.

38 And ^f the other company of them that gave thanks went over against them, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond ^k the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall;

39 And ^k from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate.

40 So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:

41 And the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets;

42 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer.

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 And ^l at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for ^l the priests and for the Levites that waited.

45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, ^m according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son.

46 For in the days of David ⁿ and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion: ^o and they sanctified holy things unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified them unto the children of Aaron.

CHAP. XIII.

ON that day ^p they read in the book of Moses in ^q the audience of the people; and therein was found written, ^r that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever;

2 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but ^s hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: ^t howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 Now it came to pass, when they had

B. C. 445.

a ch. 10. 28.

b 1 Ch. 23. 5.

c being set over.

c ch. 2. 14.

d ch. 12. 44.

e ch. 3. 26.

f 8. 1, 3, 16.

f ver. 31.

g the commandment of the Levites.

h Nu. 18. 21, 24.

h ch. 3. 11.

k ch. 8. 16.

l 2 Ki. 14. 13.

l ch. 5. 14.

m at the end of days.

n or, I earnestly requested.

m Ps. 42. 4.

o 47. 6.

n 2 Ch. 29. 5.

o 15. 18.

p made their voice to be heard.

q Mal. 3. 8.

r Nu. 35. 2.

s Pr. 23. 4.

t 2 Ch. 13. 11.

u 12.

* standing.

f ch. 10. 33, 39.

† i. e. appointed by the law.

‡ or, store-houses.

§ for the joy of Judah.

¶ Pr. 8. 34.

|| 2 Ch. 31. 12.

|| stood.

* at their hand.

α 1 Ch. xxv.

xxvi.

γ Ac. 6. 3.

1 Co. 4. 2.

1 Ti. 1. 12.

† it was upon them.

z 2 Ch. 29. 30.

a He. 6. 10.

† kindnesses.

§ or, observations.

b Ex. 20. 10.

c Nu. 18. 21, 24.

|| i. e. set apart.

d Nu. 18. 26.

e Je. 17. 21, 22.

* there was read.

f De. 31. 11, 12.

2 Ki. 23. 2.

Is. 34. 16.

Lu. 4. 16. 19.

† ears.

g De. 23. 3, 4.

h Nu. 22. 5.

i Jos. 24. 9, 10.

i Nu. 23. 11.

24. 10.

heard the law, ^a that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

4 ^q And before this, Eliashib the priest, ^r having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied unto Tobiah:

5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, ^d where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, [†] which ^s was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests.

6 But in all this time was not I at Jerusalem: ^l for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I unto the king, and after certain days [§] obtained I leave of the king:

7 And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

8 And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber.

9 Then I commanded, and they ⁿ cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense.

10 ^u And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had ^o not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to ^p his field.

11 Then ^v contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their ^v place.

12 Then ^v brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the [†] treasures.

13 And ^v I made treasurers over the treasures, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted ^v faithful, and [†] their office was to distribute unto their brethren.

14 Remember ^a me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the [§] offices thereof.

15 ^u In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses ^b on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, ^c which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals.

16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day?

18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath

vii. 6, 7, 21. and xix. 9. 38. tower of the furnaces, or 'the baking ovens.' The people made their own bread, but it was baked at the public ovens.

CHAP. XIII.—1. On that day, equivalent to 'in that season,' or during the period of Israel's restoration. 3. mixed multitude, foreigners, but not proselytes, that so the visibility of Israel might be preserved, as a distinct people. 4. allied unto Tobiah, an enemy

of the Jews, chap. ii. 10, 20. He married a daughter of Shechaniah, and his son a daughter of Meshullam, who were both priests, and was it seems related to Eliashib, chap. vi. 18. 7. preparing him a chamber, this profaned the sacred place, converting it to common use. 11. set them in their places, he compelled the rulers who had charge of the temple, to attend to their respective services. 15. treading, is invariably

upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

19 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem ^b began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: ^d and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day.

20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice.

21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye [†] about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the [§] greatness of thy mercy.

23 [¶] In those days also saw I Jews that I had [†] married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab:

24 And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and ^{*} could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language [†] of each people.

B. C. 434.

a Pr. 28. 4.

* or, reviled them.

b Le. 23. 32.

c ch. 10. 29. 30.

Ezr. 10. 5.

d Je. 17. 21. 22.

e 1 Ki. 11. 1.

&c.

f 1 Ki. 3. 13.

2 Ch. 1. 12.

g 2 Sa. 12. 21.

† before the wall?

h Ezr. 10. 2.

i ch. 6. 14.

† for the defiling.

§ or, multitude.

k Mal. 2. 4, 11.

12.

|| had made to dwell with them.

l Ezr. 9. 2.

* they discerned not to speak.

m Lu. 23. 42.

† of people and people.

25 And I ^a contended with them, and ^{*} cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them ^c swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.

26 Did ^e not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet ^f among many nations was there no king like him, ^g who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to ^h transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?

28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me.

29 Remember ⁱ them, O my God, [†] because they have defiled the priesthood, and ^k the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.

30 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business;

31 And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. ^m Remember me, O my God, for good.

mentioned in Scripture as the process by which the juice was pressed from the grapes. 19. began to be dark, literally, 'were overshadowed,' by the moun-

tains, at the setting of the sun. 22. according to, &c. nothing of merit is pleaded here.

The Book of ESTHER.

This Book relates some remarkable providences which occurred to the Jews, when Esther was the queen of Ahasuerus, or Artaxerxes Longimanus; in commemoration of which the Jews instituted the feast of Purim.

CHAP. I.

NOW it came to pass in the days of ^a Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, ^b from India even unto Ethiopia, ^c over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)

2 That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus ^c sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in ^f Shushan the palace,

3 In the third year of his reign, he ^g made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him:

4 When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days.

5 And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were [¶] present in Shushan the palace, both

B. C. 521.

a Ezr. 4. 6.

Da. 9. 1.

* or, violet.

b ch. 8. 9.

c Da. 6. 1.

d Eze. 23. 41.

e 1 Ki. 1. 46.

† or, of porphyre, and marble, and alabaster, and stone of blue colour

f Ne. 1. 1.

g Ge. 40. 20.

Mar. 6. 21.

† wine of the kingdom.

§ hand.

|| found.

unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;

6 Where were white, green, and ^{*} blue, hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: ^d the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement [†] of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble.

7 And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and [¶] royal wine in abundance, according to the [§] state of the king.

8 And the drinking was according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

9 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.

CHAP. I.—1. an hundred and seven, &c. seven had been added since Darius. Dan. vi. 1. Ethiopia, probably a part of Arabia Felix, for the Persian conquests did not reach Abyssinia. 2. Shushan, the city where the Persian kings had a magnificent palace. 3. a feast, supposed to have been occasioned by Artaxerxes having subdued the factions raised by his brother, to dethrone him. the power of Persia and Media, the commanders of the Persian and Median army. 4. the riches, &c. the Persians, in their feasts, made a general exhibition of their wealth, &c. one hundred, &c. the Persian feasts were very long, large, and sumptuous. 5. in the court, which was no doubt very large; there is in history an account of a Persian king that supped with fifteen

thousand men. 6. the beds, or couches on which they reclined at eating. were of gold and silver, the posts of gold, and the feet silver. 7. in vessels of gold, earthen cups with the Persians were reckoned very mean; when a king would disgrace a man, he obliged him to use earthen cups. royal wine, or 'wine of the kingdom,' i. e. wine of the country; the wine of Schiras is reckoned the best in Persia. 8. the law. made on the occasion by Ahasuerus. none did compel, that is, as a man was able to bear it, so they drank. The Athenians had the contrary practice, obliging a person either to drink his portion or retire. 9. the queen made, &c. oriental usages still oblige women to feast separately from the men, even on the same occasions of rejoicing. in the royal house, the

10 ¶ On the seventh day, when ^a the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven ^{*} chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,

11 To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was [†] fair to look on.

12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment: by [‡] his chamberlains; therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

13 ¶ Then the king said to the ^d wise men, ^e which knew the times, (for so was the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment:

14 And the next unto him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meles, Marsena, and Memucan, the ^f seven princes of Persia and Media, ^g which saw the king's face, and which sat the first in the kingdom:)

15 What ^{*} shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?

16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that ^{are} in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

17 For ^{this} deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be put down before him, but she came not.

18 Likewise shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath.

19 If it ^{*} please the king, let there go a royal commandment from [†] him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that [‡] it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto [¶] another that is better than she.

20 And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall ^{*} give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

21 And the saying [†] pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan:

22 For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, [‡] into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should [¶] bear rule in his own house, and that ^{*} it should be published according to the language of every people.

B. C. 521.

a 2 Sa. 13. 28.
* or, eunuchs
b ch. 1. 19, 20.
c 1 Ki. 1. 2.
† good of countenance.
‡ which was by the hand of his eunuchs.
§ hand.
|| or, Hegai, ver. 8.
d Je. 10. 7.
Da. 2. 12.
Mat. 2. 1.
e 1 Ch. 12. 32.
f Ezr. 7. 14.
g 2 Ki. 25. 19.
h 2 Ki. 24. 14.
15.
2 Ch. 36. 10.
20.
Je. 24. 1.
* to do.
† or, Jehoiahcin.
2 Ki. 24. 6.
Je. 22. 24, 28.
Coniah.
‡ nourished, Ep. 6. 4.
§ fair of form, and good of countenance.
i Ge. 48. 5.
2 Co. 6. 18.
1 Jno. 3. 1.
k Ep. 5. 33.
l Ps. 106. 46.
Pr. 16. 7.
|| her portions.
* be good with the king.
† before him.
‡ changed.
§ it pass not away.
m Da. 6. 8, 12.
ver. 20.
n Ep. 6. 1.
|| her companion.
* the peace of Esther.
o Col. 3. 18.
1 Pe. 3. 1.
† was good in the eyes of the king.
p ch. 8. 9.
q Ep. 5. 22, 24.
1 Ti. 2. 12.
* one should publish it according to the language of his people.

CHAP. II.

AFTER these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and ^b what was decreed against her.

2 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, ^c Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king:

3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the [§] custody of ^{||} Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them:

4 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

5 ¶ Now in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite;

6 Who ^k had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with [†] Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.

7 And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was [§] fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, ⁱ took for his own daughter.

8 ¶ So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.

9 And the maiden pleased him, [†] and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with ^{||} such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, which were meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he [†] preferred her and her maids unto the best place of the house of the women.

10 Esther ^m had not shewed her people nor her kindred: ⁿ for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew it.

11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know ^{*} how Esther did, and what should become of her.

12 ¶ Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with ^{other} things for the purifying of the women:)

13 Then thus came every maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was

king's feast being in the garden. 12. Vashti refused, for according to oriental notions, a woman of reputation would consider it a great ignominy to appear before a society of men with her face uncovered, courtizans only doing so. the king very wroth, his command was improper, yet her refusal was so also, according to eastern established custom.

CHAP. II.—1. remembered, and repented, but pride and the custom of unalterable decrees, prevented any reconciliation. 2. fair young virgins sought, the usual method of supplying the harem. 3. keeper,

answering to the daroga, or chief eunuch, of the modern Persian harem. things, &c. baths, unguents, and perfumes. 7. Hadassah, signifies a myrtle, to which the Israelites and good men among them, are sometimes compared, Zech. i. 8. Esther, in Persian, means 'a star.' 8. was brought, by force, as the word may imply. 9. pleased him, i. e. Hegai, who was an important person. 11. walked, &c. he could not have walked so before the women's house, had he not held office at court. He was one of the waiters at the gates of the palace—an office discharged by

given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.

14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were ^a called by name.

15 [¶] Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

16 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and ^a favour [¶] in his sight more than all the virgins; ^f so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

18 Then the king ^k made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, *even* Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat ^k in the king's gate.

20 Esther had not *yet* shewed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.

21 [¶] In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, [†] Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept [†] the door, were wroth, ^a and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

22 And ^p the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king *thereof* ^a in Mordecai's name.

23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in [†] the book of the chronicles before the king.

CHAP. III.

AFTER these things did king Ahasuerus [¶] promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the ^a Agagite, and advanced him, ^a and set his seat above all the princes that *were* with him.

2 And all the king's servants, that *were* in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai ^b bowed not, nor did him reverence.

B. C. 515.

^a Is. 43. 1.

45. 4.

Jno. 10. 3.

^b ch. 5. 9.

Job 5. 2.

Pr. 12. 16.

21. 24.

^c Da. 3. 19.

^d Ps. 83. 4.

^e ch. 9. 24.

Pr. 16. 33.

^{*} or, kindness

[†] before him.

^f 1 Sa. 2. 8.

Ps. 75. 6, 7.

113. 7, 8.

^g Le. 26. 33.

De. 4. 27.

32. 26.

Je. 50. 17.

Ja. 1. 1.

1 Pe. 1. 1.

^h ch. 1. 3.

ⁱ Ezr. 4. 13.

Ae. 16. 20.

28. 22.

[†] rest.

[§] meet, or,

equal.

^{||} to destroy

them.

^k ch. 3. 2.

^{*} weigh.

^l Mat. 18. 24.

^m ch. 8. 2, 8.

Ge. 41. 42.

[†] or, oppress-

or,

ch. 7. 6.

[†] or, Big-

than,

ch. 6. 2.

[§] the thresh-

hold.

ⁿ Ps. 144. 10.

^o Ps. 41. 22.

Lut. 23. 25.

^p Ec. 10. 20.

^r ch. 8. 9.

^{||} or, secre-

taries.

^s Phi. 2. 4.

^t ch. 6. 1.

Mal. 3. 16.

^u ch. 1. 22.

^v 1 Ki. 21. 8.

^w Job 9. 25.

Je. 51. 31.

Ro. 3. 15.

^y Ps. 12. 8.

Pr. 29. 2.

^z Nu. 24. 7.

1 Sa. 15. 8.

^a Ge. 11. 40, 55.

Da. 6. 2.

^b Ps. 15. 4.

3 Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?

4 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew.

5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai ^b bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman ^a full of wrath.

6 And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman ^a sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, *even* the people of Mordecai.

7 [¶] In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, ^a they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.

8 [¶] And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people ^e scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and ⁱ their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not [§] for the king's profit to suffer them.

9 If it please the king, let it be written ^{||} that they may be destroyed: and I will [¶] pay ⁱ ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasures.

10 And the king ^m took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' [†] enemy.

11 And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, ^a to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.

12 Then [¶] were the king's ^{||} scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that *were* over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province ^a according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; ⁱ in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.

13 And the letters were sent ^a by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, *even* upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

14 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province

grantees. 14. the second house, where were kept the king's concubines. 17. queen, hence the Persian kings had but one queen: the rest were concubines or secondary wives. 18. Esther's feast, a festival in honour of the nuptials. made a release, remitted taxes and tribute due, and gave gifts, to his nobles, and perhaps to his queen. 19. And when, &c. the second time, these words are omitted in the Greek version. 21. sat in the king's gate, i. e. was an officer in the king's court.

CHAP. III. 1. *his seat above*, probably when invited to supper. 2. bowed not, either from some conscientious motive, or else as a Jew, he thought it

sinful to pay respect to an Amalekite. 6. he thought scorn, &c. it seemed a contemptible thing to stretch a hand, &c. 7. cast Pur, a Persian word for lots. It was a superstitious practice in the east to ascertain by casting lots, what days were propitious or not for undertaking any enterprise. 9. let it be written, i. e. let a decree be made. pay, to supply the loss which it would occasion the revenue. ten thousand talents, above two millions of our money. 10. his ring, thus placing the royal seal at Haman's discretion. 11. The silver is given, i. e. I remit this part of thy proposal. 13. posts, Cyrus originally established couriers, places for post horses on all the

was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day.

15 The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman ^a sat down to drink; but ^b the city Shushan was perplexed.

CHAP. IV.

WHEN Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai ^c rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth ^d with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and ^e cried with a loud and a bitter cry;

2 And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

3 And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4 ^f So Esther's maids and her ^g chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: ^h but he received it not.

5 Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, ⁱ whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, ^j to know what it was, and why it was.

6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which was before the king's gate.

7 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of ^k the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasures for the Jews, to destroy them.

8 Also he gave him ^l the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, ^m to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

9 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

10 ⁿ Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai;

11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into ^o the inner court, who is not called, ^p there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre,

B. C. 510.

^a Ho. 7. 5.

Am. 6. 6.

Re. 11. 10.

^b Pr. 24. 10.

12.

Mat. 16. 24.

25.

^c ch. 8. 15.

Pr. 29. 2.

^d Nu. 23. 22.

24.

De. 32. 36.

Is. 54. 17.

Je. 30. 11.

Am. 9. 8, 9.

Mat. 16. 18.

^e *respiration*

Job 9. 18.

^f 2 Sa. 1. 11.^g Jos. 7. 6.

Eze. 27. 30.

^h Ge. 27. 34.ⁱ Is. 49. 23.^j *found.*^k *sackcloth**and ashes**were laid**under**many,*

Is. 58. 5.

Da. 9. 3.

^l *eunuchs.*^m Ge. 43. 14.

Ac. 20. 24.

Ro. 16. 4.

ⁿ *passed.*^o Ge. 37. 35.

Ps. 77. 2.

Je. 31. 15.

^p ch. 4. 16.^q *whom he**had set be-**fore her.*^r Ro. 12. 15.

1 Co. 12. 26.

^s Pr. 21. 1.^t ch. 3. 9.^u Mat. 20. 20.

21.

Lu. 18. 41.

^v ch. 3. 14, 15.^w Mar. 6. 23.^x Pr. 29. 11.^y Pr. 16. 14, 15.

Ac. 12. 20.

^z ch. 7. 2.^{aa} ch. 9. 12.^{ab} ch. 5. 1.^{ac} Da. 2. 9.

that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, ^b Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, ^d then shall there ^e enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth ^f whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

15 ^g Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer,

16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are ^h present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law. ⁱ and if I perish, I perish.

17 So Mordecai ^j went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

CHAP. V.

NOW it came to pass ^k on the third day, that Esther put on ^l her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, ^m that ⁿ she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

3 Then said the king unto her, ^o What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? ^p it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

4 And Esther ^q answered, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

5 Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

6 ^r And ^s the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, ^t What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.

7 Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request is;

high roads, and offices where they might deliver their packets to each other. 15. to drink, this usage took place among the Persians in settling important matters. perplexed, agitated at the distress of the Jews, now become friends, and even relatives.

CHAP. IV.—1. rent, &c. a custom used in mourning, not only with the Jews, but with the Persians also. and cried, that all the Jews in the city might be alarmed; the Persians cried in like manner on sad occasions. 2. none might enter, &c. nothing was allowed to damp the pleasures of the court. 4. told it, for even an eastern queen lived secluded as other women in the east. 11. shall come unto the king, this law was to guard the king's person. golden sceptre, the use of this by Persian kings, is referred to by Xenophon, who makes Cyrus say to Cambyse, 'Know, Cambyse, that it is not the golden sceptre that can preserve your kingdom.' 16. gather, &c. a proof of Mordecai's influence. neither eat, &c. have no set meals. if I perish, &c. she would willingly risk her life for her people's good.

CHAP. V.—1. in the inner court, obviously the more private residence of the king, and the queen would not have appeared at a more public levee in the outer palace; yet being on his throne he was holding some levee, which the present kings do daily within the harem. 2. the king saw Esther, in Persian palaces the principal apartment is entirely open in front, unless closed by a curtain, so that the king, seated at the upper end of the hall, with his face towards the court, has a complete view over it. At audiences and levees, the nobles and others stand in the open court, unless individuals are called by name into the hall. The princes of the blood and a few high functionaries have, however, the privilege of ordinarily standing in the hall or portico. 3. to the half, &c. provision was made for the wants and luxuries of the queens and favourites by charges upon the revenues of particular provinces and cities. Some of our nobles have been provided for in a similar manner. 6. banquet of wine, i. e. while over their wine.

8 If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and * to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do ^c to morrow as the king hath said.

9 ^c Then went Haman forth that day ^c joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, ^d that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai.

10 Nevertheless Haman ^e refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and ^e called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife.

11 And Haman told them of ^f the glory of his riches, and ^h the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had ⁱ advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.

12 Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to morrow am I invited unto her also with the king.

13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.

14 ^l Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a ^l gallows ^m be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow ⁿ speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

CHAP. VI.

ON that night ^o could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring ^p the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

2 And it was found written that Mordecai had told of ^q Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the ^r door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

3 And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him.

4 ^u And the king said, Who ^u is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, ^v to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

5 And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.

6 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man ^w whom ^w the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman ^x thought in his

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* to do.
† in whose honour the king delighteth.

a Pr. 16. 9.
b Let them bring the royal apparel.

c wherewith the king clotheth himself.

d 1 Ki. 1. 33.
e Job 20. 5.
f Lu. 6. 25.
g Ja. 4. 9.

h ch. 3. 5.
i Ps. 15. 4.
j 2 Sa. 13. 22.
k Ec. 7. 9.

l cause him to ride.
m caused to come.

n Ge. 41. 43.
o Ps. 49. 6, 16, 17.

p Je. 9. 23.
q Da. 4. 30.
r Mar. 10. 24.

s ch. 9. 7, &c.
t ch. 3. 1.
u suffer not a whit to fail.

v Lu. 1. 52.
w 2 Ch. 26. 20.
x Job 20. 5.

y tree.
z 2 Sa. 17. 9.
a Je. 14. 3, 4.

b ch. 6. 4.
c the king's sleep fled away.

d ch. 2. 23.
e ch. 5. 8.

f or, Bigthan
g ch. 2. 21.
h to drink.

i threshold.
j ch. 5. 6.
k ch. 5. 14.

l that they should destroy, and kill, and cause to perish.

m in whose honour the king delighteth.

n Is. 62. 4, 5.
o Je. 32. 41.
p Mat. 3. 17.
q Jno. 5. 23.
r Pr. 1. 32.

Ob. 3.

heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?

7 And Haman answered the king, For the man [†] whom the king delighteth to honour,

8 ^l Let the royal apparel be brought ^q which the king useth to wear, and ^h the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head:

9 And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man ^{withal} whom the king delighteth to honour, and ^l bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

10 Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.

11 Then ^h took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

12 ^u And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman ^v hasted to his house mourning, ^w and having his head covered.

13 And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai ^{be} of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him.

14 And while they were yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hasted to bring Haman unto ^r the banquet that Esther had prepared.

CHAP. VII.

SO the king and Haman came ^{*} to banquet with Esther the queen.

2 And the king said again unto Esther on the second day ^a at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? and it shall be performed, ^{even} to the half of the kingdom.

3 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request:

4 For we are sold, I and my people, [†] to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

5 ^u Then the king Ahasuerus answered

8. to morrow, she hoped by delay to rekindle the king's love, and Providence overruled it for good: see chap. vi. 12. with the king, no one usually sat at table with the Persian king, except his mother and real wife; even brothers rarely enjoyed the honour.

CHAP. VI.—1. that night, the night after Esther's banquet. the book, &c. the diaries or journal in which memorable facts were recorded. Chronicles in ancient time were written in the highest style of poetry, and were therefore well calculated to amuse the mind. 2. found written, by a peculiar providence, that part was read which registered the affair of Mordecai. 8. the horse, &c. it was unlawful among the Hebrews for any one to ride on the king's horse; and it was, if it be not still, the custom, for no

one to ride the horse of the Turkish sultan, either during or after its short period of service. the crown, the Hebrew seems to imply some kind of ornament which was set upon the head of the horse which the king rode upon. 9. that they may array the man, it was death for any one to wear the king's own robe; and it is a proof of the ambition of Haman, that, supposing these honours were intended for himself, he should have made such a proposal. on horseback, an honourable thing in the east, since Europeans are not in common permitted to do it; and this was an eastern mode of doing honour. 12. head covered, usual in sorrow: 2 Sam. xv. 30; Jer. xiv. 3, 4.

CHAP. VII.—3. and my people, i. e. the life of my people. 4. damage, in the loss of subjects and

and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, * that durst presume in his heart to do so?

6 And Esther said, † The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman. Then Haman ^b was afraid † before the king and the queen.

7 ¶ And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath *went* into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen: ^c for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon ^e the bed whereon Esther *was*. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also ‡ before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they ^f covered Haman's face.

9 And ^h Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, ^k the ^l gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

10 So ^m they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then ⁿ was the king's wrath pacified.

CHAP. VIII.

ON that day did the king Ahasuerus ^o give the house of Haman the Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told ^p what he *was* unto her.

2 And the king took off ^q his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther ^r set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 ¶ And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and ^s besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews.

4 Then ^t the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king,

5 And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing *seem* right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse ^u the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, ^v which he wrote to destroy the Jews which are in all the king's provinces:

6 For ^w how can I ^x endure to see ^y the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?

7 ¶ Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, ^z I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.

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* whose heart hath filled him.

† The man adversary.

^a Da. 6. 8, 12, 15.

^b He. 5. 17, 18.

^c Job 15. 21.

^d Ps. 73. 1. 19.

^e or, at the presence of.

^f 1 Sa. 20. 7, 33.

^g Ps. 112. 10.

^h Pr. 19. 12.

ⁱ ch. 1. 1.

^j ch. 1. 6.

^k with me.

^l Job 9. 24.

^m 1 Ki. 21. 8.

ⁿ ch. 1. 10.

^o Job 9. 25.

^p Je. 51. 31.

^q Pr. 7. 15.

^r Pr. 11. 5, 6.

^s tree.

^t Ps. 37. 35, 36.

^u Da. 6. 24.

^v Eze. 5. 13.

^w ch. 9. 10, 15.

^x Job 27. 16, 17.

^y Ps. 39. 6.

^z 49. 6. 14.

^a Pr. 13. 22.

^b 28. 8.

^c Lu. 12. 20.

^d ch. 2. 7.

^e ch. 3. 14, 15.

^f ch. 3. 10.

^g Lu. 15. 22.

^h revealed.

ⁱ Ps. 37. 34.

^j Lu. 18. 7.

^k she wept, and besought him.

^l ch. 4. 11.

^m Ge. 41. 42.

ⁿ Mat. 6. 29.

^o 11. 8.

^p Lu. 16. 19.

^q or, violet.

^r Pr. 29. 2.

^s Ps. 97. 11.

^t the device.

^u or, who wrote.

^v Je. 9. 1.

^w Lu. 19. 41, 42.

^x Ro. 9. 1. 3.

^y 10. 1.

^z be able that I may see.

^a Ne. 2. 3.

^b 1 Sa. 25. 8.

^c Ps. 18. 43.

^d Zec. 8. 20.

^e 23.

^f Ge. 35. 5.

^g Ex. 15. 16.

^h De. 2. 25.

ⁱ 11. 25.

^j Pr. 13. 22.

8 Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, ^a may no man reverse.

9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are ^d from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.

10 And ^e he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters ⁱ by posts on horseback, and riders on mules, camels, and young dromedaries:

11 Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and ⁿ to take the spoil of them for a prey,

12 Upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar.

13 The ^o copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was ^p published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day ^u to avenge themselves on their enemies.

14 So the posts that rode upon mules and camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shushan the palace.

15 ¶ And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king ^x in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and ^y the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

16 The Jews had ^z light, and gladness, and joy, and honour.

17 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast ^a and a good day. And many of the people of the land ^d became Jews; for ^e the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

CHAP. IX.

NOW in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of

revenue. 7. he saw that there was evil, at this day, it is a signal of death, when the king rises abruptly and withdraws; the offender then knows that death is determined against him. 8. bed, couch. covered, &c. the dignity of a prince did not allow of a malefactor setting his eyes upon him. 10. so they hanged, in the east, sentence is immediately executed.

CHAP. VIII.—1. house, entire property. 2. ring, the seal ring was the sign of supreme delegated authority. 9. third month, a little more than two months after the first decree, chap. iii. 12. 11. to stand, &c. the decree being unchangeable, the king

could only enable the Jews to act boldly on the defensive against those who should attack them. 14. the posts—being hastened, &c. the swiftness of these may be learned from those of the Mogul empire, where post houses were established on the public roads every twenty-five or thirty miles. There were in it 10,000 of these stations, and 2000 horses. The post, on urgent occasions, rode 200 or 250 miles in a day. Similar establishments now exist in China and Japan. 16. light, expressive of happiness and prosperity: 2 Sam. xxii. 29; Psal. cxvii. 11.

the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews ^a had rule over them that hated them:)

2 The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as ^a sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for ^b the fear of them fell upon all people.

3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and ^c officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them.

4 For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai ^d waxed greater and greater.

5 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did ^e what they would unto those that hated them.

6 And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men.

7 And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,

8 And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,

9 And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha,

10 The ^f ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

11 On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace ^g was brought before the king.

12 ^h And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? ⁱ Now what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what is thy request further? and it shall be done.

13 Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which ^j are in Shushan to do to morrow also ^k according unto this day's decree, and ^l let Haman's ten sons ^m be hanged upon the gallows.

14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

15 For the Jews that ⁿ were in Shushan ^o gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; ^p but on the prey they laid not their hand.

16 But the other Jews that ^q were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the prey,

17 On the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day ^r of the same rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

18 But the Jews that ^s were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and

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^a 2 Sa. 22. 41.

^b De. 16. 11, 14.

^c ch. 8. 17.

^d Ne. 8. 10, 12.

^e Re. 11. 10.

^f Ps. 71. 13, 24.

^g Ex. 17. 14.

^h De. 31. 19.

ⁱ 22.

^j Ps. 124. 1. 3.

^k 145. 4. 12.

^l ch. 8. 17.

^m those which did the business that belonged to the king.

ⁿ 2 Sa. 3. 1.

^o 1 Ch. 11. 9.

^p Pr. 4. 18.

^q Ps. 30. 11.

^r Mat. 5. 4.

^s Jno. 16. 20.

^t 22.

^u according to their will

^v Ga. 2. 10.

^w ch. 3. 6, 7.

^x crush.

^y ch. 5. 11.

^z Job 18. 19.

^{aa} 27. 13. 15.

^{ab} Ps. 21. 10.

^{ac} when she came.

^{ad} ch. 7. 10.

^{ae} Ps. 7. 16.

^{af} 109. 17, 18.

^{ag} 140. 9.

^{ah} 141. 10.

^{ai} he came.

^{aj} i. e. lot.

^{ak} o ver. 20.

^{al} ch. 5. 6.

^{am} 7. 2.

^{an} ch. 8. 17.

^{ao} Is. 56. 3. 6.

^{ap} 2ec. 2. 11.

^{aq} pass.

^{ar} ch. 8. 11.

^{as} let men hang.

^{at} Ex. 12. 17.

^{au} Ps. 78. 5. 7.

^{av} 103. 2.

^{aw} 2 Sa. 21. 6, 9.

^{ax} pass.

^{ay} be ended.

^{az} Ps. 118. 7. 12.

^{ba} ch. 2. 15.

^{bb} strength.

^{bc} 1 Th. 5. 22.

^{bd} He. 13. 5.

^{be} ch. 1. 1.

^{bf} 2 Ki. 20. 19.

^{bg} 2ec. 8. 19.

^{bh} in it.

^{bi} for their souls.

^{bj} ch. 4. 3, 16.

on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwall'd towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar ^a a day of gladness and feasting, ^b and a good day, and of ^c sending portions one to another.

20 ^d And Mordecai ^e wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that ^f were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both nigh and far,

21 To establish ^g this among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly.

22 As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was ^h turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, ⁱ and gifts to the poor.

23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them;

24 Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, ^j had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to ^k consume them, and to destroy them;

25 But ^l when Esther came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should ^m return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

26 Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of ⁿ Pur. Therefore for all the words of ^o this letter, and of ^p that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them,

27 The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as ^q joined themselves unto them, so as it should not ^r fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their ^s appointed time every year;

28 And ^t that these days should be ^u remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and ^v that these days of Purim should not ^w fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them ^x perish from their seed.

29 Then Esther the queen, ^y the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all ^z authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim.

30 And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to ^a the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of ^b peace and truth,

31 To confirm these days of Purim in their times ^c appointed, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed ^d for themselves and for their seed, the matters of ^e the fastings and their cry.

32 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

CHAP. IX.—13. *be hanged*, they had been slain before, and this respects their dead bodies, which were to be hung up for the greater infamy. They had probably sought to avenge their father's fall and death; and for this reason they were thus treated.

16. *seventy and five thousand*, these perished by their own malice. 22. *sending portions*, the eastern princes and people send a portion to those friends and relations who cannot attend a banquet, especially those in a state of mourning.

CHAP. X.
AND the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea.
2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written

B. C. 495.

a Is. 24. 15.
b Ge. 41. 40.
c Da. 2. 48.
d Ro. 10. 1.
* made him great.

ten in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

3 For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

CHAP. X.—1. *isles*, the isles of the Ægean sea were conquered by Darius Hystaspes. 3. *all his seed*, all the Jews who were, with him, of the seed of Abraham.

The Book of J O B. ^a

Job was a real person: see Eze. xiv. 14; Jas. v. 2. From some incidental allusions, he seems to have dwelt in Idumea, and, as he makes no mention of the worship of the Israelites, he is thought to have lived before the departure from Egypt. Many think that Moses wrote Job during his exile in Arabia.

CHAP. I.

THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

4 And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

10 Hast thou not made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

B. C. 1520.

a Moses is thought to have wrote the Book of Job, whilst among the Madianites n. c. 1520.

* if he curse thee not.

b Mal. 3. 13, 14

c Eze. 14. 11.

d Ja. 5. 11.

e Ge. 6. 9.

f Pr. 8. 13.

† hand.

g Ge. 16. 6.

† or, cattle.

§ or, husbandry.

|| sons.

* or, A great fire.

f Ge. 8. 20.

g 1 Ki. 21. 10.

† all the days

h 1 Ki. 22. 19.

† rushed.

§ the adversary,

1 Ch. 21. 1.

Re. 12. 9, 10.

|| in the midst of them.

i 1 Pe. 5. 8.

* set thy heart on.

† from aside, &c.

† or, robe.

h Is. 5. 2.

i 1 Pe. 5. 6.

† Pr. 10. 22.

n 1 Ti. 6. 7.

§ or, cattle.

o Ja. 1. 17.

11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, * and he will curse thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

13 And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

14 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:

15 And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD

CHAP. I.—1. *Uz*, afterwards called Edom, Lam. iv. 21. perfect, in sincerity. upright, in practice. eschewed, departed from. 3. greatest, cattle then constituted wealth; he resembled the modern sheiks of Arabia. 4. day, birthday, as usual: see Gen. xi. 20. 5. sanctified them, caused them to prepare for sacred services: see Joel ii. 15, 16. sinned, by some acts of indiscretion, during their feasting. and cursed God, though they bless God in their heart.—Booths; and blessed the gods, i. e. the false gods: so Lee. 6. Now there was, &c. this is a parabolical representation of God as King, overruling the affairs of the world. sons of God, good angels,

chap. xxxviii. 7; or sincere worshippers. Gen. vi. 1, 2. Satan, 'adversary' of mankind. 10. made an hedge, protected him. house, family. 11. put forth, &c. i. e. inflict punishment. Isa. v. 25; Eze. xxv. 7, 13, 16. touch, destroy: see Gen. xvi. 11; Ruth ii. 6; Psal. cv. 15; Zech. ii. 8. curse, implies utterly renounce religion. 15. Sabeans, probably of Arabia Deserta. 16. the fire of God, lightning. Num. xvi. 35; 1 Kin. xviii. 38. 17. Chaldeans, these inhabited each side of the Euphrates, but mixed with the wandering Arabs. 19. a great wind, camels are sometimes lifted off their legs by eastern whirlwinds. 20. shaved, a sign of mourning, Jer. xli. 5.

hath ^a taken away; ^b blessed be the name of the LORD.

22 In all this Job sinned not, nor ^c charged God foolishly.

CHAP. II.

AGAIN there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; [†] but save his life.

7 [¶] So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils [§] from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; [¶] and he sat down among the ashes.

9 [¶] Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? [§] shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job [¶] sin with his lips.

11 [¶] Now when Job's three [†] friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come [¶] to mourn with him and to comfort him.

12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and [¶] sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

13 So they sat down with him upon the ground [¶] seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that [¶] his grief was very great.

CHAP. III.

AFTER this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.

2 And Job [¶] spake, and said,

B. C. 1520.

^a Mat. 20. 15.

^b Ep. 5. 20.

^c 1 Th. 5. 18.

^d ch. 10. 18, 19.

Je. 15. 10.

20. 14.

^e or, attri-

buted folly

to God.

^f Ps. 23. 4.

41. 19.

107. 10, 11.

Je. 13. 16.

Am. 5. 8.

[†] or, chal-

lenge it.

[†] or, let them

terrify it,

as those

who have

a bitter

day.

Am. 8. 10.

[§] or, let it not

rejoice

among the

days.

^e Je. 9. 17, 18.

^{||} or, a levi-

athan.

[¶] the eyelids

of the

morning,

ch. 41. 18.

[†] to swallow

him up.

^f Ge. 30. 3.

Is. 66. 12.

[†] or, only.

^g Is. 1. 6.

ch. 42. 6.

2 Sa. 13. 19.

Eze. 27. 30.

Mat. 11. 21.

ⁱ Ps. 58. 8.

[§] wearied in

strength.

^j ch. 1. 21.

Ro. 12. 12.

Ja. 5. 10, 11.

^k Ps. 39. 1.

Pr. 17. 17.

^m Je. 20. 18.

ⁿ 1 Sa. 1. 10.

2 Ki. 4. 27.

Pr. 31. 6.

^{||} wait.

^o Re. 9. 6.

^p ch. 42. 11.

Ro. 12. 15.

^q ch. 19. 8.

La. 3. 7.

^{*} before my

meat.

^r Ne. 9. 1.

La. 2. 10.

[†] I feared a

fear, and

it came

upon me.

^s Ge. 50. 10.

[†] answered.

3 Let ^c the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.

4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and ^d the shadow of death [†] stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; [†] let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; [§] let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

7 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein.

8 Let them curse it that curse the day, ^e who are ready to raise up ^{||} their mourning.

9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see ^{*} the dawning of the day:

10 Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

11 Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

12 Why ^f did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest,

14 With kings and counsellors of the earth, which built desolate places for themselves;

15 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

16 Or [†] as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light.

17 There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the [§] weary be at rest.

18 There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

19 The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master.

20 Wherefore [¶] is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the [¶] bitter in soul;

21 Which ^{||} long ^o for death, but it cometh not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures;

22 Which rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave?

23 Why [¶] is light given to a man whose way is hid, [¶] and whom God hath hedged in?

24 For my sighing cometh ^{*} before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.

25 For [†] the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

CHAP. IV.

THEN Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

CHAP. II.—4. *skin for skin*, skins represented property, being valuable articles of commerce. The expression is proverbial. 9 *curse God and die*, 'blessing God and dying.'—Booth. 10. *as one of the foolish women*, like a profane and idolatrous woman. *evil*, so afflictions are called, because felt as evil. 11. *Temanite*, of Teman, a city of Edom, Jer. xlix. 7. &c.; Eze. xxv. 13; Am. i. 11, 12. *Shuhite*, from Shuah, a son of Abraham, by Keturah. *Naamathite*, from Naamah, bordering on Edom, Josh. xv. 21—41. 12. *knew him not*, at first, being so good a spectacle. *sprinkled dust*, a mourning ceremony, still practised in the east: see Jos. vii. 6; better understand it, 'threw dust through the air upon,' &c. Acts xxi. 23. 13. *sat down*, so the custom is among

the Hindoos, the chief mourner being silent, except when it is absolutely necessary to speak.

CHAP. III.—1. *his day*, 'birth-day.' 3. *perish*, never be remembered among birthdays. *said*, 'shouted.'—M. Good. 5. *the blackness*, &c. 'the blasts of noontide,' the pestilential simoom.—M. Good. 7. *be solitary*, and no season of festivity, as with the Arabs. 12. *Why did the knees prevent me?* 'Why were the knees ready to receive me?' the knees of the mother to nurse her unborn darling. 14. *desolate places*, sepulchres. 20. *light*, here put for life. 21. *dig*, probably alludes to those who searched with eager hope every place where they supposed treasures hid. 26. *yet trouble came*, 'as the trouble came on.'—Good.

2 If we assay * to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can † withhold himself from speaking?

3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast ^a strengthened the weak hands. 4 Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.

5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

6 Is not *this* thy fear, ^d thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways?

7 Remember, I pray thee, * who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?

8 Even as I have seen, ^d they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

9 By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.

10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of the young lions, are broken.

11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad.

12 Now a thing was † secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof.

13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men,

14 Fear ^c came upon me, and ^k trembling, which made † all my bones to shake.

15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:

16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image ^{was} before mine eyes, * *there was* silence, and I heard a voice, *saying*,

17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?

18 Behold, he ^p put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:

19 How much less in them that dwell in ^r houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, *which* are crushed before the moth?

20 They are † destroyed from morning to evening; they perish for ever without any regarding it.

21 Doth not their excellency *which* is in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.

CHAP. V.

CALL now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou ^t turn?

2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and ^e envy slayeth the silly one.

3 I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.

4 His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them.

CHAP. IV.—5. But now it is come, * But now affliction hath come. 6. Is not *this*? &c. Hath not thy fear been thy confidence? &c.—Boothr.

10. lion, beasts of prey are common images of tyrants and oppressors. 13. thoughts, 'tumults,' 'tumultuous thoughts,' 'mental agitations.'—M. Good. 17. be more just than God, 'be just before God.'—Boothr. more pure, &c. pure before, &c.—ibid. 18. and his angels he charged with folly, 'nor ascribeth glory to his angels.'—ibid. 19. before, rather, 'like,' or 'as.' 20. perish, 'pass by,' go out of sight.

CHAP. V.—1. Call, Eliphaz now speaks. Here is an irony, advising Job to find an advocate to countenance him in justifying himself. saints, 'holy ones,' often denote holy angels: see chap. xv. 15. Zech.

B. C. 1520.

* a word.

† refrain from words?

† or, iniquity.

Is. 35. 3.

b 1 Co. 10. 13.

S or, labour.

ll bowing,

He. 12. 12.

* the sons of the burning coal

lift up to fly.

c Ps. 40. 5.

Ro. 11. 33.

† there is no search.

d Pr. 3. 26.

† till there be no.

e Ps. 37. 25.

f Ac. 14. 17.

S out-places.

g 1 Sa. 2. 7.

A Ga. 6. 7, 8.

ll i. e. by his anger.

2 Th. 2. 8.

* or, any thing.

i 1 Co. 3. 19.

† or, run into by stealth.

met me.

Hab. 3. 16.

He. 12. 5.

Ja. 1. 12.

ll the multitude of.

m Ps. 91. 3.

* or, I heard a still voice.

n Ps. 33. 19.

† hands.

o Ps. 31. 20.

† or, when the tongue scourgeth.

p 2 Pe. 2. 4.

S or, nor in his angels, in whom he put light.

q 2 Co. 5. 1.

ll beaten in pieces.

r Ps. 91. 12.

* or, peace is thy tabernacle.

† or, err.

s Ps. 112. 2.

† or, much.

t Ps. 72. 16.

S or, look.

ll ascendeth.

* or, indignation.

† thyself.

Pr. 9. 12.

5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance.

6 Although † affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;

7 Yet man is ^b born unto † trouble, as * the sparks fly upward.

8 I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:

9 Which ^c doeth great things and † unsearchable; marvellous things † without number:

10 Who ^f giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the ^g fields:

11 To ^h set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.

12 He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform * their enterprise.

13 He ⁱ taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

14 They ^j meet with darkness in the day-time, and grope in the noonday as in the night.

15 But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.

16 So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

17 Behold, ^k happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

19 He ^m shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

20 In ⁿ famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the ^t power of the sword.

21 Thou ^o shalt be hid from the ^t scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

23 For ^p thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

24 And thou shalt know that * thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not ^q sin.

25 Thou shalt know also that ^r thy seed shall be ⁱ great, and thine offspring ^u as the grass of the earth.

26 Thou shalt come to ^s thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn ^u cometh in in his season.

27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it is; hear it, and know thou it for ^t thy good.

CHAP. VI.

BUT Job answered and said, 2 Oh that my grief were thoroughly

xiv. 5; Dan. viii. 13. 2. wrath, i. e. Divine wrath; or it may mean, the wrath of a foolish man kills himself. foolish—silly, in Scripture means wicked, Psalm xiv. 1; lxxv. 4; Prov. 1. 7; viii. 5. 4. the gate, which was the place of judgment, Deut. xxv. 7; Ruth iv. 1, &c. 5. the hungry, i. e. the wild plundering Arabs. out of the thorns, the fences made of thorns. 7. as the sparks, &c. 'as the bird tribes for soaring aloft.'—Boothroyd, *cum multis alius*. 11. to set up, 'who setteth up or raiseth.' 13. carried headlong, 'rendered vain.' 16. the poor, the persecuted.—M. Good. 23. in league, &c. the verse denotes protection in travelling. 24. tabernacle, 'tent,' and shalt not sin, 'and miss nothing.'—Boothroyd. These allusions relate to domestic prosperity.

weighed, and my calamity * laid in the balances together!

3 For now it would be heavier^a than the sand of the sea: therefore † my words are swallowed up.

4 For ^b the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: ^d the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

5 Doth the wild ass bray || when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder?

6 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there *any* taste in the white of an egg?

7 The things that my soul refused to touch are as my sorrowful meat.

8 Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me § the thing that I long for!

9 Even † that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!

10 Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for § I have not concealed the words of ^h the Holy One.

11 What is my strength, that I should hope? and what is mine end, that I should prolong my life?

12 Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh ⁱ of brass?

13 Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?

14 To ^j him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

15 My ^k brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and ^l as the stream of brooks they pass away;

16 Which are blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid:

17 What time they wax warm, they † vanish: † when it is hot, they are § consumed out of their place.

18 The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish.

19 The troops of ^m Tema looked, the companies of ⁿ Sheba waited for them.

20 They were ^o confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed.

21 For now || ye are ^p nothing; ye see my casting down, and ^q are afraid.

22 Did I say, Bring unto me? or, Give a reward for me of your substance?

23 Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?

24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

B. C. 1520.

* lifted up.

† Pr. 27. 3.

† i. e. I want words to express my grief.

Ps. 77. 4.

b Ps. 38. 2.

† cause to fall upon.

c Ps. 57. 6.

d Ps. 88. 15, 16.

§ before your face.

|| at grass.

* i. e. in this matter.

† my palate.

† or, a warfare.

§ Ps. 39. 4.

§ my expectation.

|| gaped after.

f 1 Ki. 19. 4.

g Ac. 20. 20.

h Le. 19. 2.

Is. 57. 15.

Ho. 11. 9.

* evening be measured.

i Is. 14. 11.

† brasen.

k Ps. 90. 6.

Ja. 4. 14.

† Pr. 17. 17.

† melteth.

§ not return.

|| To see, i. e. to enjoy.

m Ps. 33. 11.

n Je. 15. 18.

* i. e. I can live no longer.

o 2 Sa. 12. 23.

† are cut off.

† in the heat thereof.

§ exting-
guished.

p Ps. 39. 1, 9.

40. 9.

r 1 Sa. 1. 10.

Ge. 25. 15.

† Exe. 27. 22.

23.

u Je. 14. 3.

|| or, ye are like to them.

Heb. to it.

* not.

p Ps. 33. 11.

† bones.

q Ps. 62. 9.

y Ps. 8. 4.

25 How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing reprove?

26 Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which are as wind?

27 Yea, ye ^t overwhelm the fatherless and ye ^u dig a pit for your friend.

28 Now therefore be content, look upon me; for it is § evident unto you if I lie.

29 Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness is ^v in it.

30 Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot † my taste discern perverse things?

CHAP. VII.

Is there not ^w an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?

2 As a servant ^x earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for the reward of his work:

3 So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the ^y night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

5 My flesh is ^z clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome.

6 My ^a days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.

7 O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall § no more ^b see good.

8 The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more: thine eyes are upon me, and ^c I am not.

9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so ^d he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.

10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

11 Therefore I will ^e not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will ^f complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12 Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me?

13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint;

14 Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions:

15 So that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather than my ^g life.

16 I loathe it; I would not live alway: let me alone; for ^h my days are vanity.

17 What ⁱ is man, that thou shouldst magnify him? and that thou shouldst set thine heart upon him?

18 And that thou shouldst visit him

CHAP. VI.—3. are swallowed up, 'are vehement.'

—Scott, 1775. 4. arrows, allude to poisoned arrows.

5. Doth, &c. i. e. even brutes are quiet when their wants are supplied.

6. Can that, &c. do men eat unsavoury meats with delight?

9. cut me off, as a weaver his work from the loom.

10. not concealed, 'not rejected,' i. e. not refused to obey the Divine will.—Boothroyd.

11. what is mine end, &c. my latter days are not likely to be such as to make me desire to prolong my life.

13. Is not, &c. 'Alas, there is no help in me!'—M. Good.

14. To him, &c. means, that they who treat a friend with such cruelty, will easily cast off the fear of God.

15. as the stream, &c. their friendship fails like the drying up of the summer waters.

16. which are blackish, &c. by the melting of the ice and snow from the summits of the mountains, the streams rush in a turbid state into the valley, appearing like deep rivers.

17. what time they wax warm, meaning, in

the summer season.

19. Tema, a country of Arabia.

20. were ashamed, having waited in vain for water.

21. For now, &c. 'Thus are ye become now unto me.'

—Boothroyd.

22. Did I say, &c. I have neither asked gifts nor favours from you; why, then, have you dealt so deceitfully with me?

23. for it is evident, 'it will be evident unto you whether I lie.'

CHAP. VII.—1. appointed time, alludes to the hardships and discipline of military service.

of an hireling, or day labourer, compelled to labour, and looking for his evening's rest.

2. shadow, easterns reckon time by the length of the shadow.

3. worms, bred in his ulcers.

7. wind, or a breath.

12. a sea, so unruly. or a whale, or 'crocodile,' or 'amphibious monster,' that I need such severe restraints?

15. strangling, a violent death, rather than life.

18. visit, punish or chasten, Ex. xx. 5; xxxii. 34; xxxiv. 7.

every morning, and try him every moment?

19 How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?

20 I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?

21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust: and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

CHAP. VIII.

THEN answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?

3 Dost thou pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

4 If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression:

5 If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty;

6 If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

8 For I enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:

9 For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:

10 Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?

11 Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water?

12 Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb.

13 So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish:

14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be as a spider's web.

15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.

16 He is green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden.

17 His roots are wrapped about the heap, and seeth the place of stones.

18 If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee.

19 Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow.

B. C. 1520.

* take the ungodly by the hand.

† shouting for joy.

a Ps. 36. 6.

b Ps. 21. 12.

c La. 3. 12.

† not be.

d Ps. 143. 2.

e Ro. 3. 20.

§ or, before.

f ch. 34. 12-17.

g Ge. 18. 25.

h De. 32. 4.

i 2 Ch. 19. 7.

j Da. 9. 14.

k Ro. 3. 5.

l Is. 2. 19, 21.

m Hag. 2. 6, 21.

n He. 12. 28.

|| in the hand of their.

o Ge. 1. 6.

p Ps. 104. 2, 3.

q heights.

r Ge. 1. 16.

s Am. 5. 8.

† Ash. Cesi, and Cima.

t Ps. 71. 15.

u ch. 15. 18.

v De. 4. 32.

w 32. 7.

x Is. 45. 9.

y Je. 18. 6.

z Ro. 9. 20.

|| who can turn him away?

aa ch. 11. 10.

ab Ge. 47. 9.

ac 1 Ch. 29. 15.

ad Ps. 39. 5.

ae 102. 11.

af 144. 4.

§ not.

ag ch. 25. 12.

ah Is. 30. 7.

ai || helpers of pride, or, strength.

aj ch. 10. 15.

ak 1 Co. 4. 4.

al n Ps. 129. 6.

am Je. 17. 6.

an o ch. 27. 8.

ao Ps. 112. 10.

ap Pr. 19. 28.

aq Mat. 24. 1, 2.

ar Lu. 12. 1, 2.

as * a spider's house.

at Is. 59. 5, 6.

au p Ps. 37. 36.

av r Ps. 113. 7.

aw s Ec. 9. 2, 3.

ax Eze. 21. 3.

20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil doers:

21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing.

22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.

CHAP. IX.

THEN Job answered and said,

2 I know it is so of a truth; but how should man be just with God?

3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?

5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger.

6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.

7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars.

8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

9 Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

10 Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not.

12 Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?

13 If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.

14 How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him?

15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge.

16 If I had called, and he had answered me; yet would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.

17 For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause.

18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.

19 If I speak of strength, lo, he is strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead?

20 If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.

21 Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life.

22 This is one thing, therefore I said it, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.

19. *swallow*, &c. proverbial among the Arabs for a very brief space. 20. *what shall I do*, what dost thou require me to do, that I may make some expiation. 21. *sleep in the dust*, his sufferings would speedily kill him.

CHAP. VIII. — 2. *like a strong wind*, blustering. 11. *rush*, or *papyrus*. *flag*, or *rush* of the Nile, grows only in the marshes. 16. *green before the sun*, seems to bask in the sunshine of prosperity, flourishing as a vine. 17. *seeth the place*, &c. i. e. strikes its roots among the rocks and stones. 18. *if he destroy him*, &c. "when it is destroyed from its place," it shall deny him, i. e. its place, no remembrance shall remain of its having grown there. 19. *this is the joy*, &c. this is the natural consequence of his momentary prosperity.

CHAP. IX. — 2. *how should man be just*? how can he be accounted righteous? 3. *one of a thousand*, "one

charge of a thousand." 5. *Which removeth*, &c. "who unexpectedly plucketh up mountains." 7. *riseth not*, an allusion perhaps to eclipses, smothered up, by a thick atmosphere. 9. *Which maketh Arcturus*, &c. astronomical terms for certain constellations: this is the earliest notice of the science. 13. *the proud helpers*, literally, "the helpers of pride," i. e. the mighty. 14. *If I had called*, &c.

"If I call, will he then reply to me?" I cannot believe he will listen to my voice. — *Doeth*, this refers to processes in a court of justice. 17. *without cause*, such as that alluded to by his friends. 19. *of strength*, &c. I could not prevail by strength. *who shall set me a time to plead*? i. e. "who shall bear testimony for me?" none knowing his thoughts. 21. *yet would I not know*, &c. rather, "if I should say I am perfect, I should not know my soul." 22. *He destroyeth the perfect*, &c. they suffer alike.

Job expostulateth with God.

J O B.

The wisdom of God is unsearchable.

23 If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.

24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, and who is he?

25 Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

26 They are passed away as the * swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the prey.

27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort myself:

28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou ⁶ wilt not hold me innocent.

29 If I be wicked, why then labour I in vain?

30 If ^h I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean;

31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall I abhor me.

32 For ⁱ he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.

33 Neither ⁱ is there [§] any ^{||} daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.

34 Let ^o him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me:

35 Then would I speak, and not fear him; * but it is not so with me.

CHAP. X.

MY ^p soul is ^t weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.

3 Is it good unto thee that thou shouldst oppress, that thou shouldst despise the ^{||} work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?

4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or [°] seest thou as man seeth?

5 Are thy days as the days of man? are thy years as man's days,

6 That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin?

7 * Thou ^u knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.

8 Thine hands ^t have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.

9 Remember, I beseech thee, that * thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?

11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast * fenced me with bones and sinews.

12 Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

B. C. 1520.

a 2 Sa. 15. 30.

Je. 14. 4.

b Is. 3. 11.

* ships of desire, or, ships of Ebeh.

c Ps. 25. 18.

d Hab. 1. 8.

e Is. 38. 13.

La. 3. 10.

f i. e. thy plagues.

Ru. 1. 21.

g Ps. 119. 120.

h Ex. 20. 7.

i Je. 2. 22.

† or, make me to be abhorred.

i Ec. 6. 10.

Is. 45. 9.

Je. 49. 19.

Ro. 9. 20.

k Ps. 39. 13.

l 1 Sa. 2. 25.

§ one that should argue.

† or, umpire.

m Ps. 88. 12.

n Ps. 23. 4.

o Ps. 39. 10.

p but I am not so with myself.

q 1 Ki. 19. 4.

r Jon. 4. 3, 8.

† or, cut off while I live.

† or, devices.

ch. 6. 10.

10. 7.

|| labour.

Ps. 138. 8.

Is. 64. 8.

s 1 Sa. 16. 7.

t Ezr. 9. 13.

u It is upon thy knowledge.

v Jno. 21. 17.

w Ec. 3. 11.

x Ro. 11. 33.

† took pains about me.

† the heights of heaven.

a Ge. 3. 19.

Is. 64. 8.

y Re. 3. 7.

§ or, make a change.

|| turn him away.

ch. 9. 12.

* hedged.

† empty.

z Ec. 3. 18.

Ro. 1. 22.

13 And these things hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this is with thee.

14 If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.

15 If I be wicked, ^b woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore

^c see thou mine affliction;

16 For ⁱ it increaseth. ^e Thou huntest me as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me.

17 Thou renewest ^thy witnesses against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war are against me.

18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!

19 I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.

20 Are not my days few? ^k cease then, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,

21 Before I go whence I shall not return, [°] even to the land of darkness ⁿ and the shadow of death;

22 A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness.

CHAP. XI.

THEN answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

2 Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man ^t full of talk be justified?

3 Should thy [§] lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?

4 For ^r thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.

5 But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee;

6 And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know therefore that ^t God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity ^u deserveth.

7 Canst ^v thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

8 It is ^t as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?

9 The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

10 If [°] he ^u cut off, and shut up, or gather together; then who can ^t hinder him?

11 For he knoweth vain men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider it?

12 For ^t vain [°] man would be wise, though man be born ^t like a wild ass's colt.

13 If thou prepare thine heart, and

23. he will laugh, seem altogether unmoved, Ps. ii. 4.

24. covereth the faces of the judges, &c. leaves them to judicial blindness, or treats them as condemned malefactors, Esth. vii. 8, &c.

25. a post, a courier, Esth. viii. 14.

26. swift ships, or 'vessels of reed,' which sailed swiftly, Isa. xviii. 2.

27. labour I in vain, to vindicate my innocence.

28. snow water, regarded by the ancients as peculiarly detergent.

29. hands—clean, alluding to the rite of washing in token of innocence, Psalm xxvi. 6; Matt. xxvii. 24.

30. daysman, umpire.

CHAP. X.—3. shine upon, a figure for prosperity.

5, 6. Are thy days? &c.—That thou enquirest? &c. Is it becoming thine infinite dignity to concern thyself with the transgressions of a despicable mortal? A word spoken in the heart of most sinners.

7. not

wicked, as his friends thought him to be; but he admitted that he was sinful, chap. vii. 20; ix. 29.

10. poured me out as milk, &c. an expression of rejection. now used by the Hindoos.

13. these things, these afflictions God had treasured up to make him miserable.

15. not lift up, &c. I am only performing my duty.

16. thyself marvellous upon me, 'thy wonderful power over me.'

17. changes and war 'I am as if attacked by successive troops.'

CHAP. XI.—3. thy lies, 'Should thy vaunting make men silent?'—Booth.

6. shew thee, &c. the wisdom and perfections not as yet revealed.

10. If he cut off, &c. 'If he seize and bind one in chains, and bring to judgment, who then can reply to him?'

12. like a wild, &c. proverbial with the Arabs for

stretch ^a out thine hands toward him ;

14 If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and ^c let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.

15 For ^d then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot ; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear :

16 Because thou shalt ^f forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away.

17 And ^g thine age ^h shall ⁱ be clearer than the noonday ; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope ; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and ^k thou shalt take thy rest in safety.

19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid ; yea, many shall make suit unto thee.

20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and ^m their hope shall be as ⁿ the giving up of the ghost.

CHAP. XII.

AND Job answered and said,

2 No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you.

3 But I have ! understanding as well as you ; ^o I am not inferior to you ; yea, ^p who knoweth not such things as these ?

4 I am as one mocked of his neighbour, who ^q calleth upon God, and he answereth him : the just upright man is laughed to scorn.

5 He ^r that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.

6 The ^s tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure ; into whose hand God bringeth abundantly.

7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee ; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee ;

8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee ; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this ?

10 In ^t whose hand is the ^u soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

11 Doth not the ear try words ? and the ^v mouth taste his meat ?

12 With the ancient is wisdom ; and in length of days understanding.

13 With ^w him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.

14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again : he ^x shutteth ^y up a man, and there can be no opening.

15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters,

B. C. 1520.

^a Ps. 88. 9.

^b Ge. 7. 11, &c.

^c Ps. 101. 3.

^d 1 Jno. 3. 21.

^e Is. 19. 12.

29. 14.

^f 1 Co. 1. 19.

^g Is. 65. 16.

^h Is. 58. 8, 10.

ⁱ arise above

^j Is. 3. 1, 3.

^k tip of the faithful.

^l Ps. 107. 40.

^m Da. 2. 21.

ⁿ Ps. 4. 8.

^o Pr. 3. 24.

^p or, looseth

^q the girdle of the strong.

^r Da. 2. 22.

^s Mat. 10. 26.

^t 1 Co. 4. 5.

^u I treat thy face,

^v Ps. 45. 12.

^w flight shall

^x perish from them.

^y Pr. 11. 7.

^z or, a puff of breath.

^a leadeth in

^b an heart.

^c De. 28. 29.

^d I fall not

^e lower than you.

^f wander.

^g with whom

^h are not

ⁱ such as these ?

^j Ps. 91. 15.

^k Pr. 14. 2.

^l ch. 31. 35.

^m Ps. 37. 1, 35.

ⁿ Je. 12. 1.

^o Mal. 3. 15.

^p Pr. 17. 23.

^q Nu. 16. 22.

^r Da. 5. 23.

^s Ac. 17. 28.

^t or, life.

^u all flesh of man.

^v palate.

^w 1. e. God.

^x Be silent from me.

^y Is. 52. 22.

^z Re. 3. 7.

^a upon.

and they dry up : also he ^b sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.

16 With him is strength and wisdom : the deceived and the deceiver are his.

17 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and ^c maketh the judges fools.

18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.

19 He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.

20 He ^d removeth away the ^e speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged.

21 He ^f poureth contempt upon princes, and ^g weakeneth the strength of the mighty.

22 He ^h discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them : he enlargeth the nations, and ⁱ straiteneth them again.

24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

25 They ^j grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.

CHAP. XIII.

LO, mine eye hath seen ad this, mine ear hath heard and understood it.

2 What ye know, the same do I know also : I am not inferior unto you.

3 Surely ^k I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

4 But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value.

5 O that ye would altogether hold your peace ! and ^l it should be your wisdom.

6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

7 Will ye speak wickedly for God ? and talk deceitfully for him ?

8 Will ye accept his person ? will ye contend for God ?

9 Is it good that he should search you out ? or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him ?

10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.

11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid ? and his dread fall upon you ?

12 Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

13 ^m Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will.

14 Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand ?

obstinacy and indocility. 16. that pass away, i. e. are completely over. The allusion is to the torrents of winter, which quickly disappear. 18. thou shalt dig, &c. where thou diggest in safety, thou shalt rest.—Boothroyd. The allusion is to fountains discovered by digging.

CHAP. XII.—2. No doubt, a cutting irony. 5. he that is ready to slip, &c. i. e. near to ruin. is as a lamp despised, as a lamp near burning out to the snuff. 6. robbers. audacious oppressors. 7. ask now the beasts, he who will not be convinced by instruction, is told by the Hindoos to ask the cattle. 11. ear try words, &c. so chap. xxxiv. 3: a proverb. The organs of hearing and taste represent the capacities to discern and judge. 12. With the ancient is wisdom, &c. in these early times, the ancients who enjoyed long lives had much the advantage of the young in experimental knowledge. 13. With him is wisdom, a transition to the everlasting God. 14. shutteth up, &c. frustrates the best-laid purposes. 16. are his, in his power, and under his government. 17. He leadeth counsellors &c. God can take away

even their wisdom. 18. looseth, &c. dissolves their authority. girdeth, &c. reduces them to slavery, Psal. cxlix. 8. A cord or chain was tied about the waist of captives. 20. removeeth away the speech, deprives trusty counsellors of their eloquence. 21. princes, the original here is different from verse 19, and means those of royal extraction. 24. the heart, the intellect. to wander, expresses a state of confusion and dismay.

CHAP. XIII.—1, 2. Lo, &c. these two verses merely authenticate the facts alleged in chap. xii., and ought to have been connected with it. 4. ye are forgers of lies, ye frame deceitful arguments. 7. speak wickedly, they did so, because to justify God, they were unjust to their friend. 8. Will ye accept, &c. Do you wish to gain his favour by speaking wickedly ? 9. Is it good, &c. Would it be for your credit ? as one man mocketh &c. as man is deluded, will ye delude him ?—Boothroyd. 12. Your remembrances, Your memorable sayings are proverbs of dust.—Clarke, Boothroyd. 14. Wherefore, &c. the expression is pro-

Job's confidence in God.

15 Though ^a he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will ^{*} maintain mine own ways before him.

16 He also *shall* be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.

17 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.

18 Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified.

19 Now ^c is he *that* will plead with me? for who, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.

20 Only do not two *things* unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee.

21 Withdraw ^d thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid.

22 Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me.

23 How many *are* mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.

24 Wherefore ⁱ hidest thou thy face, and ^j holdest me for thine enemy?

25 Wilt ^m thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

26 For thou writest bitter things against me, and ⁿ makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.

27 Thou ^o puttest my feet also in the stocks, and ^p lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the ^q heels of my feet.

28 And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.

CHAP. XIV.

MAN *that* is born of a woman is ^t of few days, and ^u full of trouble.

2 He ^v cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and ^w bringest me into judgment with thee?

4 Who ^x can ^y bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.

5 Seeing ^z his days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

6 Turn ^a from him, that he may ^b rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;

JOB.

B. C. 1520.

^a Ps. 23. 4.

^b Pr. 14. 32.

^c *prove, or, argue.*

^d *is weakened, or, cut off.*

^e Is. 51. 6.

^f 65. 17.

^g 66. 22.

^h Ac. 3. 21.

ⁱ Ro. 8. 20.

^j 2 Pe. 3. 7, 10.

^k 11.

^l Re. 20. 11.

^m 21. 1.

ⁿ Is. 50. 8.

^o d Ps. 39. 10.

^p e ch. 13. 15.

^q f ver. 7.

^r g ch. 13. 22.

^s h Ps. 56. 8.

^t 139. 1. 3.

^u Pr. 5. 21.

^v Je. 32. 19.

^w Is. 8. 17.

^x k De. 32. 34.

^y Ho. 13. 12.

^z l De. 32. 42.

^a La. 2. 5.

^b m Is. 42. 3.

^c n *fadeth.*

^d o Ps. 25. 7.

^e p *overfloweth*

^f q ch. 33. 11.

^g r *observe.*

^h s *roots.*

ⁱ t Ec. 9. 5.

^j u *short of days.*

^k v Ec. 2. 23.

^l w Ps. 90. 5, 6, 9.

^m x Ja. 1. 10, 11.

ⁿ y 4. 14.

^o z 1 Pe. 1. 24.

^p a Ps. 143. 2.

^q b *knowledge of wind.*

^r c *will give.*

^s d Ps. 51. 5.

^t e Jno. 3. 6.

^u f Ro. 5. 12.

^v g Ep. 2. 3.

^w h ch. 7. 1.

^x i *makes void*

^y j *or, speech.*

^z k Ps. 39. 13.

^a l *cease.*

^b m *teacheth.*

^c n Lu. 19. 22.

^d o Ro. 11. 34.

^e p 1 Co. 2. 11.

The shortness and trouble of life.

9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

10 But man dieth and ^t wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where *is* he?

11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: ^u till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

14 If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time ^v will I wait, / till my change come.

15 Thou ^w shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

16 For ^x now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?

17 My ^y transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.

18 And surely the mountain falling: cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.

19 The waters wear the stones: thou ^z washest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.

20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

21 His sons come to honour, and ^a he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.

22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

CHAP. XV.

THEN answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

2 Should a wise man utter ^b vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?

4 Yea, thou ^c castest off fear, and restrainest ^d prayer before God.

5 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou chooseth the tongue of the crafty.

6 Thine ^e own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

7 Art thou the first man *that* was born? or wast thou made before the hills?

8 Hast ^f thou heard the secret of God?

verbal; 'I risk every thing on the justice of my cause.' 15. *maintain mine own ways*, being conscious of my innocence. 18. *have ordered*, &c. am ready to come into court. 19. *Who, &c.* Let my accuser come forward. *Boothroyd* reads,—

'Who is he that can convict me in judgment? For then will I be silent, and expire.'

21. *Withdraw thine hand*, 'Remove thine heavy affliction.' 22. *Then call, &c.* Begin thou first, or I will begin. 25. *break a leaf, &c.* concern thyself with a creature so contemptible. 27. *puttest my feet, &c.* treatest me as a slave or captive. *settest a print, &c.* 'thou hast pursued me as a hound his game, by the scent:' so *Clarke*. It is literally, 'thou engravest thyself on the roots or soles of my feet.'

The names of their gods were often placed on their sandals, and probably on the soles of the feet; some mark of the master.—*Davidson*.

CHAP. XIV.—3. *open thine eyes*, watch narrowly, and pursue with strict justice. 6. *Turn, &c.* let him alone, cease to afflict him. 9. *through the scent of water*, 'through moisture.' 10. *where is he?* 12. *can no more revive in relation to this world.* 12.

till the heavens *be* no more, seems to be an obscure reference to the restitution of all things, 2 Pet. iii. 7, 10, &c. 14. *appointed time*, 'of my warfare.' The Hebrew here expresses the time a soldier remains on duty, and his dismissal from it. *till my change, &c.* 'till my time to be relieved cometh.'—*Boothr.* 15. *Thou shalt call*, from this life. *answer thee*, cheerfully obey the summons. *wilt have a desire*, 'wilt yearn towards.'—*Stock, &c.* 16. *For now, &c.* 'Although thou now, &c.'—*A. Clarke.* 17. *is sealed up in a bag*, perhaps refers to the oriental custom of sewing and sealing up sums of money in bags. It is also usual in northern states to seal up evidences in like manner in a bag. 18, 19. *And surely, &c.* Every thing in nature tends to mutability and decay. 20. *changest his countenance*, spoileth his beauty. *Clarke* thinks the allusion is to covering the face of, and sending to execution the condemned criminal. 22. *his flesh—have pain*, after the manner of the orientals, the dead body is made to lament over its putrefaction.

CHAP. XV.—2. *vain knowledge*, literally, knowledge of wind, specious and unprofitable speculations belly 'bosom.' *east wind* doctrines as pernicious as

and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?

9 What knowest thou, that we know not? *what* understandest thou, which is not in us?

10 With us *are* both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than thy father. 11 *Are* the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee?

12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at,

13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and tellest *such* words go out of thy mouth?

14 What *c* is man, that he should be clean? and *h* which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

15 Behold, *h* he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

16 How *f* much more abominable and filthy is man, *h* which drinketh iniquity like water?

17 I will shew thee, hear me; and that *which* I have seen I will declare;

18 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid it:

19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and *h* no stranger passed among them.

20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days, *j* and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

21 A *a* dreadful sound is in his ears: *k* in prosperity *l* the destroyer shall come upon him.

22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

23 He *m* wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knoweth that *n* the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

24 Trouble *and* anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

25 For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.

26 He runneth upon him, *even* on his neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:

27 Because *h* he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collars of fat on his flanks.

28 And he dwelleth in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps.

29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, *neither* shall he pro-

B. C. 1520.

a ch. 4. 9.

* or, cut off.

b ch. 22. 16.

Ps. 55. 23.

c 1 Ki. 8. 46.

2 Ch. 6. 36.

Ps. 14. 3.

Pr. 20. 9.

Ec. 7. 20.

1 Jno. 1. 8, 10.

d Ps. 7. 14.

Is. 59. 4.

Ho. 10. 13.

+ or, iniquity

e ch. 4. 18.

25. 5.

f Ps. 14. 3.

53. 3.

± or, troublesome.

g ch. 34. 7.

Pr. 19. 28.

§ words of

wind.

h Ps. 22. 7.

109. 25.

i La. 2. 15.

j Joel 3. 17.

k Ps. 90. 12.

|| what goeth

from me?

* sound of

fears.

k 1 Th. 5. 3.

l 1 Co. 10. 10.

Re. 9. 11.

m Ps. 59. 15.

109. 10.

n La. 5. 6. 9.

o ch. 18. 12.

p Ps. 119. 143.

Pr. 1. 27.

Ro. 2. 9.

Re. 6. 15. 17.

q ch. 13. 24.

r Ps. 23. 13.

s La. 3. 30.

Mt. 5. 1.

t Ps. 35. 15.

+ hath shut

me up.

u ch. 1. 15. 17.

v ch. 17. 10.

w ch. 7. 20.

x Ps. 49. 16. 17.

Lu. 16. 2. 19.

22.

Ja. 5. 1. 3.

long the perfection thereof upon the earth.

30 He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and *o* the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence.

32 It shall be *a* accomplished *b* before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

34 For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

35 They *d* conceive mischief, and bring forth *†* vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

CHAP. XVI.

THEN Job answered and said, 2 I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all.

3 Shall *h* vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?

4 I also could speak as ye *do*: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and *h* shake mine head at you.

5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.

6 Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and though I forbear, *h* what am I eased?

7 But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company.

8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me: and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face.

9 He teareth *me* in his wrath, who hateth me; he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; *h* mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

10 They have *g* gaped upon me with their mouth; they *r* have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have *g* gathered themselves together against me.

11 God *†* hath *†* delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.

12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and *†* set me up for his mark.

13 His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground.

the east wind: Isa. xxxviii. 8; Am. iv. 9. 11. *Are the consolations, &c.* Has thy unfaithfulness caused God to withdraw his comforts? Is there any secret sin still cherished in thy heart? *as Clarke*; but *Holde*. 'Dost thou make light of the consolations we have offered thee? or hast thou any secret comfort unknown to us?' 12. *carry thee away*, with such high sentiments of thyself. *wink at*, with what splendid opinion of thyself is thine eye dazzled? 15. *no trust in his saints, &c.* all their goodness is derived and dependent. *the heavens, &c.* have no purity, compared with his. 16. *How much more*, rather, 'How much less' would he put confidence in man! *which drinketh, &c.* i. e. who commits sin as naturally and as eagerly as the thirsty drink water. 20. *and the number, &c.* the tyrant makes so many enemies that he cannot count on living the number of years allotted to man. 22. *He believeth not, &c.* he is in perpetual fear of the midnight assassin. 23. *He wandereth, &c.* he who was once in affluence requires a morsel of bread. *darkness is ready*, no bread, therefore death. 25. *For, &c.* the images here are borrowed from the single combat, anciently

common. 26. *He runneth, &c.* *Calmet* and *Clarke* consider this verse as speaking of God; but others think it descriptive of the presumptuous confidence of the sinner. *thick bosses*, shields embossed, with an iron spike in the middle. 27. *covereth—with his fatness*, lives in luxury and voluptuousness. 28. *desolate*, made so by his cruelty and rapine. 30. *darkness, afflictions*. 32. *accomplished before his time*, affliction shall come when he least thinks of it. 33. *shake off, &c.* part with all his good things, as fruits and flowers fall off.

CHAP. XVI.—2. *many such*, innumerable sayings like these. 3. *Shall vain, &c.* 'Put an end to vain words.'—*Boothroyd*. 7. *all my company*, supposed to allude to the desolation of his family. 9. *He, God, teareth*, a metaphor from a beast rending his prey. 10. *they, my friends*. *gaped*, like beasts ready to devour. *smitten—cheek*, denotes great insult. 12. *shaken me to pieces*, a favourite eastern way of showing contempt and superiority. 13. *His archers, &c.* 'the metaphor is taken from the mount-men: first, they surround the beast; then he is shot dead; his entrails are next taken out; and then

14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant.

15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and ^a defiled my horn in the dust.

16 My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death;

17 Not for *any* injustice in mine hands: also my prayer is pure.

18 O earth, cover not thou my blood, and ^b let my cry have no place.

19 Also now, behold, ^c my witness is in heaven, and my record is ^d on high.

20 My friends ^e scorn me: *but* mine eye poureth out *tears* unto God.

21 O ^f that one might plead for a man with God, as a man *pleadeth* for his ^g neighbour!

22 When ^h a few years are come, then I shall ⁱ go the way *whence* I shall not return.

CHAP. XVII.

MY ^j breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, ^k the graves are ready for me.

2 Are there not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye ^l continue in their ^m provocation?

3 Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who is he ⁿ that ^o will strike hands with me?

4 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not ^p exalt *them*.

5 He that speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.

6 He hath made me also ^q a byword of the people; and ^r aforetime I was as a ^s tabret.

7 Mine ^t eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all ^u my members are as a shadow.

8 Upright ^v men shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.

9 The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath ^w clean hands ^x shall be stronger and stronger.

10 But as for you all, ^y do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find ^z one wise man among you.

11 My ^{aa} days are past, my purposes are broken off, ^{ab} even ^{ac} the thoughts of my heart.

12 They change the night into day: the light is ^{ad} short because of darkness.

13 If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

14 I have ^{ae} said to corruption, Thou art

B. C. 1530.

^a ch. 30. 19.

Ps. 7. 5.

^b ch. 27. 9.

Ps. 66. 18. 19.

^c Ro. 1. 9.^d in the high

places.

^e are my

scorners.

^f ch. 31. 35.

Ec. 6. 10.

Is. 45. 9.

Ro. 9. 20.

^g his soul.^h or, friend.ⁱ years of

number.

^j Ec. 12. 5.^k or, spirit is

spent.

^l Ps. 18. 28.^m or, lamp.ⁿ Ps. 88. 3. 4.^o lodge.^p 1 Sa. 1. 6. 7.^q Ps. 9. 15.

35. 8.

^r Pr. 6. 1.

17. 18.

22. 26.

^s hidden.^t Je. 6. 25.^u scatter.^v ch. 30. 9.^w or, before

them.

^x bars.^y Ps. 6. 7.

31. 9.

^z or, my

thoughts.

^{aa} Ps. 112. 10.

Pr. 10. 28.

^{ab} Ps. 21. 4.^{ac} shall add

strength.

^{ad} Is. 5. 24.

Am. 2. 9.

Mal. 4. 1.

^{ae} ch. 6. 29.^{af} Ps. 34. 16.

Pr. 2. 22.

^{ag} ch. 7. 6.^{ah} the pos-

sessions.

^{ai} They shall

drive him.

^{aj} near.^{ak} Is. 14. 22.

Je. 22. 30.

^{al} cried, or,

called.

my father: to the worm, *Thou art* my mother, and my sister.

15 And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

16 They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

CHAP. XVIII.

THEN answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 How long will it be ere ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.

3 Wherefore are ye counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight?

4 He teareth ⁱ himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place?

5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, ^j and his ^k candle shall be put out with him.

7 The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.

8 For ^l he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.

9 The gin shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him.

10 The snare is ^m laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.

11 Terrors ⁿ shall make him afraid on every side, and shall ^o drive him to his feet.

12 His strength shall be hungerbitten, and destruction shall be ready at his side.

13 It shall devour the ^p strength of his skin: even the firstborn of death shall devour his strength.

14 His ^q confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors.

15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because it is none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.

16 His ^r roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.

17 His ^s remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

18 ^t He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.

19 He ^u shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

20 They that come after him shall be

his body is broken up limb from limb.—Heath. 14. *breach upon breach*, one blow or wound after another. *a giant*, or 'warrior.' 15. *horn*, the emblem of dignity. 18. *cover not*, &c. 'conceal not my wrongs when I am dead.' 19. *my witness*, i. e. the Almighty. 21. *O that*, &c.

^a O that a man might plead with God. As a man pleadeth with his fellow man.—Booth. CHAP. XVII.—2. *doth not mine eye*, &c. 'is not mine eye fixed on their reproaches?'—Boothroyd. 3. *Lay down now*, i. e. some pledge. *put me in a surety*, give me some surety that thou wilt hear my appeal. *strike hands*, striking hands sufficiently ratified solemn engagements. Davidson says, Job calls on his friends to produce their pledge, and solemnly agree to forfeit, if they failed to prove their charge against him. 4. *hid*, &c. deprived these friends of understanding. *exalt*, give them victory in this trial. 5. *speareth flattery*, 'the man who expects much from his friends will be disappointed; while depending on them, his children's eyes may fail, in looking for bread.' 6. *a byword*, 'my poverty and affliction are become proverbial,' as a *tabret*, causing joy by his presence. 10. *return*,

'give up your unjust opinion, and re-consider my case.' *a wise man*, i. e. one who judges wisely. 11. *even the thoughts*, those that were dearest to the heart. 12. *They*, i. e. these gloomy purposes and thoughts. 16. *Thy*, i. e. my hopes, &c. *bars*, i. e. the gates of death. *our rest*, &c. his hopes, to which he gives personality, shall lie with him in the grave.

CHAP. XVIII.—4. *He teareth himself*, like a furious maniac. *shall the earth be forsaken*, &c. shall the laws of nature be suspended on thy account? 5. *light—put out*, &c. prosperity come to an end. 7. *The steps of his strength*, his course of prosperity. 11. *to his feet*, put him to flight. 12. *His strength*, &c. Let his firstborn son be famished, and affliction be prepared for his wife.—Chaldee Paraphrase. 13. *firstborn of death*, i. e. the most fatal and cruel death. 14. *His confidence shall be rooted out*, signifies the loss of all that he trusted in. *tabernacle*, or tent, often signifies family. *king of terrors*, death. 15. *It*, that is, death. *brimstone*, &c. like Sodom and Gomorrah, it shall be an everlasting monument of the Divine displeasure. 16. *His roots*, &c. his family shall be like a tree blasted by lightning. 17. *no name*, &c. society shall retain no trace of him. 20.

astonied at ^a his day, as they that ^{*} went before [†] were afflicted.

21 Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that ^d knoweth not God.

CHAP. XIX.

THEN Job answered and said,
2 How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

3 These ^{*} ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed that ye [§] make yourselves strange to me.

4 And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself.

5 If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach:

6 Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net.

7 Behold, I cry out of [†] wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but there is no judgment.

8 He [†] hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths.

9 He [†] hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head.

10 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone; and mine hope hath he removed like a tree.

11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and [†] he counteth me unto him as one of his enemies.

12 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.

13 He [†] hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me.

14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.

15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.

16 I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I intreated him with my mouth.

17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I intreated for the children's sake of mine own body.

18 Yea, [§] young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me.

19 All [†] my inward friends abhorred me; and they whom I loved are turned against me.

20 My bone cleaveth to my skin [†] and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

B. C. 1520.

a Ps. 37. 13.

* or, lived

with him.

† laid hold

on horror.

b Ps. 33. 2.

c Ps. 69. 26.

d 2 Th. 1. 8.

Tit. 1. 16.

† Who will

give. &c.

e Ge. 31. 7.

§ or, harden

yourselves

against me

|| or, After

I shall

awake,

though this

body be de-

stroyed, yet

out of my

flesh, &c.

f 1 Co. 13. 12.

1 Jno. 3. 2.

† a stranger.

* or, my

reins with-

in me are

consumed

with ear-

nest desire

[for that

day.]

† in my bo-

som.

† or, violence.

g ver. 22.

§ or, and

what root

of matter

is found in

me?

h Ps. 88. 8.

i Ps. 58. 10, 11.

k Ps. 69. 44.

|| my haste

is in me.

l La. 2. 5.

m Ps. 69. 8.

n Ps. 37. 35, 36.

* from near.

† cloud.

† my belly.

§ or, the

wicked.

|| the men of

my secret.

* or, The

poor shall

oppress his

children.

† or, as.

21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; ^b for the hand of God hath touched me.

22 Why do ye ^c persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 [†] Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

26 [†] And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet [†] in my flesh shall I see God:

27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not [†] another; ^{*} though my reins be consumed [†] within me.

28 But ye should say, ^g Why persecute ye him, [§] seeing the root of the matter is found in me?

29 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, [†] that ye may know there is a judgment.

CHAP. XX.

THEN answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

2 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for this [†] I make haste.

3 I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer.

4 Knowest thou [†] not this of old, since man was placed upon earth,

5 That [†] the triumphing of the wicked is ^{*} short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?

6 Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the [†] clouds;

7 Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where is he?

8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

9 The eye also which saw him shall see him no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.

10 ^{*} His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods.

11 His bones are full of the sin of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust.

day, used here for 'life.' 21. such are the dwellings, i. e. their common lot.

CHAP. XIX.—3. ten times, i. e. repeatedly. make yourselves strange, i. e. treat me as strangers. 4. remaineth with myself, I must bear the consequences. 5. reproach, that with which I am reproached, my calamities prove my guilt. 6. Know now that God hath overthrown me, he has taken me in hand, it is not for you to act. 7. I am not heard, none comes to my help. 8. He hath fenced, &c. may allude to the mode of hunting the elephant; or to the situation of an imprisoned and condemned malefactor. 9. glory—crown, dignity and honour. 12. His troops, metaphor from a besieging army. 14. failed, 'deserted me.' 15. They that dwell, &c. properly, his guests who enjoyed his hospitality. 17. for the children's sake, A. Clarke says, seems to imply some remained, perhaps too young to be involved in the calamities before named. Some think, however, the memory of the children is only intended. 18. Yea, young, Boothroyd understands this of the children of his slaves, showing strongly the contempt into which he was fallen. 19. inward, most intimate. 20. skin

of my teeth, i. e. gums. 22. with my flesh, with my bodily pains. 23. O that my words were now written, i. e. the important words following. 25. I know that my redeemer, a few critics give a different rendering to this passage, but a host of learned and pious men consider that Job here speaks of the Redeemer's incarnation, and of the resurrection of the dead at the final advent. 26. worms, is not in the original, diseases and affliction may rather be understood. 27. for myself, on my side. not another, not estranged as now, but as my Redeemer and Vindicator. 28. the root of the matter, the root of Divine faith and grace. 29. wrath bringeth, &c. such anger as ye have displayed against me, God will resent and punish.

CHAP. XX.—2. Therefore, rather, 'surely.' 3. I have heard, &c. 'correction reproachful to me I have heard.' 4. of old, 'from antiquity.' 6. excellency, 'pride.' 7. like his own dung, which is loathed and put out of sight. 10. His children, &c. i. e. shall be so reduced as to pay court to the poor. restore, what had been violently taken. 11. of the sin, &c. from ver. 5, Zophar charges Job with

12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue;

13 Though he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still [†] within his mouth:

14 Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within him.

15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly.

16 He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him.

17 He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter.

18 That which he laboured for shall he restore, and shall not swallow it down: according to ^{||} his substance shall the restitution be, and he shall not rejoice therein.

19 Because he hath ^{*} oppressed and hath forsaken the poor; because he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not;

20 Surely ^{*} he shall not [†] feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired.

21 There shall [§] none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods.

22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the ^{*} wicked shall come upon him.

23 When he is about to fill his belly, God shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain [†] it upon him: while he is eating.

24 He [†] shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of steel shall strike him through.

25 It is drawn, and cometh out of the body: yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his gall: terrors are upon him.

26 All darkness shall be hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle.

27 The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him.

28 The increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage ^{*} appointed unto him by God.

CHAP. XXI.

BUT Job answered and said,
2 Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations.

3 Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on.

4 As for me, is my complaint to man? and if it were so, why should not my spirit be [†] troubled?

B. C. 1520.

• Look unto me.

• Ps. 33. 9. [†] in the midst of his patience.

• Je. 12. 1. Hab. 1. 16.

• Peace from. Ps. 73. 5.

• or, streaming brooks. d. Ex. 23. 26.

• the substance of his exchange.

• crushed. [†] or, mirth.

• Ec. 5. 13, 14. [†] know.

• Ex. 5. 2. [§] or, be none left for his meat.

• Ps. 1. 1. Pr. 1. 10.

• or, lamp. • or, troublesome.

• Lu. 12. 46. i. Nu. 11. 33.

• Es. 7. 5. 10. • Is. 29. 5.

• Ho. 13. 3. [†] stealth away.

• Is. 24. 18. Je. 48. 43.

• Am. 5. 19. [†] i. e. the punishment of his iniquity.

• Ex. 20. 5. [†] Je. 25. 15.

• Re. 14. 10. 19. 15.

• Ro. 11. 34. 1 Co. 2. 16.

• very perfection, or, in the strength of his perfection.

• or, milk pails. • of his decree from God.

• Ec. 9. 2. [†] tent of the tabernacles.

• shortened.

5 • Mark me, and be astonished, ^{*} and lay your hand upon your mouth.

6 Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh.

7 Wherefore [†] do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?

8 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.

9 Their houses are [†] safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them.

10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and [†] casteth not her calf.

11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

12 They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.

13 They spend their days in [†] wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.

14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

15 What [†] is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?

16 Lo, their good is not in their hand: [†] the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

17 How oft is the ^{||} candle of the wicked put out? and how oft cometh their destruction upon them? God [†] distributeth sorrows in his anger.

18 They [†] are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away.

19 God layeth up [†] his iniquity [†] for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it.

20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and [†] he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

21 For what pleasure hath he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst?

22 Shall [†] any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.

23 One dieth in his ^{||} full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

24 His ^{||} breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.

25 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

26 They shall [†] lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

27 Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.

28 For ye say, Where is the house of the prince? and where are the [†] dwelling places of the wicked?

29 Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens,

a life of secret, if not public wickedness. 12-14. Though wickedness, &c. i. e. vice in the issue will be noxious and deadly. 15. God shall cast them, Providence shall deprive him of them. 17. He shall not see the rivers, &c. his soil and flocks shall not be productive: comp. Deut. xxxi. 20. 18. That which he laboured, &c. To labour shall he return, but he shall not eat. Good, according to his substance, Nor in the wealth of his merchandise rejoice.—Booth. 20. not feel quietness in his belly, internally, i. e. in his mind. 22. the wicked, rather, miserable, those he has made so. 24, 25. He shall flee, &c. warding off one evil he shall fall into another. 26. All darkness, &c. i. e. all darkness, every species of misery, is treasured up for him.

CHAP. XXI.—2. your consolations, 'your retractations of your false judgment.—A. Clarke. 6. Even when, &c. when I remember my various miseries, I am afraid on account of the mysterious dealings of

Providence. 12. organ, 'pipe.' 13. in a moment go, die calmly without suffering. 14. Therefore, &c. i. e. prosperity increases their impiety. 16. not in their hand, yet their prosperity is not at their own disposal—they cannot always secure their prosperity. the counsel, &c. 'yet far from me be the counsel,' i. e. the advocacy of, so some; or their principles and conduct, so others. 17. candle, 'lamp,' an emblem of prosperity and posterity. 19. for his children, Exod. xx. 5, supposes they copy the parents' example. know it, discern at last that God has done it. 20. shall see his destruction, i. e. is approach. 22. teach, pretend to instruct the Almighty how to govern. 24. His breasts, &c. this passage has perplexed translators, and seemed absurd; but Roberts says, it is a common proverbial expression for prosperity. 26. lie down alike, death levels all distinctions. 28. the house of the prince, of the noble and powerful man, pointing to the destruction of Job's houses and property. 29. that go, &c. i. e. 'travellers.' tokens,

30 That ^a the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of ^a wrath.

31 Who shall declare his way ^b to his face? and who shall repay him *what* he hath done?

32 Yet shall he be brought to the ^c grave, and shall ^c remain in the tomb.

33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and ^d every man shall draw after him, as *there* are innumerable before him.

34 How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth ^e falsehood?

CHAP. XXII.

THEN Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

2 Can ^a a man be profitable unto God, ^a as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?

3 *Is it* any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or *is it* gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect?

4 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment?

5 *Is not* thy wickedness great? and *thine* iniquities infinite?

6 For thou hast ^a taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the ^a naked of their clothing.

7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou ^a hast withholden bread from the hungry.

8 But *as for* the mighty man, he had the earth; and the ^a honourable man dwelt in it.

9 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

10 Therefore snares *are* round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee;

11 Ordarkness, that thou canst not see; and abundance of ^a waters cover thee.

12 *Is not* God in the height of heaven? and behold the ^a height of the stars, how high they are!

13 And thou sayest, ^a How ^a doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud?

14 Thick ^a clouds *are* a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven.

15 Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden?

16 Which ^a were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood:

17 Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do ^a for them?

18 Yet he filled their houses with good

B. C. 1520.

a 2 Pe. 2. 9.

* *teraths*

b Ga. 2. 11.

† or, *estate*.

† or, *their excellency*.

§ *graves*.

|| *watch in the heap*.

a i. e. *God*.

c Is. 27. 5.

d He. 9. 27.

e Ps. 119. 11.

† *transgression*.

f 2 Ch. 1. 15.

† or, *on the*.

g Lu. 17. 10.

§ or, *if he may be profitable*.

|| *doth his good success depend thereon*?

|| or, *gold*.

* *silver of strength*.

h Is. 58. 14.

i Is. 58. 9.

k Ex. 22. 26, 27.

Eze. 18. 12.

† *clothes of the naked*.

l Pr. 29. 23.

Ja. 4. 6.

† Pe. 5. 5.

m Mat. 23. 42.

† *him that hath low eyes*.

§ or, *The innocent shall deliver the island*.

Ge. 18. 26,

&c.

|| *the man of arm*.

* *eminent*.

or, *accepted for countenance*.

† *my hand*.

n La. 3. 54.

† *head*.

§ or, *What*.

Ps. 10. 11.

p Is. 57. 16.

r Ps. 139. 11, 12.

† Ec. 7. 17.

|| *a flood was poured upon their foundation*.

2 Pe. 2. 5.

* or, *to*.

things: but the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

19 The righteous see *it*, and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn

20 Whereas our ^a substance is not cut down, but ^a the remnant of them the fire consumeth.

21 Acquaint now thyself with ^a him, and ^a be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and ^a lay up his words in thine heart.

23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.

24 Then shalt thou ^a lay up gold: as dust, and the ^a gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.

25 Yea, the Almighty shall be thy ^a defence, and thou shalt have ^a plenty of silver.

26 For then shalt thou have thy ^a delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God.

27 Thou ^a shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

29 When *men* are cast down, then thou shalt say, *There is lifting up*; and ^a he shall save: the humble person.

30 ^a He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

CHAP. XXIII.

THEN Job answered and said,

2 Even to day is my complaint bitter: ^a my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come *even* to his seat!

4 I would order *my* cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

5 I would know the words *which* he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

6 Will ^a he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put *strength* in me.

7 There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

8 Behold, I go forward, but he is not *there*; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

9 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him:

'remarks.' 30. *That the wicked, &c.* that the righteous suffer and the wicked prosper, being reserved to future punishment. 31. *Who shall declare, &c.* who will dare to reprove or punish him? 33. *clods of the valley shall be sweet*, alluding to the fragrant spots of the eastern tombs, and *every man shall draw after him*, and after him every man shall be borne away.

CHAP. XXII.—2. *Can a man be profitable unto God?* he is neither injured nor benefited by him, but justice requires the punishment of the guilty. 3. *Is it any pleasure, &c.* God is not indebted to thee, &c. 4. *Will he, &c.* Will he punish thee, lest thou shouldst hurt him? 5. *Is not, &c.* Thy sin is the cause of thy suffering. 8. *he had the earth*, Job adjudged the piece of land to the powerful. 11. *darkness—waters*, gloom and afflictions. 12—14. *Is not, &c.* insinuations that Job committed crimes, not believing that God could see him. 15—17. *Hast*

thou, &c. the sense is, Hast thou imitated the impious world before the flood, who were destroyed by an untimely death? 18. *good things*, alludes to the prosperity of the antediluvians, Mart. xxiv. 38. 30. *but the counsel, &c.* a sarcasm on Job's declaration, chap. xxi. 16. 19. *The righteous, &c.* may mean Noah, or the righteous in general, acquiescing in God's judgments. 20. *Whereas, &c.* this is obscure: Scott the translator reads, 'Was not their rebellion punished with destruction? but the remnant of them the fire shall consume.' 21. *Acquaint now, 'Humble thyself before him.'*—Booth.

24. *lay up gold, again become rich.* 25. *plenty of silver*, literally, 'silver of heights,' or heaps. 28. *decree a thing, &c.* Whatever thou designest shall succeed. 30. *island, rather, 'residence.'* see Parkhurst.

CHAP. XXIII.—3. *Oh that I knew, &c.* that I could appeal to his tribunal, as at a human bar. 7. *so should I be delivered, &c.* triumphantly should I escape

10 But he ^a knoweth the way ^a that I take: *when* ^b he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

11 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips: I ^d have ^e esteemed the words of his mouth more than ^f any necessary food.

13 But he is in one mind, and ^e who can turn him? and *what* ^f his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth.

14 For he performeth *the thing that is* ^h appointed for me: and many such *things* ⁱ are with him.

15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

16 For God ⁱ maketh my heart soot, and the Almighty troubleth me:

17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, *neither* hath he covered the darkness from my face.

CHAP. XXIV.

WHY, seeing ⁱ times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?

2 *Some* remove the ^m landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and [†] feed thereof.

3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they ^o take the widow's ox for a pledge.

4 They turn the needy out of the way: ^p the poor of the earth hide themselves together.

5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness *yieldeth* food for them and for their children.

6 They reap *every one* his ^{||} corn in the field: and ^{*} they gather the vintage of the wicked.

7 They ^r cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that *they have* no covering in the cold.

8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and [†] embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor.

10 They cause *him* to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf *from* the hungry;

11 *Which* make oil within their walls, and tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.

12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly to them.

13 They are of those that ^{*} rebel against

B. C. 1520.

^a Ps. 139. 1..3.

^{*} that is with me.

^b Ps. 17. 3.

66. 10.

Ja. 1. 12.

^c Pr. 7. 9.

^d Jno. 4. 32, 34

[†] hid, or, laid up.

[†] setteth his face in secret.

[§] or, my appointed portion.

^e ch. 9. 12, 13.

12. 14.

Ro. 9. 19.

^f Ps. 115. 3.

[§] Jno. 3. 20.

Ep. 5. 11..13

^h 1 Th. 3. 3.

ⁱ Ps. 22. 14.

^{||} violently take.

^k Pr. 10. 7.

Is. 26. 14.

^l Ac. 1. 7.

^m De. 19. 14.

27. 17.

Ho. 5. 10.

^{*} or, he trusteth not his own life.

[†] or, feed them.

ⁿ Ps. 11. 4.

Pr. 15. 3.

Re. 2. 23.

^o ch. 22. 6.

De. 24. 6, 10.

12, 17.

^p Pr. 28. 28.

[†] are not.

[§] closed up.

^{||} mingled corn, or, dredge.

[•] the wicked gather the vintage.

^r Ex. 22. 26, 27

^s Ja. 1. 17.

^t La. 4. 5.

^u ch. 4. 17, &c.

15. 14, &c.

Ps. 130. 3.

143. 2.

^v Ps. 22. 6.

^w Jno. 9. 39..

41.

Ro. 2. 17..24

Ja. 4. 17.

the light, they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.

14 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

15 The ^e eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and I *disguiseth* his face.

16 In the dark they dig through houses, *which* they had marked for themselves in the daytime: [†] they know not the light.

17 For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death: if *one* know *them*, *they* are in the terrors of the shadow of death.

18 He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.

19 Drought and heat ^{||} consume the snow waters: *so doth* the grave *those which* have sinned.

20 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; ^k he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

21 He evil entreateth the barren *that* heareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.

22 He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, ^{*} and *no man* is sure of life.

23 *Though* it be given him to be in safety, whereon he resteth; yet [†] his eyes are upon their ways.

24 They are exalted for a little while, but [†] are gone and brought low; they are [§] taken out of the way as *all other*, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

25 And if *it be* not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

CHAP. XXV.

THEN answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 Dominion and fear *are* with him, he maketh peace in his high places.

3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not ^{*} his light arise?

4 How [†] then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman?

5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.

6 How much less man, *that is* ^{*} a worm? and the son of man, *which is* a worm?

CHAP. XXVI.

BUT Job answered and said,

2 How hast thou helped *him that is* without power? how savest thou the arm *that hath* no strength?

from my condemnation.'—Good. 10. knoweth, or approveth. 13. who can turn him, &c. he only fulfils his decrees. 14. many such, &c. many such mysterious things he performs. 15. am troubled, &c. stand in awe of him. 16. soft, 'faint.' 17. Because, &c. i. e. he had not suffered him to die.—So Scott the translator, and others.

CHAP. XXIV.—1. *times*—days, i. e. seasons of Divine vengeance. 6. *they reap*, the wandering Arab horde often make sudden irruptions and carry off the produce of the land into the wilderness. 7. *They cause the naked, &c.* 'Naked they lodge without clothing.'—Booths, cold, cold nights are frequent in Arabia. 9. *pluck, &c.* carry off children to be slaves. *take a pledge*, some valuable thing which the oppressing creditor takes from the poor debtor. 11. *Which make oil within their walls, of their vineyards, and yet enjoy not the produce.* 12. *layeth not folly, 'regardeth not the wickedness.'* 13. *rebel against, 'revolt from.'* 16. *dig, &c.* so burglaries are committed in the east, the houses being made of

unburnt bricks. 18. *He is swift, &c.* shall pass away swiftly as a current of water. 20. *The womb, the mother that bare him shall lose her affection for him, as a tree, i. e. by age or storms.* 21. *evil entreateth the barren, the ill treatment such receive in the east from their husbands and others, is shameful.* 22. *draweth also, &c.* subjects the mighty to his authority, and draws such around him to execute his oppressive measures. 23. *Though, &c. i. e. though God observes the wicked, yet he permits them to prosper.* 24. *cut off, &c.* alludes to the custom in the east of taking off the ears and leaving the straw standing.

CHAP. XXV.—2. *in the high places*, he establishes order in the heavenly world. 3. *armies*, his angels, which are innumerable. *upon whom, &c. i. e. his providence is over the evil and the good.* 5. *moon—stars*, used in comparison with his splendour and purity.

CHAP. XXVI.—2—4. *How hast thou, &c. sarcastic, that is, thou hast pretended to give succour without*

3 How hast thou counselled *him* that hath no wisdom? and how hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?

4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?

5 Dead things are formed from under the waters, [†] and the inhabitants thereof.

6 Hell ^a is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

7 He ^c stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

8 He ^e bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it.

10 He ^e hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the [†] day and night come to an end.

11 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof.

12 He ^e divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through [§] the proud.

13 By [†] his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed ^m the crooked serpent.

14 Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

CHAP. XXVII.

MOREOVER Job ^c continued his parable, and said,

2 As God liveth, [†] who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, [†] who hath vexed my soul;

3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die [†] I will not remove mine integrity from me.

6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: [†] my heart shall not reproach me [†] so long as I live.

7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.

8 For ^a what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?

9 Will ^a God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

B. C. 1520.

^a or, being in the hand.

[†] or, with.

^a Ps. 139. 8, 11.

Pr. 15. 11.

He. 4. 13.

b ch. 20. 29.

c Ps. 24. 2.

104. 2, &c.

d De. 28. 41.

Es. 9. 10.

Ho. 9. 13.

c Pr. 30. 4.

f Ps. 78. 64.

g Ps. 104. 9.

Pr. 8. 29.

Je. 5. 22.

[†] end of light with darkness.

h Pr. 28. 8.

Ec. 2. 26.

i Ex. 14. 21.

Ps. 74. 13.

Is. 51. 15.

Je. 31. 35.

k Is. 1. 8.

La. 2. 6.

[§] pride.

l Ps. 33. 6.

m Is. 27. 1.

n ch. 18. 11.

[†] in fleeing he would flee.

^a added to take up.

o ch. 34. 5.

[†] made my soul bitter.

Ru. 1. 20.

2 Ki. 4. 27.

[†] or, mine.

[§] i. e. the breath which God gave him.

Ge. 2. 7.

[†] or, dust.

p ch. 2. 9.

13. 15.

r Ac. 24. 16.

^a from my days.

s Mat. 16. 26.

Lu. 12. 20.

[†] or, gold ore

t Pr. 1. 28.

Is. 1. 15.

Jno. 9. 31.

Ja. 4. 3.

10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?

11 I will teach you ^a by the hand of God: that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.

12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; why then are ye thus altogether vain?

13 This ^b is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, which they shall receive of the Almighty.

14 If ^d his children be multiplied, it is for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and ^f his widows shall not weep.

16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;

17 He may prepare it, but ^h the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

18 He buildeth his house as a moth, and ^k as a booth that the keeper maketh.

19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he is not.

20 Terrors ^m take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night.

21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place.

22 For God shall cast upon him, and not spare: ⁿ he would fain flee out of his hand.

23 Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

CHAP. XXVIII.

SURELY there is a [†] vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it.

2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone.

3 He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

4 The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; even the waters forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.

6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it hath [†] dust of gold.

7 There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:

8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

strength, and counsel without understanding. 5. Dead things, &c. 'The mighty dead.'—M. Good and Boothroyd:—

'The mighty dead, and those dwelling with them, Are in anguish beneath the waters.'

By "mighty dead," the sacred writers meant the spirits of wicked men; perhaps those who perished by the flood. the waters, the place where departed souls were thought to be, Prov. ix. 18. 6. Hell, or Hades, the invisible state. destruction, probably Gehenna, the place of eternal punishment. 7. the north, a part for the whole, i. e. the whole hemisphere of the heavens, Psal. cii. 2, 5. 9. his throne, the heaven or sky: so called, Isa. lxvi. 1. 10. the waters, of the clouds.—M. Good. of the sea.—Boothroyd. 11. pillars, &c. probably high mountains. 12. He divideth, 'maketh still.' the proud, 'its proud waves.'—Boothroyd. 13. garnished, some think alludes to sun, moon, and stars. crooked, or 'flying.' serpent, has been interpreted to be, the sun's tortuous path—the milky way—lightning—aquatic monsters—Satan himself, &c.

CHAP. XXVII.—1. parable, i. e. a weighty saying. 2. taken away, i. e. refuses to hear my cause. 3. spirit, 'breath.' 5. justify you, admit the justice
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of our decision. 7. as the wicked, as a lying and perjured man from his false accusations. 8. the hypocrite, properly means here, 'a dishonest man,' 'a rogue.'

11. by the hand, 'concerning the hand,' i. e. God's providential dealings. 12. why—vain, why so vainly trifle? 13. This, namely, what follows, verse 14, &c.

16. as dust—clay, i. e. by heaps, Zech. ix. 3. 18. as a moth, &c. i. e. his house is of short duration. 19. gathered, i. e. to his fathers, with funeral honours, or rather with the righteous. is not, is suddenly cut off. 20. as waters, as an inundation. 22. For God, &c. rather 'For it,' i. e. the storm, 'shall drive upon him.'

CHAP. XXVIII.—1. fine, rather, 'refine.' 3. setteth, &c. i. e. carries light into the dark mines. all perfection, or perfectly. stones of darkness, &c. buried deep. 4. The flood, &c. this verse is obscure, but alludes to the opposing springs opened by mining.

forgotten, &c. not drawn off by engines worked by the foot. they are dried, &c. 'they sink down,' &c. 5. cometh bread, by man's industry. fire, coal, which is fuel; a certain sort was dug up in some parts of Arabia. 6. The stones, &c. 'Yet among its stones is the place of sapphires.'

7. There is a path, &c. i. e. man has discovered much, yet much remains

9 He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

10 He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.

11 He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.

12 But ^c where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

13 Man knoweth not the ^a price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

14 The ^f depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.

15 [§] It ^c cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.

18 No mention shall be made of ^c coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?

21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the ^h air.

22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and ^r seeth under the whole heaven;

25 To ^c make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

26 When he ^h made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:

27 Then did he see it, and I declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

28 And unto man he said, Behold, ^v the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

CHAP. XXIX.

MOREOVER Job ^h continued his parable, and said,

2 Oh that I were ^a as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me;

3 When ^h his ^c candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;

4 As I was in the days of my youth, when ^h the secret of God ^h was upon my tabernacle;

5 When the Almighty ^h was yet with me, when my children ^h were about me;

6 When ^a I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured ^h me out rivers of oil;

7 When I went out to the gate through

B. C. 1520.

* or, *flint*.

† *weeping*.

† *voice of the nobles was hid*.

† *Ps. 137. 6.*

† *Ec. 7. 24.*

† *Pr. 3. 15.*

† *Ps. 72. 12.*

† *Pr. 21. 13.*

† *Ro. 11. 33. 34.*

† *Fine gold shall not be given for it*.

† *Ps. 16. 16.*

† *Ps. 132. 9.*

† *Is. 61. 10.*

† *Ep. 6. 14, &c.*

† *1 Th. 5. 8.*

† *Nu. 10. 31.*

† *or, vessels.*

* *or, Ramoth.*

† *Pr. 29. 7.*

† *Ps. 58. 6.*

† *Pr. 30. 14.*

† *jawteeth, or, grinders*.

† *cast.*

† *Ps. 30. 6.*

† *ch. 18. 16.*

† *opened.*

† *Ps. 1. 3.*

† *Je. 17. 8.*

† *or, heaven.*

* *new.*

† *Ge. 49. 24.*

† *changed.*

† *Pr. 15. 3.*

† *Ps. 135. 7.*

† *Zec. 10. 1.*

† *ch. 33. 25.*

† *or, number.*

† *De. 4. 6.*

† *Ps. 111. 10.*

† *Pr. 1. 7.*

† *9. 10.*

† *Ec. 12. 13.*

† *Re. 3. 17, 18.*

† *of fewer days.*

† *added to take up.*

† *ch. 7. 3.*

† *ch. 18. 6.*

* *or, lamp.*

† *Ps. 18. 28.*

† *or, dark as the night.*

† *yesternight*

† *Ps. 25. 14.*

† *Ge. 49. 11.*

† *De. 32. 13.*

† *with me.*

the city, when I prepared my seat in the street!

8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up.

9 The princes refrained talking, and ^a laid their hand on their mouth.

10 The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

11 When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me:

12 Because ^c I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.

13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

15 I was ^c eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.

16 I was a father to the poor: and ^h the cause which I knew not I searched out.

17 And I brake ^h the ^h jaws of the wicked, and ^h plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

18 Then I said, "I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand."

19 My ^h root was ^h spread out ^c by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch.

20 My glory was ^c fresh in me, and ^h my bow was ^h renewed in my hand.

21 Unto me ^h men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

22 After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them.

23 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for ^h the latter rain.

24 If I laughed on them, they believed it not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down.

25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

CHAP. XXX.

BUT now they that are ^h younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

2 Yea, whereto might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished?

3 For want and famine they were ^h solitary; fleeing into the wilderness ^h in former time desolate and waste.

4 Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots for their meat.

5 They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief;)

undiscovered. 9. He putteth, &c. man in mining, undermines the rock. 12. But where shall wisdom, &c. true religion, or discernment of Providence. 21. of all living, even the keenest wits. 22. Destruction and death, i. e. the dead. 24-26. For he looketh, &c. He is omniscient and omnipotent. 25. To make, &c. When he made a balance for the wind.

CHAP. XXIX.—2. as in months past, the first six verses describe Job's domestic life. 3. candle, 'lamp,' upon, or above, my head, alluding to suspended lamps. light, favour. darkness, troubles. 4. youth, rather, 'prosperity.' when the secret, &c. when God secured my tent around me.—Booth. 6. washed, &c. denote abundance of earthly good. 7. gate, i. e. the usual place of business and justice.

prepared, &c. sending the servant before to lay a cushion. 9. laid, &c. an act of high respect in the east. 11. gave witness, testified reverence and respect. 14. clothed me, formed my constant moral habit. judgment, or judicial decision. 15. eyes, assisting the ignorant by his counsel. feet, aiding the feeble and helpless. 17. brake the jaws, &c. crushing them as if beasts of prey. 18. in my nest, peaceably at home, like the eagle on the lofty rock. 20. my bow, &c. an eastern image denoting power and conquest. 23. mouth, &c. a figure from the earth longing for rain. 24. believed it not, from their joy, it was so great an honour. cast not down, i. e. highly valued.

CHAP. XXX.—2. in whom old age was perished, theirs was not a vigorous, but a decrepit old age.

6 To dwell in the cliffs of the valls, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks.

7 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.

8 They were children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth.

9 And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword.

10 They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face.

11 Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.

12 Upon my right hand rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

13 They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper.

14 They came upon me as a wide breaking in of waters: in the desolation they rolled themselves upon me.

15 Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.

16 And now my soul is poured out upon me, the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

17 My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.

18 By the great force of my disease is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.

19 He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.

20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not.

21 Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me.

22 Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride upon it, and dissolvest my substance.

23 For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

24 Howbeit he will not stretch out his hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction.

25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was not my soul grieved for the poor?

26 When I looked for good, then evil came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

27 My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me.

28 I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, and I cried in the congregation.

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* holes.

† or, ostriches.

† Ps. 119. 53.

La. 4. 8.

5. 10.

† men of no name.

† Ps. 35. 15.

69. 12.

La. 3. 14, 63.

§ and withhold not spittle from my face.

¶ Nu. 12. 14.

De. 25. 9.

Is. 50. 6.

Mat. 26. 67.

27. 30.

d ch. 20. 29.

27. 13.

e ch. 12. 18.

f Je. 32. 19.

|| he weigh me in balances of justice.

* my principal one.

§ Nu. 15. 39.

Ec. 11. 9.

Eze. 6. 9.

Mat. 5. 29.

† Ps. 42. 4.

2 Sa. 12. 11.

Je. 8. 10.

j Je. 38. 24.

Le. 20. 10.

De. 22. 22.

† turned to be cruel.

† the strength of thy hand.

§ or, wisdom.

† Pr. 14. 31.

22. 2.

Mal. 2. 10.

i He. 9. 27.

|| or, did he not fashion us in one womb?

* heap.

† Ps. 35. 13, 14.

Ro. 12. 15.

† hard of day?

† Je. 8. 15.

† i. e. the widow.

o De. 24. 13.

p Ps. 42. 9.

29 I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls.

30 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat.

31 My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

CHAP. XXXI.

I MADE a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

2 For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

3 Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?

4 Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?

5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hasted to deceit;

6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.

7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and if mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;

8 Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.

9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;

10 Then let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.

11 For this is an heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.

12 For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

13 If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me;

14 What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?

15 Did I not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?

16 If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

17 Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;

18 (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided him from my mother's womb;)

19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering;

20 If his loins have not been blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

6. in caves, the Arabs who dwell in the mountains of Job's country, are still a bad people. 7. brayed, seeking for food, as the wild ass, when in want of provender. nettles, rather, 'thorns,' or 'briars.' 8. They were children, &c.

'A profligate race, a base-born race, They were scourged out of the land.'—Boothroyd.

10. in my face, rather, 'in my presence,' a gross insult in Arabia. 11. cord, or bond, is an image of power. The image may refer to loosing the string of a bow.

12. push, &c., in effect, trample me under foot. raise up, &c. the metaphor is taken from a besieging army casting up trenches. 13. they have no helper, 'nor is there any to help me against them.'—Boothroyd.

14. in the desolation they rolled, &c. 'with tumult they roll themselves forward.'—Boothroyd. 16. poured out, 'dissolved.'—M. Good. 18. force of my disease, producing ulcers and sores. changed, being stained and polluted. 20. stand up, the usual posture of prayer among the Hebrews. 22. liftest me, &c. as the sands of the desert in the sand storm. 24. though

they cry in his destruction, 'surely there is in his ruin is freedom.'—M. Good. 28. cried, loud lamentation in public was usual in the east. 29. I am a brother, &c. have an affinity with. dragons, 'monsters.' 31. organ, 'pipe'; the meaning is that the funeral dirge suited him.

CHAP. XXXI.—1. maid, some think this means he had resolved to indulge no inordinate desire. Dr. Clarke thinks the word may also be rendered an idol, and that Job purges himself from idolatry. 2. what portion, is allotted by the Almighty to the impure? 'what is the allotment of God to me for this virtuous resolution?'—Dr. M. Good. 5. with vanity, fraud, or idolatry. 8. offspring, produce.—Boothroyd.

10. grind, &c. denotes a state of the most humiliating slavery. 11. this, i. e. adultery, alluded to in ver. 10. 12. a fire, &c. an offence that brings down the heaviest calamities. 13. the cause of, &c. hence Job granted every civil privilege to his servants or slaves. 16. from their desire, refused to satisfy their wants. 18. he, i. e. the fatherless. her, i. e. the widow.

Job protesteth his integrity.

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Elihu reproveth Job's friends,

21 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate:

22 Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone.

23 For a destruction from God was a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure.

24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, *Thou art my confidence*;

25 If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much;

26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness;

27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand:

28 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above.

29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him:

30 Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul.

31 If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied.

32 The stranger did not lodge in the street: but I opened my doors to the traveller.

33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:

34 Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, and went not out of the door?

35 Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book.

36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, and bind it as a crown to me.

37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him.

38 If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain;

39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life:

40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

CHAP. XXXII.

SO these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

2 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.

3 Also against his three friends was his

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* expected

Job in

words.

† elder for

days.

‡ or, channel-

bone.

a Is. 13. 6.

Joel 1. 15.

§ few of days

Mar. 10. 24.

b Mat. 10. 24.

† I. 6. 17.

|| feared.

* found.

c Mat. 11. 25.

Ja. 1. 5.

d De. 4. 19.

† the light.

‡ bright.

† Co. 1. 26.

§ hand hath

kissed my

mouth.

|| under-

standings.

* words.

f Mat. 5. 44.

Ro. 12. 14.

† palate.

g Je. 9. 23.

† or, ordered.

h Ro. 12. 13.

He. 13. 2.

1 Pe. 4. 9.

§ or, way.

|| or, after

themanner

of men.

* removed

speeches

from them-

selves.

i Ho. 6. 7.

† words.

† of my belly.

§ or, my sign

is that the

Almighty

will.

|| is not

opened.

* breathe.

k Le. 19. 15.

Mat. 22. 16.

† weep.

l Ja. 5. 4.

† strength.

§ the soul of

the owners

thereof to

expire, or,

breathe out

|| or, noisome

weeds.

* palate.

† from an-

swering.

m Ge. 2. 7.

† his soul.

n ch. 31. 35.

§ mouth.

wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

4 Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he.

5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.

6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are every old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion.

7 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

9 Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

10 Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine opinion.

11 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say.

12 Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, there was none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words:

13 Let ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man.

14 Now he hath not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.

15 They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking.

16 When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more):

17 I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion.

18 For I am full of matter, the spirit within me is constrained to me.

19 Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.

20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.

21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

22 For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away.

CHAP. XXXIII.

WHEREFORE, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.

2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth.

3 My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

5 If thou canst answer me, set thy words in order before me, stand up.

6 Behold, I am according to thy wish

21. saw my help, &c. had supreme authority in the court of justice. 23. For destruction, &c. i. e. he ruled in every thing in the fear of the Almighty. 26-28. If I beheld the sun, &c. Job clears himself from the ancient idolatry. 31. If the men, &c.

'Do not the men of my tabernacle say, Who longed for his flesh, and was not satisfied?' 25. Oh that one, some impartial judge. a book, a roll, i. e. as we say, an indictment. 36. on my shoulder, bearing on a board the accusation as a criminal, as the Chinese do. To something of this kind Job may allude: so A. Clarke. bind it as a crown, that all might see it. 37. the number, &c. the actions of all his life. as a prince, in perfect dignity, as one acquitted. 38. If my land cry, if he had been

guilty of any injustice in gaining possession of it.

CHAP. XXXII.—1. was righteous in his own eyes, notwithstanding their arguments. 2. kindled, &c. an oriental phrase for expressing strong disapprobation. Buzite, a descendant of Buz, Nahor's second son, of a district in Arabia, Jer. xxv. 23. 3. no answer, no evidence to prove their allegations. 6. I am young, &c. among the Asiatics, the youth never spoke in the presence of the elders, especially on any subject of controversy. 9. understand judgment, i. e. always judge rightly. 14. with your speeches, against his moral character.

CHAP. XXXIII.—4. given me life, refers to the Divine impulse now in him. 6. according to thy wish in God's stead, 'I am as thyself in respect to

in God's stead: I also am *formed out of the clay.

7 Behold, * my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.

8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine [†]hearing, and I have heard the voice of thy words, saying,

9 I am clean without transgression, I am innocent: neither is there iniquity in me.

10 Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy.

11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths.

12 Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.

13 Why dost thou ^d strive against him? for [§] he giveth not account of any of his matters.

14 For [†] God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

15 In [§] a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

16 Then he * openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,

17 That he may withdraw man from his * purpose, and hide pride from man.

18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from [†] perishing by the sword.

19 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:

20 So [†] that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul [§] dainty meat.

21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.

22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found [†] a ransom.

25 His flesh shall be fresher than [†] a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:

26 He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

27 He [†] looketh upon men, and if any say, * I have sinned, and perverted [†] that which was right, and it [†] profited me not;

28 He * will [†] deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

29 Lo, all these things worketh God: offences with man,

30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

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* cul.

a ch. 13. 21.

b Ps. 34. 11.

† ears.

c ch. 9. 17.

10. 7.

16. 17.

23. 10. 11.

29. 14.

† palate.

a Is. 45. 9.

c ch. 27. 2.

§ he answer-

eth not.

|| mine ar-

rora,

ch. 6. 4.

f Ps. 62. 11.

g Nu. 12. 6.

† revealeth,

or, un-

covereth.

h Mal. 3. 14.

* work.

† heart.

i Ge. 18. 25.

Ro. 9. 14.

† passing.

k Eze. 33. 20.

m Mat. 16. 27.

Ro. 2. 6.

2 Co. 5. 10.

l Pe. 1. 17.

Re. 22. 12.

i Ps. 107. 18.

† meat of

desire.

|| all of it.

m upon him.

n Ps. 104. 29.

o Ge. 3. 19.

† or, an

atonement.

o Sa. 23. 3.

† childhood.

§ bond.

p Ex. 22. 28.

q Ac. 10. 34.

Ga. 2. 6.

Ep. 6. 9.

|| or, shall

look upon

men, and

say, &c.

r 2 Sa. 12. 13.

Lu. 15. 21.

l Jno. 1. 9.

† Ro. 6. 21.

† or, hath

delivered

my soul,

§c. and

my life.

u Is. 38. 17.

† they shall

take away

the mighty.

x Je. 16. 17.

32. 19.

† twice and

thrice.

y He. 4. 13.

31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.

32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee.

33 If not, [†] hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

CHAP. XXXIV.

FURTHERMORE Elihu answered and said,

2 Hear my words, O ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.

3 For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.

4 Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.

5 For Job hath said, I am righteous: and [†] God hath taken away my judgment.

6 Should I lie against my right? [†] my wound is incurable without transgression.

7 What man is like Job, who drinketh up scolding like water?

8 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.

9 For [†] he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.

10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of [†] understanding: [†] far be it from God, that he should do wickedness: and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

11 For [†] the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.

12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed [†] the whole world?

14 If he set his heart [†] upon man, if he ^m gather unto himself his spirit and his breath:

15 All ⁿ flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

16 If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.

17 Shall ^o even he that hateth right [§] govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?

18 Is ^p it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly?

19 How much less to him that [†] accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.

20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and [†] the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

21 For [†] his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.

22 There [†] is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

God: I am also formed,* &c. 9-11. I am clean, &c. Job's expressions in the passages referred to in margin.

12. God is greater than man, and will never stoop to defend his measures against murmurers.

14. speaketh once, &c. repeatedly reveals his mind by his providence. 15. in a dream-deep sleep, refers to supernatural instruction by dreams and visions.

16. sealeth, deeply impresseth on the mind. 17. from his purpose, of evil, or extricate him from difficulty, as in the cases of the patriarchs. 23. If there be a messenger, &c. God sometimes sends a messenger,

Jude. 6. 1; Mal. iii. 1; 2 Cor. v. 20.

CHAP. XXXIV. - 5. taken away my judgment. 'neglected my right.'-Booth. 6. Should I lie

&c. confess myself guilty when I am not? without transgression, for no crime of mine. 7. drinketh up, &c. i.e. delighteth in contemptuous sentiments of God and his ways. 8. walketh with wicked, &c. adopting their principles, though not one of them himself, as Job's three friends had thought. 13. Who hath given, &c. he is the Omnipotent Sovereign of the world. 14. If he set, &c.

'If he set his heart against him, He could recall his spirit and his breath.'

17. Shall even he, &c. Is it possible that he who governs the world can hate right? 18. Is it fit, &c. Do we speak disrespectfully even to earthly princes?

20. at midnight, may denote suddenly. without hand,

23 For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should * enter into judgment with God.

24 He ^a shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

25 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed.

26 He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others;

27 Because they ^f turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways:

28 So that they ^g cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.

29 When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only:

30 That the hypocrite reign not, lest ^h the people be ensnared.

31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more:

32 That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

33 Should it be ⁱ according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest.

34 Let men of ^j understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.

35 Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom.

36 ^k My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end because of his answers for wicked men.

37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

CHAP. XXXV.

ELIHU spake moreover, and said,
2 Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My righteousness is more than God's?

3 For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? and, What profit shall I have, ^l if I be cleansed from my sin?

4 I will ^m answer thee, and thy companions with thee.

5 Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds which are higher than thou.

6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou ⁿ against him? or if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?

7 If ^o thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?

8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art; and thy righteousness may profit the son of man.

B. C. 1520.

^a Go.

^b Da. 2. 21.

^c Is. 51. 13.

^d searching out.

^e Ps. 42. 8.

^f 149. 5.

^g Ac. 16. 25.

^h crushed.

ⁱ Pr. 1. 28.

^j place of beholders.

^k Pr. 15. 29.

^l Is. 1. 15.

^m Je. 11. 11.

ⁿ Sa. 15. 11.

^o after him.

^p Ja. 5. 4.

^q Ps. 37. 5, 6.

^r i. e. God.

^s Ps. 89. 32.

^t i. e. Job.

^u Ki. 12. 28, 30.

^v Ki. 21. 9.

^w there are yet words for God.

^x from with thee?

^y Ps. 99. 4.

^z heart.

^{aa} heart.

^{ab} or, afflicted.

^{ac} Ps. 33. 18.

^{ad} 34. 15.

^{ae} Ps. 113. 8.

^{af} or, My father, let Job be tried.

^{ag} Ps. 107. 10.

^{ah} Is. 1. 19, 20.

^{ai} pass away.

^{aj} or, by it more than by my sin?

^{ak} return to thee words.

^{al} Ro. 2. 5.

^{am} Their soul dieth.

^{an} Ps. 55. 23.

^{ao} or, sodomites.

^{ap} De. 23. 17.

^{aq} or, afflicted.

^{ar} Pr. 8. 36.

^{as} Je. 7. 19.

^{at} Ps. 16. 2.

^{au} Pr. 9. 12.

^{av} Ro. 11. 35.

^{aw} Ps. 18. 19.

^{ax} 31. 8.

^{ay} 118. 5.

^{az} the rest of thy table.

^{ba} Ps. 23. 5.

^{bb} Ps. 36. 8.

9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make the oppressed to cry; they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.

10 But none saith, ^b Where is God my maker, ^c who giveth songs in the night;

11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

12 There ^d they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men.

13 Surely ^e God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

14 Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, yet judgment is before him; therefore ^f trust thou in him.

15 But now, because it is not so, ^g he hath ^h visited in his anger; yet ⁱ he knoweth it not in great extremity:

16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.

CHAP. XXXVI.

ELIHU also proceeded, and said,
2 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that ^j I have yet to speak on God's behalf.

3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

4 For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.

5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: ^k he is mighty in strength and wisdom.

6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor.

7 He ^l withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but ^m with kings are they on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

8 And ⁿ if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction;

9 Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

10 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

11 If they obey and serve him, they shall ^o spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

12 But if they obey not, they shall ^p perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

13 But the hypocrites in heart ^q heap up wrath; they cry not when he bindeth them.

14 ^r They ^s die in youth, and their life is among the ^t unclean.

15 He delivereth the ^u poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.

16 Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait ^v into a broad place, where there is no straitness; and ^w that ^x which should be set on thy table should be full of ^y fatness.

17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgment

invisibly, by supernatural power. 23. more than right, greater punishment than he deserves. enter into judgment, i. e. renew his suit. 25. Therefore, for. 33. Should it be, Boothroyd supplies, 'Shall he recompense according,' &c. 36. tried unto the end, fully tried and investigated. his answers, which seemed to plead for the wicked. 37. clappeth, &c. i. e. exults in token of victory.

CHAP. XXXV.—2. more than, &c. I have acted more righteously towards God than he has towards me. 3. What profit, &c. What more do I profit than if I had sinned? 9. By reason, &c. the wicked rich oppress the more. 10. none saith, &c. they are wanting in piety. songs in the night, deliverance and joy in adversity. 12. but none giveth

answer, 'but he answereth not.'—Boothroyd. 14. not see him, i. e. his favour or deliverance. judgment, or right. before him, not forgotten by him. 15. But now, &c.

'But now because he hath not visited in his anger, Nor hath he noticed great arrogance.'—Boothroyd. CHAP. XXXVI.—3. from afar, from the wide range of providential dispensations. 6. the poor, the destitute and afflicted. 7. righteous, 'judge,' but with kings, 'nor even from kings.'—M. Good. 12. by the sword, by violent means. without knowledge, 'without remembrance.'—M. Good. 13. hypocrites, &c. rather, the polluted, impious, or profane of heart; hypocrites, in this book, mean the prodigal and impious. 17. fulfilled the judgment

of the wicked: judgment and justice *take hold on thee.

18 Because *there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot I deliver thee.*

19 Will he esteem thy riches? *no*, nor gold, nor all the forces of strength.

20 Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place.

21 Take heed, *d* regard not iniquity: for *e* this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

22 Behold, God exalteth by his power: who *f* teacheth like him?

23 Who *g* hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity?

24 Remember that *h* thou magnify his work, which men behold.

25 Every man may see it; man may behold it afar off.

26 Behold, God is great, and we *m* know him not, *n* neither can the number of his years be searched out.

27 For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof:

28 Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly.

29 Also can *any* understand the spreading of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle?

30 Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth *the* bottom of the sea.

31 For by them judgeth he the people; he *o* giveth meat in abundance.

32 With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it *not* to shine by the cloud that cometh betwixt.

33 The *p* noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the cattle also concerning *q* the vapour.

CHAP. XXXVII.

AT this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place.

2 Hear *r* attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth.

3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his *t* lightning unto the *u* ends of the earth.

4 After it *v* a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.

5 God thundereth marvellously with

B. C. 1520.

* or, should uphold.

a Re. 15. 3.

b Ps. 147. 16, 17

† and to the

shower of

rain, and

to the show-

ers of rain

of his

strength.

c Ps. 49. 7.

‡ turn thee

aside.

d Ps. 66. 19.

s chamber.

e He. 11. 25.

|| scattering

winds.

f Is. 40. 13, 14.

Ro. 11. 34.

1 Co. 2. 16.

g ch. 34. 13.

* the cloud of

his light.

h Ps. 92. 5.

Re. 15. 3.

i Ex. 9. 18, 23.

1 Sa. 12. 18.

19.

† a rod.

1 2 Sa. 21. 10.

m 1 Co. 13. 12.

n Ps. 90. 2.

102. 24, 27

He. 1. 12.

o Ps. 111. 2.

p Ge. 1. 6.

Is. 44. 24.

‡ the roots.

r Ps. 136. 25.

Ac. 14. 17.

s 1 Ki. 18. 41.

45.

s that which

goeth up.

|| Gold.

† 1 Ti. 6. 16.

* in hearing.

u Mat. 10. 28.

† light.

‡ wings.

v Mat. 11. 25.

1 Co. 1. 26.

x Ps. 29. 3.

68. 33.

y Ex. 19. 16, 18.

1 Ki. 19. 11.

Eze. 1. 4.

Na. 1. 3.

Ro. 1. 22.

1 Ti. 1. 7.

his voice; *a* great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

6 For *b* he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; *†* likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

7 He sealeth up the hand of every man: that all men may know his work.

8 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

9 Out of the *s* south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the *||* north.

10 By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.

11 Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud: he scattereth *** his bright cloud:

12 And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.

13 He *i* causeth it to come, whether for *†* correction, or for his land, or *†* for mercy,

14 Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and *q* consider the wondrous works of God.

15 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?

16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

17 How thy garments *are* warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south *wind*?

18 Hast thou with him *p* spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?

19 Teach us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order *our* speech by reason of darkness.

20 Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.

21 And now *men* see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.

22 *||* Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God is terrible majesty.

23 *Touching* the Almighty, *we* cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

24 Men do therefore *r* fear him: he respecteth not any *that are* *v* wise of heart.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

THEN the LORD answered Job *z* out of the whirlwind, and said,

2 Who is this that *a* darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

of the wicked, followed their example. 18. wrath,

from God, as appears by thy sufferings. 20. the

night, i. e. of death. 21. this hast thou chosen,

this regard for iniquity, rather than resignation to

God. 22. who teacheth, &c. who like him can teach

the right way? 23. Who hath enjoined him, Who

dare scrutinize his ways? 26. know him not, i. e.

thoroughly; he is above our comprehension. 30.

covereth the bottom, i. e. with darkness: comp. chap.

xxxviii. 8, 9, 25, 31; Psa. xviii. 13; xxix. 3, &c.

31. by them judgeth he, God employs these agents, in his

moral government, for benefit or punishment. 32

With clouds, &c.

† The lightning covereth the whole skies.

But he chargeth it, as to whom it may strike.

33. The noise thereof, &c. an unhappy translation;

it may be

† Its loud noise (or his thunder) shall proclaim

concerning him;

A magazine of wrath against iniquity.—A. Clarke.

CHAP. XXXVII.—1. At this, the consideration of

the thunder just described. 2. his voice, i. e. the

thunder. 3. unto the ends, &c. so that a whole

hemisphere seems to see it at the same instant. 4.

After it, after the flash comes the peal. he will

not stay them, he hath not limited or circumscribed

them. 6. great rain, such as falls in tropical cli-

mates. 7. sealeth up the hand, stops the labour of

man. know his work, the mighty agency of Deity.

10. breadth, &c. the expanded waters are congealed.

—Boothr. 11. he wearieth, exhausts or empties.

12. And it is turned, &c. Thus revolveth he the sea-

sons in his wisdom.—M. Good. 13. He causeth, &c.

† Whether for correction or in mercy.

He causeth them to come on the earth.—Boothr.

15. light of his cloud, or 'his luminous cloud,' may

refer to the golden-fringed clouds of the setting sun.

18. a molten looking glass, eastern mirrors are of

steel, and resemble the brilliant deep blue of an

Arabian sky. 20. swallowed up, lost and confounded

by the Divine Majesty. 21. And now, &c. 'Even

now,' &c. The splendour of the sun is too bright for

the eye; how then can man behold the majesty of

God? 23. not afflict, 'not oppress.'—Boothr. 24.

Men do, &c. rather, 'Let men therefore fear him,' &c.

CHAP. XXXVIII.—1. whirlwind, or stormy cloud,

a sensible token of the Divine presence, Deut. iv. 12;

1 Ki. xix. 11; 2 Ki. ii. 1. 2. darkeneth, &c. vilifies

3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and *answer* thou me.

4 Where *b* wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the *†* foundations thereof *‡* fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof?

7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 Or *§* who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?

9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling-band for it,

10 And *¶* brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall *•*thy proud waves be stayed?

12 Hast thou *h* commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the day-spring to know his place;

13 That it might take hold of the *†*ends of the earth, that *†* the wicked might be shaken out of it?

14 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.

15 And from the wicked their light is withholden, and *†* the high arm shall be broken.

16 Hast thou *m* entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.

19 Where is the way *where* light dwelleth? and *as for* darkness, where is the place thereof,

20 That thou shouldest take it *†*; to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?

21 Knowest thou *it*, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great?

22 Hast thou entered into the *r* treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,

23 Which *h* I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?

24 By what way is the light parted, *which* scattereth the east wind upon the earth?

B. C. 1520.

a ch. 28. 26.

* make me

know.

b Pr. 8. 29.

30. 4.

† knowest.

c Ps. 107. 35.

‡ sockets.

§ made to

sink.

d Je. 14. 22.

Ps. 147. 8.

e Ps. 147. 16.

f Ge. 1. 9.

Ps. 33. 7.

Pr. 8. 29.

Je. 5. 22.

|| is taken.

• Cinah, or,

the seven

stars.

ch. 9. 9.

Am. 5. 8.

† Cesil.

‡ or, the

twelve

signs.

§ or, estab-

lished my

decree

upon it.

|| guide them.

k Je. 31. 35.

* the pride

of thy

waves.

h Ps. 74. 16.

148. 5.

† wings.

i Ps. 101. 35.

‡ Behold us.

k ch. 32. 8.

Ps. 51. 6.

Ec. 2. 26.

l Ps. 10. 15.

§ cause to

lie down.

m Ps. 77. 19.

* is poured,

or, is turn-

ed into

mire.

n Ps. 104. 21.

145. 15.

† the life.

o Ps. 147. 9.

Mat. 6. 26.

† or, at.

p Ps. 29. 9.

q Ps. 135. 7.

r Ex. 9. 18.

Jos. 10. 11.

Is. 30. 30.

Eze. 13. 11.

13.

Re. 16. 21.

25 Who *a* hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;

26 To cause it to run on the earth, where no man is; or on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;

27 To *c* satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

28 Hath *d* the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?

29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?

30 The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep *†* is frozen.

31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of *•* Pleiades, or loose the bands of *•* Orion?

32 Canst thou bring forth *†* Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou *§* guide Arcturus with his sons?

33 Knowest thou *¶* the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?

35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, *†* Here we are?

36 Who *h* hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?

37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can *§* stay the bottles of heaven,

38 When the dust *•* groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together?

39 Wilt *n* thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill *†* the appetite of the young lions,

40 When they couch in *their* dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait?

41 Who *o* provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

CHAP. XXXIX.

KNOWEST thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? or canst thou mark when *p* the hinds do calve?

2 Canst thou number the months that they fulfil? or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?

3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows.

4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not unto them.

5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free? or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass?

and misrepresents the Divine counsel and designs.

3. *Gird up*, &c. equivalent to 'Summon all thy strength and energies.' *like a man*, a hero, as easterns gird up their loins with their long robes, when engaged in war. *answer thou me*, teach thy Maker. 7. *morning stars*, heavenly lights; said to sing, perhaps figuratively, or angels called stars. *sons*, &c. holy angels, so called from the superiority of their nature. comp. Ps. ciii. 20, 21. 9. *made the cloud*, &c. the infant ocean has the clouds for its clothing, and the *thick darkness*, or obscuring mist, for its swaddling band. 10. *my decreed place*, 'my appointed boundary.'

13. *wicked—shaken*, &c. perhaps this may signify, that day stops the proceedings of the wicked, who work in the dark.—*Ed.* 14. *as clay*, &c. 'as clay by the seal.'—*Boothr.* Clay is often used, in the east, for purposes of sealing; so God modifies at pleasure the appearances of the earth. *as a garment*, 'as if in full attire,' the earth is clothed. 15. *light*, prosperity. *arm—broken*, power destroyed.

19. *Where—light*, &c. What is its source? for it was before the sun. *darkness*, what is it? 23. *time of trouble*, &c. God's terrible instruments, used at his pleasure. 24. *parted*, diffused abroad, *Boothroyd* reads:—

'By what way is the lightning divided?

How is the east wind scattered on the earth?'

25. *a watercourse for the overflowing of waters*, 'for the flood its channel?'—*Boothr.* 26. *wherein there is no man*, i. e. for the refreshing of the beast. 30. *are hid*, &c. 'become hard as a stone.'—*Houbigant*, *Boothr.*

31. *the sweet influences*, those revolutions of the planets which cause the pleasing change of seasons. *Pleiades*, the seven stars. *Orion*, a southern constellation. 32. *Mazzaroth*, the zodiac. *Henry* considers Mazzaroth as denoting the stars in the south; *Arcturus*, those in the north.

CHAP. XXXIX.—1. *Knowest*, means here, to take care for: see Ps. xxxi. 7; Prov. xii. 10. The allusion is to the duties of a shepherd; the meaning, 'Who

6 Whose ^a house I have made the wilderness, and the ^b barren land his dwellings.
7 He scorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the crying of the ^c driver.

8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing.

9 Will the ^d unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?

10 Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?

11 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great? or wilt thou leave thy labour to him?

12 Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather it into thy barn?

13 *Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?*

14 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust,

15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.

16 She is ^e hardened against her young ones, as though they were not her's: her labour is in vain without fear;

17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he ^f imparted to her understanding.

18 What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider.

19 Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?

20 Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils ^g is terrible.

21 ^h He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: ⁱ he goeth on to meet the ^j armed men.

22 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword.

23 The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield.

24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet.

25 He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26 Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?

27 Doth the eagle mount up ^k at thy command, and ^l make her nest on high?

28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.

29 From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off.

30 Her young ones also suck up blood: and ^m where the slain are, there is she.

CHAP. XL.

MOREOVER the LORD answered Job, and said,

2 Shall he that contendeth with the

B. C. 1520.

^a Je. 2. 24.

^b Ho. 8. 9.

^c ch. 33. 13.

^d Ec. 6. 10.

^e Is. 45. 9.

^f 50. 8.

^g 1 Co. 10. 22.

^h Eze. 18. 2.

ⁱ Mat. 20. 11.

^j 12.

^k Ro. 9. 19. 21.

^l 11. 34, 35.

^m salt places.

ⁿ exactor.

^o ch. 3. 18.

^p Ezr. 9. 6.

^q Ps. 51. 4.

^r ch. 29. 9.

^s Ps. 39. 9.

^t Nu. 23. 22.

^u De. 33. 17.

^v ch. 38. 1.

^w ch. 42. 4.

^x Ro. 3. 4.

^y Ps. 29. 3, 4.

^z or, the feathers of the stork and ostrich

^{aa} Ps. 93. 1.

^{ab} 104. 1.

^{ac} Is. 2. 12.

^{ad} Da. 4. 37.

^{ae} La. 4. 3.

^{af} ch. 35. 11.

^{ag} or, the elephant, as some think

^{ah} or, setteth up.

^{ai} or, terror.

^{aj} or, His feet dig.

^{ak} Ju. 5. 22

^{al} Je. 8. 6.

^{am} armour.

^{an} Ps. 104. 14.

^{ao} oppresseth.

^{ap} or, Will any take him in his sight,

^{aq} or bore his nose with a gin?

^{ar} by thy mouth.

^{as} Je. 49. 16.

^{at} Ob. 4.

^{au} Ps. 104. 26.

^{av} Is. 27. 1.

^{aw} That is, a whale, or, a whirl-pool.

^{ax} drowneth.

^{ay} Is. 37. 29.

^{az} Eze. 39. 17.

^{ba} 19.

^{bb} Mat. 24. 28.

^{bc} Lu. 17. 37.

^b Almighty instruct him? he ^c that reproveth God, let him answer it.

3 ^d Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

4 Behold, ^e I am vile; what shall I answer thee? ^f I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

6 ^g Then ^h answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

7 Gird up thy loins now like a man: ⁱ I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

8 Wilt ^j thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?

9 Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with ^k a voice like him?

10 Deck ^l thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.

11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one that is proud, and abase him.

12 Look on every one that is ^m proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.

13 Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret.

14 Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.

15 ⁿ Behold now ^o behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.

16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.

17 He ^p moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.

18 His bones are as strong pieces of iron:

19 He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.

20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.

21 He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.

22 The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.

23 Behold, he ^q drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.

24 ^r He taketh it with his eyes: his nose pierceth through snares.

CHAP. XLII.

CANST thou draw ^s out ^t leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou ^u lettest down?

2 Canst thou ^v put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft words unto thee?

4 Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever?

5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?

6 Shall the companions make a ban-

performs the shepherd's duties for the wild animals? 9. the unicorn, thought to be the rhinoceros. abide, &c. come and eat at thy manger. 16. She is hardened, &c. the idea seems to be, though she is foolish and careless, God takes care of her young. 17, 18. Because, &c. Though she is foolish and defenceless, God has provided her with extraordinary means of flight, for her safety.—Ed.

CHAP. XL.—1. contendeth, presumes to question His wisdom. instruct him, how to govern. 10. Deck, &c. invest thyself with the attributes of God. 15.

behemoth, 'the beast,' by way of eminence; some say the elephant, others the hippopotamus, others mammoth, or the mastodon, which they think might have existed in Job's time. 17. tail, this is rigid and enormous, which the tail of an elephant or hippopotamus is not. the sinews, &c. the sinews of his thighs are twisted together.—Boothroyd.

CHAP. XLII.—1. leviathan, generally thought to mean the crocodile. 2. an hook, &c. camels and buffaloes are so hooked to lead them. a thorn, 'a barb.'—Boothr. 5. for, &c. to play with. 6. make

quiet of him? shall they part him among the merchants?

7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears?

8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more.

9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not *one* be cast down even at the sight of him?

10 None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?

11 Who ^a hath prevented me, that I should repay him? ^f whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine.

12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

13 Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him [†] with his double bridle?

14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth are terrible round about.

15 His [†] scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal.

16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

17 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.

18 By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out.

20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron.

21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

22 In his neck remaineth strength, and [†] sorrow is turned into joy before him.

23 The [†] flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone.

25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.

26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the [†] habergeon.

27 He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood.

28 The arrow cannot make him flee: sling-stones are turned with him into stubble.

29 Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.

30 Sharp [†] stones are under him: he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire.

31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

32 He maketh a path to shine after him; *one* would think the deep to be hoary.

33 Upon earth there is not his like, ^{*} who is made without fear.

34 He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride.

B. C. 1520.

^a Ge. 18. 14.
Mat. 19. 26.
Mar. 14. 36.

^o or, no thought of thine can be hindered.

^b Jno. 2. 24, 25.
21. 17.
He. 4. 12, 13.

^c Ps. 40. 5.
131. 1.
133. 6.

^d ch. 40. 7.
^e Ro. 11. 35.
^f Ex. 19. 5.
De. 10. 14.
Ps. 24. 1.

50. 12.
1 Co. 10. 26.
28.

^g Ezr. 9. 6.

[†] or, within.

[†] strong pieces of shields.

^h Nu. 23. 1.

ⁱ Mat. 5. 24.

^k Ge. 20. 17.
Ja. 5. 15, 16.
1 Jno. 5. 16.

[§] his face, or, person,
1 Sa. 25. 35.
Mal. 1. 8.

^{||} the face of Job.

[†] Ps. 14. 7.
126. 1.

^{*} added all that had been to Job unto the double.

^m Is. 40. 2.

[†] sorrow rejoiceth.

[†] fallings.

ⁿ ch. 19. 13.

^o Jno. 11. 19.
Ro. 12. 15.
1 Co. 12. 26.

He. 12. 12.

^p ch. 8. 7.
1 Ti. 6. 17.
Ja. 5. 11.

[§] or, breast-plate.

[†] ch. 1. 3.

^{||} pieces of pottage.

[†] ch. 5. 26.
Pr. 3. 16.

^o or, who behave themselves without fear.

^t Ge. 25. 8.
Ps. 91. 16.

CHAP. XLII.

THEN Job answered the LORD, and said, 2 I know that thou ^a canst do every thing, and that ^{*} no thought [†] can be withheld from thee.

3 Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; [†] things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: [†] I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

6 Wherefore I [†] abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

7 [†] And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.

8 Therefore take unto you now [†] seven bullocks and seven rams, and [†] go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall [†] pray for you: for [§] him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted ^{||} Job.

10 And [†] the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD ^{*} gave Job ^m twice as much as he had before.

11 Then came there unto him ⁿ all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and ^o they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

12 So ^p the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had [†] fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch.

15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

16 After this ^{*} lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

17 So Job died, being old and full of days.

a banquet of him, feast together for joy at his capture, or make a feast of part of him. 8. Lay thine hand—do no more, Touch him,—thou art destroyed. 9. the hope of him, i. e. of taking him. 13. his double bridle, means the double fold of his jaws.—Stock. 14. doors, his immense jaws. 18. neesings, snortings. eyes, the crocodile's sparkling eye was, with the Egyptians, an hieroglyphic of the morning. 19. burning lamps, &c. a bold metaphor for his hot breath. 22. and sorrow, &c. and destruction exulteth before him.—M. Good. 25. by reason of breakings, &c. with terror they betake themselves to flight.—Fry; through terror they are con-

founded.—Boothroyd. 30. Sharp stones, he lies on sharp rocky stones in the bed of the Nile.—Scott. 31. to boil, by the agitation he causes. Like a pot of ointment, thick with disturbed mud and slime. 32. a path to shine, perhaps means, produces phosphoric sparks, by the rapid motion. hoary, with froth and foam. 34. He beholdeth, &c. He terrifieth every boaster.

CHAP. XLII.—3. that hideth counsel, 'that pretendeth wisdom.'—M. Good. 7. not spoken—right, they argued that the afflictions of Job were evidence of his guilt. 9. accepted, Job's intercession. 10. captivity, miserable condition. 11. eat, i. e. feasted.

The Book of P S A L M S.

Hymns or praises, written by different persons at different periods; many are by David, but some refer to historical events long after his time, such as the Babylonish captivity. Many passages are prophetic.

PSALM I.

BLESSED ^a is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ^b ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, ^c nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But ^d his delight is in the law of the LORD; ^e and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree ^f planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not ^g wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall ^h prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are ⁱ like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For ^j the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM II.

WHY ^k do the heathen ^l rage, and the people ^m imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his ⁿ anointed, saying,

3 Let ^o us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4 He that sitteth in the heavens ^p shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and ^q vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I ^r set my king upon ^s my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare ^t the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, ^u Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask ^v of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9 Thou ^w shalt break them with a rod

^a Pr. 4. 14, 15.

^b or, wicked.

^c Je. 15. 17.

^d He. 12. 28.

^e Ps. 119. 35.

^f Phi. 2. 12.

^g Jos. 1. 8.

^h Jno. 5. 23.

ⁱ Re. 6. 16, 17.

^j Je. 17. 8.

^k Ro. 9. 33.

^l Pe. 2. 6.

^m fade.

ⁿ Is. 3. 10.

^o 2 Sa. xv.

^p Job 21. 18.

^q Ho. 13. 3.

^r Jno. 10. 14.

^s 2 Ti. 2. 19.

^t P Ge. 15. 1.

^u or, about.

^v Ac. 4. 25, 26.

^w or, tumultuously assemble.

^x meditate.

^y Jno. 1. 41.

^z Lu. 19. 14.

^a Pr. 1. 26.

^b Is. 43. 11.

^c Je. 3. 23.

^d Re. 7. 10.

^e or, trouble.

^f anointed.

^g Zion, the hill of my holiness.

^h or, overseer.

ⁱ Hab. 3. 19.

^j or, for a decree.

^k Ac. 13. 33.

^l He. 1. 5.

^m 5. 5.

ⁿ or, be gracious unto.

^o Jno. 17. 4, 5.

^p 19. 15.

^q Re. 2. 27.

of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 Serve ^a the LORD with fear, and rejoice ^b with trembling.

12 Kiss ^c the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when ^d his wrath is kindled but a little. ^e Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

PSALM III.

A Psalm of David, ^m when he fled from Absalom his son.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me? many are they that rise up against me.

2 Many ⁿ there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah.

3 But thou, O LORD, art ^o a shield ^p for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation ^q belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

PSALM IV.

To the ^r chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm of David.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness; thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; ^s have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.

resurrection: see Rom. 1. 4: Acts iv. 25. *this day have I begotten thee*, i. e. shown that thou art my Son.

9. rod, 'sceptre.' iron, expresses power. dash, &c. expresses impotence of enemies.

11. trembling, religious reverence. 12. Kiss, an act of homage, 1 Sam. x. 1: 1 Kin. xix. 18. *from the way*, in your evil way.

The psalm is capable of application to David, against whom the Philistines and Jewish factions raged. He was God's adopted son, and possessed all the rights of primogeniture. He was so declared on that day when Nathan pronounced God's will. God made a covenant of royalty with David and his seed, Psal. lxxix. 3.

PSALM III.—2. Selah, a word generally thought to direct to some change of time in the music. 3. *my glory*, the Author of my greatness. *the lifter up*, the Giver of victory to me. 7. *thou hast smitten*, 'thou canst smite.'—Boother. *upon the cheek bone*, as a wild beast is disabled by breaking his jaws. Some consider this psalm as a prophecy of Messiah under suffering.

PSALM IV.—TITLE. *Neginoth*, from a root meaning to strike some instrument. 1. *God of my righteousness*; Jehovah my Justifier.—Boother. *enlarged*, relieved me in my strait. 2. *turn my glory*, &c. defame my government. *leasing*, or lying.

PSALM I.—1. *the man*, emphatic—the man, that man of a thousand. *walketh*, &c. the progress of transgression is here described; listening to, continuing with, and joining sinners. 2. *law*, God's revealed word. *day and night*, i. e. continually. 3. *planted*, 'fast set.' *by the rivers*, the sluices, or trenches cut in eastern gardens, without which trees become dwarfish and withered. 4. *the chaff*, &c. easterns throw their corn in the open air, by throwing it up against the wind. 5. *not stand*, not make their cause good. *congregation*, the assembly at the judgment. 6. *knoweth*, approveth, takes care of, &c. Ps. xxxi. 7; cf. 4; &c. *the way*, &c.—*perish*, such proceedings end in ruin.

PSALM II.—Prophetic of the Messiah: see Acts iv. 23—31. 1. *Why*, to what purpose. *do the heathen rage*, rather, 'are the nations in a tumult?' *imagine*, meditate. 2. *anointed*, anointed one, i. e. Messiah. 3. *bands—cords*, allude to the yokes employed to manage animals in agricultural labours. They denote Messiah's doctrines and laws. 4. *sitteth*, &c. reigning supreme. *laugh*, scorn their rage. 6. *set*, or anointed, my King Messiah. *Zion*, the assembly of the saved in heaven and in earth: see Psalm cxxxiv. 13; Heb. xii. 22. 7. *declare*, or publish. *the decree*, what God has decreed. *thou art my Son*, God declared Christ to be his Son, with power, by his

David prayeth God to hear him.

3 But know that ^a the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

4 Stand ^b in awe, and sin not: ^c commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

5 Offer ^e the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

6 *There be many that say, Who will shew us any good?* ^f LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

7 Thou hast put ^h gladness in my heart, more than in the time *that* their corn and their wine increased.

8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM V.

To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm of David.

GIVE ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.

2 Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

5 The foolish shall not stand ^g in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

6 Thou ⁱ shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the ^h bloody and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy; and in thy fear will I worship toward ^j thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of ^k mine enemies; ^l make thy way straight before my face.

9 For *there is no* ^m faithfulness in ⁿ their mouth; their inward part is ^o very wickedness; ^p their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

10 ^q Destroy thou them, O God; ^r let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee ^s rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou ^t defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou ^u compass him as *with* a shield.

P S A L M S.

^a 2 Ti. 2. 19.
^b 2 Pe. 2. 9.

^c or, the eighth.
^d 1 Ch. 15. 21.

^e Ep. 4. 26.

^f Ps. 77. 6.

^g 2 Co. 13. 5.

^h Je. 46. 28.

ⁱ Ps. 51. 19.

^j De. 33. 19.

^k Nu. 6. 26.

^l Ps. 90. 13.

^m Is. 9. 3.

ⁿ Is. 38. 18.

^o or, every night.

^p Hab. 3. 1.

^q 1 Sa. xvi.

^r or, business before thine eyes.

^s Re. 21. 8.

^t man of bloods and deceit.

^u not a deliverer.

^v the temple of thy holiness.

^w 1 Sa. 24. 7.

^x 26. 9.

^y those which observe me.

^z Ps. 27. 11.

^{aa} or, stedfastness.

^{ab} his mouth, i. e. in the mouth of any of them

^{ac} wickednesses.

^{ad} Lu. 11. 44.

^{ae} Ro. 3. 13.

^{af} or, Make them guilty

^{ag} 2 Sa. 15. 31.

^{ah} or, from their counsels.

^{ai} Is. 65. 13.

^{aj} coverest over, or, protectest.

^{ak} Ge. 18. 25.

^{al} Ac. 17. 31.

^{am} Ro. 14. 10.

^{an} 12.

^{ao} 2 Co. 5. 10.

^{ap} crown.

David's complaint in sickness.

PSALM VI.

To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon

^a Sheminith, A Psalm of David.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, ^b how long?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

5 For ^c in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning; ^d the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM VII.

Shigaion ^a of David, which he sang unto the LORD, ^b concerning the ^c words of Cush the Benjamite.

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while *there is* ^d none to deliver.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, ^e I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)

5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.

6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.

7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.

8 The ^a LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

4. Stand, &c. 'Though moved with anger, yet sin not.'—Boothr. bed, couch. be still, 'hold your peace.'—

A. Clarke. 5. sacrifices, &c. righteous sacrifices, those which the righteous law requires. 6. shew us any good, 'cause us to see prosperity.' lift up, &c. look upon us with thy favour. 7. corn and wine, represent here all earthly good.

PSALM V.—TITLE. Nehiloth, the root from which this is derived, signifies 'to be hollow,' 'to bore through'; it may mean an instrument like a flute or trumpet, &c. 1. meditation, the expression denotes ejaculatory prayer. 3. look up, watch, as a sentinel. 4. wickedness, or a wicked one. evil, 'the wicked.' 5. foolish, vain, insolent boasters. not stand in thy sight, as do the favourite ministers of princes before them, Prov. xxii. 29. iniquity, 'vanity,' i.e. idolatry. 7. house, tabernacle. holy temple, the most holy place, for the temple was not then built. 8. in thy righteousness, to practise the righteousness required. enemies, such as watch to ensnare and destroy. 10. Destroy, &c. this phrase is prophetic, and should

be read in the future tense. 11. defendest, or overshadowest.

PSALM VI.—TITLE. Sheminith, an instrument of eight strings. 2. weak, exhausted. bones, put for the whole body. vexed, expresses pain which afflicted his whole frame. 3. how long, an abrupt expression of eager desire for relief. 4. return, absence being a token of displeasure. 5. in death, &c. the unraised body could not glorify God. 7. consumed, grown stiff. waxeth old, is sunk.—Parkhurst. 10. return, 'retreat.'

PSALM VII.—TITLE. Shigaion, the root means to wander, and is generally thought to signify the wanderings of the mind oppressed with grief, or to be expressive of an elegy. Cush, some person who had calumniated David. 2. tear, taken from the lion, who tears his prey with his claws. 3. this, of which he was accused. 6. Arise, 'Awake.' 7. congregation, &c. alludes to his surrounding the altar of God with songs of deliverance. return thou on high, ascend thy righteous tribunal.

God's great love to man.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: ^a for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

10 My ^a defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

11 God ^a judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

12 If he turn not, he will ^b whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

14 Behold, ^c he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

15 He ^e made a pit, and digged it, ^d and is fallen into the ditch which he made.

16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

PSALM VIII.

To the chief Musician upon ^f Gittith, A Psalm of David.

O LORD our Lord, how ^e excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out ^a of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What ^a is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou ^a madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; ^m thou hast put all things under his feet:

7 ^e All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

PSALM IX.

To the chief Musician upon Muth-labben, A Psalm of David.

I WILL praise thee, O LORD, with my

PSALMS.

David praiseth God for judgment.

^a Ps. 139. 1.
¹ Sa. 16. 7.
¹ Ch. 28. 9.
^{Je.} 11. 20.
^{17.} 10.
^{20.} 12.

^{Re.} 2. 23.

^e buckler is upon God.

[†] or, is a righteous judge.

[†] made my judgment.

^b De. 32. 41.

[§] in righteousness.

^{||} or, The destructions of the enemy are come to a perpetual end: and their cities hast thou destroyed, &c.

^c Is. 33. 11.

^{59.} 4.

^{Ja.} 1. 15.

^e hath digged

^d Es. 7. 10.

^{Job.} 4. 8.

^{Pr.} 5. 22.

^{26.} 27.

^{Ec.} 10. 8.

^e Ps. 102. 12, 26.

^{He.} 1. 11.

[†] an high place.

^f Ps. 81, 84, title.

⁵ Ps. 148. 13.

^h Mat. 11. 25.

^{21.} 16.

¹ Co. 1. 27.

[†] founded.

[§] or, afflicted.

ⁱ Ps. 144. 3.

^{Job.} 7. 17.

^{He.} 2. 6.

^k Pr. 5. 22.

^{22.} 8.

^{26.} 27.

^l Ge. 1. 26, 28.

^m 1. Co. 15. 27.

^{Ho.} 2. 8.

^{||} i. e. meditation.

ⁿ Ps. 19. 14.

^e Flocks and oxen all of them.

whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast ^a maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging ^a right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 ^{||} O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.

7 But ^e the LORD shall endure for ever; he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9 The LORD also will be [†] a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the [§] humble.

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

15 The ^e heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. ^{||} Higgaion.* Selah.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.

PSALM X.

WHY standest thou afar off, O LORD?

9. reins, kidneys, which are deep-seated, and affected by the passions. God knows the secret thoughts and desires. 11. *is angry*, &c. he remains unappeased while wickedness prevails. 12, 13. *If he turn not*, &c. i. e. nothing can avert the destruction of the wicked. 14. *travaileth*, or is pregnant with. *conceived*, formed schemes against religion. *brought forth falsehood*, produced error and delusion. 15. *made*, for entrapping others, as men dig pits to ensnare wild beasts. 16. *pate*, crown of the head, the seat of life, Gen. iii. 15. 17. *according to*, 'for.'

PSALM VIII.—TITLE. *Gittith*, 'wine-presses,' a Psalm for the vintage, say some; others think it refers to Gath, and to a tune or instrument obtained there. 1. *above the heavens*, far beyond the visible creation. 2. *Out of the mouths*, &c. a prediction of the praises sung to the Messiah by the children in the temple, Matt. xxi. 16. *Still, silence*, the enemy and the avenger, the mortal enemies of Christ. 3. *consider*, contemplate. *ordained*, formed and disposed. 4. *man*, frail, miserable man. *son of man*, [the noblest] son of man, a beautiful distinction.—J. P. Smith. 6. *put—under*, &c. an eastern expres-

sion to illustrate proper superiority. 7. *All sheep*, &c. believers have a free use of all the creatures through Christ. By reference to Matt. xxi. 16, 1 Cor. xv. 27, and Heb. ii. 6—8, it is obvious that this psalm has a prophetic allusion to the Messiah.

PSALM IX.—TITLE. *Muth-labben*, sixty manuscripts make this one word, which signifies 'virgins;' hence it has with probability been considered that virgins were to perform this psalm. 1. *shew forth*, 'reckon up.' 6. *destructions*, those which thou didst cause.

are come, &c. Boothroyd reads:—'Desolations have utterly consumed the enemy, Thou didst destroy their cities, their remembrance is lost!'

7. *for judgment*, for administering justice. 12. *maketh inquisition*, &c. inquireth into deeds of blood. *remembereth them*, that is, the afflicted. *humble*, 'afflicted.' 13. *gates of death*, imminent dangers. 14. *gates*, the most frequented place. *daughter of Zion*, i. e. Jerusalem; *chief cities* are often represented as mothers. 15. *pit—net*, allusions taken from snaring beasts, and fowling.

why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

2 † The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his † heart's desire, and † blesseth ^b the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: || God is not in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He ^a hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: ^f for I shall [†] never be in adversity.

7 His ^a mouth is full of cursing and [§] deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and ^{*} vanity.

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes [†] are privily set against the poor.

9 He lieth in wait [§] secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

10 He croucheth and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall [†] by his strong ones.

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the [†] humble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.

14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor [†] committeth [†] himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none.

16 The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt ^{*} prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more [†] oppress.

PSALM XI.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

IN the LORD put I my trust: [†] how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the

* in darkness

† In the pride of the wicked he doth.

† soul's.

† Hab. 2. 20.

§ or, the covetous

blest

eth himself,

he abhor-

reth the

LORD.

b Ro. 1. 32.

c Ra. 4. 2.

d Ja. 1. 12.

|| or, all his

thoughts

are, There

is no God.

* or, quick

burning

coals.

† or, a burn-

ing tempest

c Is. 56. 12.

f Re. 18. 7.

† unto gene-

ration and

generation.

§ 1 Pe. 3. 12.

† Ro. 3. 14.

§ deceits.

|| or, the

eight.

* or, iniquity

† or, Save.

† Is. 57. 1.

† hide them-

selves.

§ in the se-
cret places.

|| an heart

and an

heart.

1 Ch. 12. 33.

* great.

† breaketh

himself.

† or, into his

strong

parts.

§ with us.

|| or, afflicted.

* or, would

ensnare

him.

† leaveth.

k 2 Ti. 1. 12.

1 Pe. 4. 19.

† him: i. e.

every one

of them.

§ of the sons

of men.

|| or, overseer

* or, establish

† or, terrify.

1 Sa. 26. 19.

20.

string, that they may ^{*} privily shoot at the upright in heart.

3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

4 The ^a LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's ^c throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

5 The LORD ^d trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain [†] snares, fire and brimstone, and [†] an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; [†] his countenance doth behold the upright.

PSALM XII.

To the chief Musician upon || Sheminith, A Psalm of David.

HELP, [†] LORD; for [†] the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with* flattering lips and *with* || a double heart do they speak.

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh ^{*} proud things:

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are [†] our own: who is lord over us?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety *from him that* ^{*} puffeth at him.

6 The words of the LORD *are* pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve [†] them from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest [§] men are exalted.

PSALM XIII.

To the || chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HOW long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

PSALM X.—1. *hidest thou*, by withholding assistance. 2. *poor*, i. e. afflicted. 3. *boasteth*, &c. pleaseth himself in his own lust: see Merrick. *blesseth*, &c. he praises whom God hates. 5. *grievous*, 'perverse.'—Boothr. or, laboured, he spares no toil to effect wicked ends. 7. *under his tongue*, alluding to the reptile's bag of poison. *mischief and vanity*, 'oppression and iniquity.'—Boothr. 8. *He sitteth*, &c. resembling the cunning fox, or plundering Arab, watching for prey. 9. *when he draweth*, 'by drawing.' 10. *croucheth*, like the lion, before he leaps on his prey. *by his strong ones*, into his strong paws.—Ainsworth. 12. *lift*, &c. i. e. exert thy power. 14. *hast seen*, rather, 'seest.' 16. *heathen*, Canaanites. *his land*, Judea. 17. *prepare*, confirm, or 'establish.' 18. *the man of the earth*, the worldly and tyrannical man.

PSALM XI.—1. *as a bird*, i. e. swiftly. 2. *bend their bow*, devise mischief, and prepare to accomplish it. 3. *If the foundations*. When no regard is paid

to religion or justice, who can hope for safety? 4. *eyelids*, or 'eyebrows,' a bold metaphor: these are in motion, when things are closely scrutinized. 5. *triesth*, as metals are tried. *but the wicked*, these he does not purify, but leave to perish as dross.—Ed. 6. *ram*, &c. an allusion to Sodom's fate. *portion*, &c. alludes to the ancient custom of allotting a cup to each guest. 7. *behold*, i. e. with favour; 'the upright shall behold his face.'—Boothroyd.

PSALM XII.—1. *the godly man ceaseth*, 'the pious are gone.' *fail*, i. e. are failing. 2. *They*, i. e. the children of men. *vanity*, 'falsehood.' 4. *prevail*, by their flattery and deceit. *who is lord*, &c. who can restrain us? 8. *walk*, &c. i. e. go at large unpunished.

PSALM XIII.—2. *take counsel*, be perplexed, not knowing what to do. 3. *lighten mine eyes*, with thy favour, grown dim with grief. 5. *I have trusted*, 'I put my trust.'

The corruption of the natural heart.

6 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath ^a dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM XIV.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

THE fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God.* * They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is none that doeth good.*

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and seek God.*

3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become *filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and *call not upon the LORD.*

5 There *is* were they in great fear: for God *is* in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD *is* his refuge.

7 * Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and Israel shall be glad.*

LORD, who shall *abide* in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and *is* speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor *is* taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

4 In *whose* eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that *is* sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

5 He *is* that putteth not out his money to usury, *nor* taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things *shall* never be moved.

PSALM XVI. * Michtam of David. PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

PSALM XIV.—1. *The fool, the impious and insane, in his heart, refers to the intellect. no God, expresses desire, perhaps, more than incredulity.*—Ed. 2. *looked down, as a watchman from his tower, that did understand, &c. 'so wise as to seek God.'* 3. *gone aside, &c. comp. Rom. iii. 10, &c. 4. eat up, &c. proverbial for devouring: Psal. xxvii. 2; Num. xxiv. 8: who oppress. 5. There, &c.*

* *Then shall they tremble with fear, For God will be with his righteous people.*—Boothr. 6. *Ye have shamed, &c.*

* *They deride the counsel of the afflicted, But Jehovah will be his refuge.*—Boothr. 7. *bringeth back the captivity, i.e. delivers from misery and evil.*

PSALM XV.—1. *tabernacle—holy hill, emblems of the church of God. 5. to usury, to any poor brother Israelite, God having forbidden it in this case: see Deut. xxiii. 19, 20. never be moved, be established as a worshipper of God.*

PSALM XVI.—TITLE. *Michtam, a golden psalm, i.e. precious. Most commentators refer this to Christ. 'Here Messiah,' says Boothroyd, 'speaks to the Father, as his servant, sent to do his will, and now suffering.'* 2. *O my soul, &c.*

* *To Jehovah I say, Thou art my Lord: No good have I but from thee: As to the saints who are in the earth, They are the excellent, in whom is all my delight.*—Boothr. yd.

my Lord, considering this as Messiah speaking to the Father, he is here exercising his confidence in him, by whom he had been appointed to the work of mediation.—Boothr. 4. *Their sorrows, &c. those*

PSALMS. David's confidence of the resurrection.

a Ps. 116. 7.
119. 17.
b Ro. 11. 35.
c Ge. 6. 11, 12.
Ro. 3. 10, &c.
* or, give gifts to another.
d De. 32. 9.
La. 3. 21.
† my part.
‡ stinking.
§ Is. 64. 7.
f Ac. 2. 25, &c.
§ they feared a fear.

Ps. 53. 5.
|| devil confidently.
* Who will give, &c.
Ro. 11. 28.
§ Ps. 49. 15.
Ac. 13. 35.
† Mat. 7. 14.
† sojourn.
i Mat. 5. 8.
1 Co. 13. 12.
1 Juo. 3. 2.
k Zec. 8. 16.
Ep. 4. 25.
† justice.

§ or, receive, or, endureth.
|| without lips of deceit.
l Es. 3. 2.
m Ju. 11. 35.
n Zec. 13. 9.
Mal. 3. 2, 3.
l Pe. 1. 7.
o Eze. 16. 8.
p Ec. 23. 8.
De. 16. 19.
r Mat. 7. 21, 25.
Jno. 13. 17.
2 Pe. 1. 10.

* or, A golden Psalm of David.
Ps. lvi. 1s.
† be not moved.

2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, *Thou art my Lord: ^b my goodness extendeth not to thee;*

3 *But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.*

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that* * hasten after another god: their drunk offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

5 The *is* LORD is the portion of *mine* inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

8 I *have* set the LORD always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10 For *is* thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me the *is* path of life: *in* thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there* are pleasures for evermore.

PSALM XVII. A Prayer of David. HEAR: the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, *that goeth* *is* not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; *thou* hast tried me, *and* shalt find nothing; I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress.

4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept *me* from the path of the destroyer.

5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps *is* slip not.

6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt

men are described who refuse the rule of the Messiah.—Boothroyd. of blood, alludes to the heathen sacrifices, in which the blood of men was offered. not offer, the person speaking, now speaks as a priest, which could not apply to David. 5. portion, &c. the phrase is taken from the Jewish priesthood: they had no part in the land, but Jehovah was their portion.—Boothroyd. cup, see Psalm xi. 6, note. lot, refers to the division of Canaan among the tribes. 6. lines, alluding to lands appointed by the measuring line or chain. 7. reins, see Psalm vii. 9, note. instruct me in the night seasons, he speaks of the mode of those gracious communications, which instructed, comforted, and strengthened the sufferer, until his passion should be accomplished.—Bp Horne. 8. I have set, &c. applied to the death and resurrection of Messiah, Acts ii. 25. at my right, ever present to support me. 9. my glory, rendered by the Greek translation, 'my tongue,' and so by St. Luke. 10. my soul in hell, 'my body in the grave' see the use of the word translated soul, in Lev. xxi. 1, &c.—Ed. 11. Thou wilt, &c.

* Thou wilt make known to me the path of life, The fulness of joy that there is in thy presence, The pleasures that are at thy right hand for evermore.—Boothroyd.

PSALM XVII.—1. the right, O Lord, or, 'righteous Jehovah.' feigned, 'deceitful.' 2. Let my sentence, &c. he wished Jehovah to judge him. *between the things that are equal, deal with me according to what is right. 3. in the night, in the most secret retirement nothing, i.e. no evil design. not transgress, by inflammatory words. 4. works, i.e. evil works, the word, i.e. thy command. paths, &c.*

hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest * by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.

8 Keep ^d me as the apple of the eye, ^e hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

9 From the wicked that ^f oppress me, from my ^g deadly enemies, who compass me about.

10 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now ^h compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;

12 ⁱ Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion ^j lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD, * disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, ^k which is thy sword:

14 From men ^l which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, ^m which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: ⁿ they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.

15 As for me, ^o I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

PSALM XVIII.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, ^p the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of ^q this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,

I ^r WILL love thee, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, * my strength, ^s in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

3 I will call upon the LORD, ^t who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4 The ^u sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ^v ungodly men made me afraid.

5 The ^w sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, ^x even into his ears.

7 Then ^y the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke ^z out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

ways that will prove destructive. 7. right hand, 'power,' against them, against thy power. — Booth. 8. wings, alluding to the cherubim, or birds. 9. compass me, as hunters do beasts of prey. 10. in their own fat, denotes affluence: Deut. xxxii. 15. set their eyes, as huntsmen trace the course of the pursued animals. 13. which is thy sword, 'with thy sword,' i.e. thine avenging power: see Booth. 14. From men, &c. 'By thy hand, Jehovah, from such men.' the world, means here, transitory world, having respect to duration. 15. awake, from the sleep of death.

PSALM XVIII.—2. my rock, &c. the expressions here signify that God was David's guardian and defender horn, see I Sam. ii. 1. 4. sorrows, or cords, allude to hunters' snares. floods, overwhelming numbers. 5. prevented me, 'were laid for me.' — Booth. 6. his temple, heaven, Psalm xi. 4. 7. the earth shook, &c. manifest allusions to Sinai, though

a Ps. 144. 5.

b Ps. 99. 1.

c or, them which trust in thee from those that rise up against thy right hand.

d Ps. 104. 3.

e De. 32. 10.

f Zec. 2. 8.

g Mat. 23. 37.

h Ps. 37. 2.

i waste me.

j enemies against the soul.

k Ps. 29. 3.

l Sa. 29. 26.

m Is. 30. 30.

n The likeness of him, (that is, of every one of them) is as a lion that desireth to vanin.

o sitting.

p Ex. 15. 8.

q prevent his face.

r or, by thy.

s or, by thine

t or, great.

u Lu. 16. 25.

v or, their children are full.

w I Job. 3. 2.

x Ps. 118. 5.

y 2 Sa. 22. 21.

z Ps. 36. 11.

a 2 Sa. xxii.

b Ps. 144. 1.

c my rock.

d with.

e He. 2. 13.

f Sa. 26. 23.

g Ps. 76. 4.

h before his eyes.

i Ps. 116. 3.

j Ki. 8. 32.

k Belial.

l or, cords.

m Pr. 3. 34.

n or, wrestle.

o Ps. 6. 17.

p Job 18. 6.

q or, leap.

r Job 29. 3.

s Ac. 4. 31.

t or, broken.

u by his.

v Re. 15. 3.

w or, refined.

9 He ^a bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

10 And ^b he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, ^c he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his secret place; ^d his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.

13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave ^e his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

14 Yea, ^f he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

15 Then ^g the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of ^h many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

19 He ⁱ brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

22 For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

23 I was also upright ^j before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 Therefore ^k bath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands ^l in his eyesight.

25 With ^m the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and ⁿ with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down ^o high looks.

28 For ^p thou wilt light my ^q candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

30 As for God, ^r his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is ^s tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

having a metaphorical meaning. These verses may allude to the destruction of David's enemies, and may carry our thoughts to the destruction of the enemies of the 'Son of David,' and the awful scenes of Calvary. 8. out of his nostrils, expressive of anger. 9. darkness, &c. he was shrouded in darkness. 10. he rode, &c. expresses swiftness. 12. At the brightness, &c.

'From the brightness of his presence, His thick clouds were dispelled.'

14. arrows, forked lightning, i.e. judgments. — Ed. 15. channels, &c. probably allusions to the Red sea. 16. many waters, great afflictions. 18. They prevented me. 'They had surprised me.' — Booth. 24. my righteousness, in the case of Saul. 26. froward, 'perverse,' shew thyself froward, or 'wrestle,' as margin. Jehovah will put forth his power against his opposers. 29. ran through, &c. i.e. vanquished the enemy. leaped over, &c. entered fortified cities.

31 For ^a who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?

32 *It is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

33 He ^b maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places.

34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, ^c that my feet did not slip.

37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast ^d subdued under me those that rose up against me.

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.

41 They cried, but *there was* none to save them: *even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

43 Thou ^e hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: ^f a people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.

44 ^g As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the ^h strangers shall ⁱ submit themselves unto me.

45 The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

46 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47 *It is* God that ^j avengeth me, and ^k subdueth the people unto me.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the ^l violent man.

49 Therefore will I ^m give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

PSALM XIX.

THE To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The ⁿ heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.

32. *maketh my way perfect*, gives success to my undertakings. 33. *like hinds' feet*, to escape from his enemies. 34. *of steel*, 'of brass.' is broken. &c. I can accomplish the most difficult undertakings. 35. *gentleness*, or 'correction.' 36. *enlarged*, &c. opened a free course to victory and triumph. 40. *the necks*, denotes utter subjection. Jos. vii. 12. 42. *small*, &c. denotes utter destruction. 43. *strivings*, dissensions and discords. *head*, &c. given me authority over the heathen. 45. *close places*, 'strong holds.'—*Banther*. 49. *Therefore*, &c. as used Rom. xv. 9. combines a prophetic allusion to Messiah's triumphs. *among the heathen*, 'among the nations.'

PSALM XIX.—1. *The heavens*, the visible heavens. Some consider the language prophetic, and descriptive of the New Testament church, in contradistinction to the Jewish: see Heb. ix. 23; viii. 5. 3. *no speech*, &c. *There is*, and *where*, are unnecessary: it signifies, They are silent teachers.—*Ed.* 4. *line*

Is. 45. 5.

^a without their voice heard, or, without these their voice is heard.

^b Hab. 3. 19.

^c or, rule, or, direction.

^d Ro. 10. 18.

^e Ec. 1. 5.

^f or, with thy meekness thou hast multiplied me.

^g Pr. 4. 12.

^h mine ancles

ⁱ or, doctrine

^j or, restoring.

^k caused to bow.

^l truth.

^m dropping of honeycombs.

ⁿ Ps. 90. 8.

^o 2 Sa. 2. 9, 10.

^p Ro. 6. 12, 14.

^q Is. 55. 5.

^r or, much.

^s At the hearing of the ear.

^t sons of the stranger.

^u lie, or,

^v yield feigned obedience.

^w my rock.

^x Ps. 18. 1.

^y giveth

^z vengeance

^{aa} for me.

^{ab} or, destroyeth.

^{ac} set thee on an high place.

^{ad} thy help.

^{ae} support.

^{af} turn to

^{ag} ashes, or,

^{ah} make fat.

^{ai} man of

^{aj} violence.

^{ak} or, confess.

^{al} the heaven

^{am} of his holiness.

^{an} by the

^{ao} strength of

^{ap} the salvation of.

^{aq} Ro. 1. 19, 20.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 *There is* no speech nor language, ^a where their voice is not heard.

4 Their ^b line ^c is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, ^d and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The ^e law of the LORD is perfect, ^f converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are ^g true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are ^h they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the ⁱ honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: ^j and in keeping of them ^k there is great reward.

12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from ^l secret faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous ^m sins; ⁿ let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from ^o the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, ^p my strength, and my redeemer.

PSALM XX.

THE To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob ^a defend thee.

2 Send I thee help from the sanctuary, and ^b strengthen thee out of Zion.

3 Remember all thy offerings, and ^c accept thy burnt sacrifice. Selah.

4 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up ^d our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from ^e his holy heaven ^f with the saving strength of his right hand.

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

rather, 'sound.' In them, i. e. the visible heavens. 5. as a bridegroom. alludes to nuptial festivities in the east. The bridegroom wears the most splendid dress, and his appearance gives joy to his friends. as a strong man, alludes to couriers, who, as they travelled on foot, required muscular strength. 7. *law*, seems here to mean, all God's revealed will. *testimony*, 'doctrine.' 8. *statutes*, ordinances. *commandment*, precept. 9. *fear*, religious worship. *clean*, bespeaks sincerity and integrity of heart. *judgments*, civil statutes. *true*, 'truth.' 11. *warned*, 'instructed.'—*Boothroyd*. 12. *errors*, 'unadvised errors,' refers to Lev. iv. 2. 13. *presumptuous*, wilful and deliberate. *great transgression*, idolatry or apostasy; in fact, *unbelief*, whence the rest spring.

PSALM XX.—2. *sanctuary*, the tabernacle and temple, so called from the holy God dwelling there. 5. *set up*, &c. i. e. take the field against our enemies.

David's confidence in God.

8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.
9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

PSALM XXI.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
THE king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.

3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, *and even* length of days for ever and ever.

5 His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

6 For thou hast *made* him most blessed for ever: *thou* hast *made* him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

7 For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he *shall* not be moved.

8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

9 Thou *shalt* make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, *and* the fire shall devour them.

10 Their *fruit* shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

11 For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, *which* they are not able to perform.

12 Therefore *shalt* thou make them turn their *back*, *when* thou shalt make ready *thine arrows* upon thy strings against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

PSALM XXII.

To the chief Musician upon *S* Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David.

MY God, my God, *why* hast thou forsaken me? *why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?*

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, *and* *am* not silent.

3 But thou *art* holy, O *thou* that inhabitest the *praises* of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: *they* trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

PSALMS.

David complaineth in distress.

a Is. 53. 3.

Mat. 12. 24.

Ro. 15. 3.

Lu. 23. 35.

b open.

† rolled himself on the

LORD.

c Mat. 27. 43.

† or, if he

delight.

§ or, keptest

me in safety

|| not a helper

d 2 Sa. 7. 19.

*** opened

their mouths

against me.

† set him to

be blessings

Ge. 12. 2.

c Ac. 2. 28.

† gladdened

him with

joy.

§ or, sun-

dered.

f Jno. 19. 28.

g Ps. 16. 8.

h Re. 22. 15.

i Mal. 4. 1.

k Jno. 19. 23.

20. 37.

l Is. 26. 11.

m Lu. 23. 31.

n Is. 11. 20.

|| only one.

*** the hand.

o 2 Ti. 4. 17.

† or, thou

shalt set

them as a

butt.

† shoulder.

p He. 2. 12.

r Jno. 20. 17.

Ro. 8. 29.

§ or, the hind

of the

morning.

q Mat. 27. 46.

Mar. 15. 34.

He. 13. 5.

t He. 5. 7.

|| from my

salvation.

u Lu. 22. 44.

v Ec. 5. 4.

*** there is no

silence to

me.

x De. 10. 21.

y Jno. 6. 51.

z Is. 49. 6.

a Is. 49. 23.

Ro. 9. 33.

1 Pe. 2. 6.

b Ob. 21.

Zec. 14. 9.

Mat. 6. 13.

6 But I *am* a worm, and no man; *a* reproach of men, and despised of the people.

7 All *b* they that see me laugh me to scorn: they *** shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

8 He *†* trusted *c* on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, *§* seeing he delighted in him.

9 But thou *a* *t* he that took me out of the womb: thou *§* didst make me hope *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.

10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou *art* my God from my mother's belly.

11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for *there is* *||* none to help.

12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

13 They *** gaped upon me *with* their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I *am* poured out like water, and all my bones are *§* out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and *f* my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

16 For *h* dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: *k* they pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

18 They *m* part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my *||* darling from *** the power of the dog.

21 Save *o* me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

22 I *p* will declare thy name unto *r* my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but *†* when he cried unto him, he heard.

25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: *||* I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart *y* shall live for ever.

27 All *z* the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

28 For *b* the kingdom is the LORD's:

This psalm was perhaps sung when David was undertaking some expedition. Some consider it as prophetic of the sufferings and triumphs of the Messiah.

PSALM XXI.—1. *The king*, David, or the Messiah. 3. *preventest*, i.e. goest before him, 2 Sam. xii. 30; Heb. ii. 2. *a crown*, &c. see 2 Sam. xii. 30. 4. *life*, promised to him, 2 Sam. vii. 16. 10. *fruit*, offspring.

11. *device*, &c. seems to allude to some dexterous art of a consummate hunter, illustrated in the conduct of the enemies of David and Messiah. 12. *Therefore*, &c. the marginal reading preferable.

PSALM XXII.—TITLE. *Aijeleth Shahar*, 'concerning the hind of the morning, the persecuted Messiah.'—*Ainsworth*. 'To be sung at the dawn of day.'—*Booth*.

1. *My God*, &c. spoken by Messiah, Mat. xxvii. 46. 3. *body*, perfectly pure and righteous. *that inhabitest*, dwellest among thy people Israel, the sole object of their praises, De. x. 21. 6. *a worm*, treated

like a reptile. 7. *All they*, &c. see Mat. xxvii. 39. 10. *I was*, &c. comp. Lu. i. 31, &c. 11. *none*, &c. descriptive of Christ, &c. Mat. xxvi. 46. 12. *bulls of Bashan*, full-fed, proud, and insolent animals, are emblems of Christ's enemies. 14. *poured*, &c. describes the perishable nature of the human frame, 2 Sam. xiv. 14; and extreme weakness, Jos. vii. 5: see Luke xxii. 44. My bones, &c. may allude to the contortions on the cross.

15. *cleaveth*, &c. John xix. 28. 16. *dogs*, &c. a figure from the hunted hind, or the prowling surly dogs in the streets of eastern towns. 18. *They part*, &c. see marginal references. 20. *my darling*, 'my only one,' i.e. my life. 21. *the lion's mouth*, i.e. the devouring enemy, whether Jew or Gentile, for thou hast heard, &c.

22. *from the horns of the rhinoceros defend me*,—*Booth*. 22. *I will declare*, &c. David would praise in the congregation of Jewish brethren; Christ would make his name known in the church. 26. *eat*, of the

and he is the governor among the nations.

29 *All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: a all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.*

30 *A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.*

31 *They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.*

PSALM XXIII. A Psalm of David. **THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

2 *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

3 *He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

4 *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

5 *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou shalt anoint my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

6 *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

PSALM XXIV. A Psalm of David. **THE earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.**

2 *For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.*

3 *Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?*

4 *He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.*

5 *He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

6 *This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.*

7 *Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.*

8 *Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.*

9 *Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.*

10 *Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.*

sacrifice. In the true sacrifice there shall be a provision for all believers. 29. *fat*, i.e. the rich. *go down to the dust*, those in adversity. *and none can keep alive*. Horsley connects this with the next verse, and reads:—'Both my soul shall live to him, and my seed shall serve him, &c.'

PSALM XXIII.—1. *my shepherd*, the imagery of this psalm is mostly intelligible, and drawn from pastoral life. 2. *leadeth*, see Gen. xxxiii. 14. 3. *restoreth*, from wandering or languishing. 4. *valley*, &c. an image borrowed from the gloomy vales, in the caverns of which were the Jewish tombs. 5. *rod, crook, staff*, to support in difficult paths; both useful against the subtle enemies of the flock. 6. *a table*, changes the metaphor to a magnificent banquet. *anointed*, as at feasts, Eccles. ix. 7, 8; Luke vii. 46. *cup runneth over*, as in ancient hospitality.

PSALM XXIV.—Sung on bringing the ark to Mount Zion, 1 Chron. xv. 1. *the fulness*, i.e. all that it contains. 2. *upon the seas*, 'together with the seas.'—Booth. *upon the floods*, 'with the floods.' 4. *clean*, free from blood, rapine, theft, bribery, vanity, idolatry. 6. *This is the generation*, 'Such

Is. 26. 19.

Phi. 2. 10.

Is. 28. 16.

49. 23.

Ro. 10. 11.

Is. 60. 3.

Ro. 3. 21, 22.

Ex. 33. 13.

Is. 40. 11.

Jno. 10. 11.

1 Pe. 2. 25.

Re. 7. 17.

Phi. 4. 19.

Is. 63. 15.

Je. 33. 11.

bowels.

pastures of tender grass.

Re. 7. 17.

waters of quietness.

Job 13. 26.

Je. 3. 25.

Pr. 8. 20.

Ps. 3. 6.

118. 6.

Is. 43. 2.

smakest fat.

Ps. 31. 3.

143. 11.

Ro. 5. 20.

to length of days.

Ps. 37. 23.

1 Co. 10. 26.

28.

Pr. 19. 23.

lodge in goodness.

Pr. 3. 32.

Jno. 7. 17.

15. 15.

Ge. 1. 9.

Job 38. 6.

2 Pe. 3. 5.

or, and his covenant to make them know it.

bring forth.

The clean of hands.

Job 17. 9.

1 Ti. 2. 8.

Mat. 5. 8.

Ps. 69. 16.

86. 16.

2 Sa. 16. 12.

or, O God of Jacob.

hatred of violence.

Is. 26. 2.

Hag. 2. 7.

1 Co. 2. 8.

PSALM XXV. A Psalm of David. **UNTO thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.**

2 *O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.*

3 *Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.*

4 *Show me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.*

5 *Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.*

6 *Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.*

7 *Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.*

8 *Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.*

9 *The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.*

10 *All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

11 *For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.*

12 *What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.*

13 *His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.*

14 *The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.*

15 *Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.*

16 *Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.*

17 *The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.*

18 *Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.*

19 *Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.*

20 *O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.*

21 *Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.*

22 *Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.*

PSALM XXVI. A Psalm of David. **JUDGE me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide.**

are the people who seek him,' &c.—Booth. 9. *Lift up*, &c. sung as the ark approached the gates of the sanctuary, as if they were too low for the reception of the august symbol: may also respect the admission of Messiah into heaven, as a proof that he had fulfilled all his engagements.

PSALM XXV.—This psalm in Hebrew is written in acrostics, probably to aid the memory. 1. *lift*, &c. in prayer and meditation. 2. *ashamed*, 'put to shame.' *transgress without cause*, 'act treacherously without cause,' so most critics. 4. *ways—paths*, the line of conduct which thou approvest. 5. *wait all the day*, 'hope daily.'—Booth. 6. *of old*, i.e. shown in former ages. 9. *in judgment*, to a knowledge of his laws and precepts. 10. *mercy and truth*, i.e. merciful and righteous. 12. *shall choose*, 'should choose.' 13. *His soul*, &c. 'That man shall enjoy prosperity,' the earth, 'land.' 14. *secret*, &c. The Lord's secret favour, 'his covenant, its blessings and privileges.' 15. *net*, laid by enemies. 17. *The troubles*, &c. 'Set at large the sorrowful (contractions) of my heart.'—Louth.

PSALM XXVI.—1. *Judge*, Vindicate. *in mine*

David's confidence in God.

2 Examine ^a me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.
 3 For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and ^b I have walked in thy truth.
 4 I ^c have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.
 5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.
 6 I ^d will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:
 7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.
 8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place ^e where thine honour dwelleth.
 9 ^f Gather ^g not my soul with sinners, nor my life with ^h bloody men:
 10 In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is ⁱ full of ^j bribes.
 11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
 12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

THE PSALM XXVII. A Psalm of David.
 THE LORD is ^a my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? ^b the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, ^c even mine enemies and my foes, ^d have upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though ^e an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this ^f will I be confident.

4 One ^g thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may ^h dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the ⁱ beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

5 For ^j in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of ^k joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 ^l When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

PSALMS.

He prayeth against his enemies.

^a Ps. 66. 10. 139. 23.
^b Zec. 13. 9.
^c 2 Ki. 20. 3.
^d Je. 15. 17.
^e Is. 49. 15.
^f gather me.
^g Is. 40. 11.
^h Is. 30. 20, 21.
ⁱ a way of plainness.
^j Ps. 26. 12.
^k those which observe me.
^l Ps. 54. 5.
^m Ex. 30. 19, 20.
ⁿ 1 Ti. 2. 8.
^o Ac. 9. 1.
^p of the tabernacle of thy honour.
^q Je. 11. 19.
^r or, Take not away.
^s 1 Sa. 25. 29.
^t Is. 25. 9.
^u Hab. 2. 3.
^v men of blood.
^w filled with.
^x Is. 33. 15.
^y from me.
^z Is. 60. 19, 20.
^{aa} or, the oracle of thy sanctuary.
^{ab} Is. 12. 2.
^{ac} Je. 9. 8.
^{ad} approached against.
^{ae} 2 Ti. 4. 14.
^{af} Re. 18. 6.
^{ag} Ps. 3. 6.
^{ah} Job 34. 27.
^{ai} Lu. 2. 37.
^{aj} or, delight.
^{ak} Is. 4. 6.
^{al} or, his.
^{am} strength of.
^{an} Ps. 78. 71.
^{ao} shouting.
^{ap} sons of the mighty.
^{aq} or, My heart said unto thee, Let my face seek thy face, &c.
^{ar} honour of.
^{as} or, in his glorious sanctuary.

PSALM XXVIII. A Psalm of David.
 UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent ^a to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward ^b thy holy oracle.

3 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, ^c which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts.

4 Give ^d them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

5 Because ^e they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

6 Blessed be the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

8 The LORD is ^f their strength, and he is the ^g saving strength of his anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: ^h feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

PSALM XXIX. A Psalm of David.
 GIVE unto the LORD, O ye ^a mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

2 Give unto the LORD the ^b glory due unto his name; worship the LORD ^c in the beauty of holiness.

integrity, neither intending nor doing evil, 2 Sam. xv. 11: Prov. x. 9; xx. 7. *not slide*, trip, or be inconstant. 4. *vain persons*, 'faithless men.' *dissemblers*, 'plotters.' 6. *wash*, see Deut. xxi. 6, and Matt. xxvii. 4. The ablution of the hands was a sign of innocence. 12. *even place*, literally, in rectitude.

PSALM XXVII.—1. *light*, cheering in affliction. *strength*, 'guardian.'—Booth. 2. *eat up*, like wild beasts, Psalm iii. 6; xxii. 3. *in this*, i. e. in this state. 4. *dwell*, &c. always enjoy the public ordinances of grace. *the beauty*, &c. the emblems or the Divine glory in the mercy seat, and its accompaniments. *enquire*, concerning the Divine will. 5. *in his pavilion*, i. e. in the surest place of safety. The Arab princes are in the middle tent of their circle, well secured. *in the secret*, &c. in as safe a place as the holy of holies. *a rock*, the strongest place of protection, within which the easterns often find refuge with their armies. 6. *lifted up*, in token of victory. *sacrifices of joy*, may denote thank-offerings. 8. *When*, &c. better rendered, 'To thee, my heart, he (God) hath said, Seek ye my face.'—9.

leave, 'dismiss.' 10. *father*, &c. i. e. best friends. 11. *plain path*, i. e. path of rectitude. 12. *false*, &c. see 1 Sam. xxix. 9; Psalm lii. 1—4; 1 Sam. xxii. 18; prophetic of Messiah, Mark xiv. 56. 13. *I had fainted*, this is supplied, but the words are beautifully abrupt without the supply. Boothroyd's translation is:—

'Yet I believe that I shall enjoy good,
 O Jehovah, In the land of the living.'
 14. *Wait*, implies anxious waiting, with the head and neck stretched forward.

PSALM XXVIII.—1. *silent*, or deaf, refusing to hear prayer. *pit*, the grave, i. e. become like a dead man. 2. *lift up*, a prayer-gesture. *holy oracle*, or oracle of thy holiness, i. e. the cloud of glory or cherubim in the most holy place, whence Jehovah delivered his oracles, Ex. xxv. 17—22. 3. *draw*, &c. i. e. suffer me not to be seduced by the wicked. So Horsley. 4. *Give*, &c. read prophetically in the future. 8. *their strength*, i. e. the strength of his people.

PSALM XXIX.—2. *the beauty of holiness*, his

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: ^a the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon ^{*} many waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is [†] powerful; the voice of the LORD is [†] full of majesty.

5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh ^{*} the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the LORD [‡] divideth the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds ^{*} to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple [†] doth every one speak of his glory.

10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.

11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

PSALM XXX.

A Psalm and Song at ^h the dedication of the house of David.

I WILL extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 Sing ^j unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks [‡] at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For [‡] his [†] anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure ^{*} for a night, but [†] joy cometh in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast [†] made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

8 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.

9 What profit is [†] there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? ^{*} Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

11 Thou ^{*} hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

12 To the end that my ^{*} glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

^a Job 37. 4, 5.

^b or, great.

^c Is. 49. 23.

^d in power.

^e in majesty.

^f Is. 2. 13.

^g to me for a

rock of

strength.

^h cutteth out.

ⁱ Lu. 23. 46.

^j Ac. 7. 59.

^k or, to be in

pain.

^l or, every

rebel of it

uttereth &c

^m Jon. 2. 8.

ⁿ Jno. 10. 27.

^o De. 32. 30.

^p 1 Sa. 17. 46.

^q 24. 18.

^r De. 20. 5.

^s Is. 53. 4.

^t 1 Ch. 16. 4.

^u or, to the

memorial.

^v a vessel

that perish-

eth.

^w Je. 20. 10.

^x there is but

a moment

in his

anger.

^y Is. 54. 7, 8.

^z 2 Co. 4. 17.

^{aa} Je. 6. 25.

^{ab} 20. 3.

^{ac} La. 2. 22.

^{ad} Mat. 27. 1.

^{ae} in the

evening.

^{af} singing.

^{ag} settled

strength

for my

mountain.

^{ah} Is. 38. 18.

^{ai} 1 Sa. 2. 9.

^{aj} or, cut off

for the.

^{ak} 1 Sa. 2. 3.

^{al} Jude 15.

^{am} a hard

thing.

^{an} 2 Sa. 6. 14.

^{ao} Is. 61. 3.

^{ap} Je. 31. 4.

^{aq} Is. 64. 4.

^{ar} 1 Co. 2. 9.

^{as} 1 Jno. 3. 12.

^{at} Col. 3. 4.

^{au} Ja. 2. 5.

^{av} 1 Pe. 1. 3, 4.

^{aw} i.e. tongue,

or, soul.

^{ax} Ge. 49. 6.

^{ay} Job 5. 21.

PSALM XXXI.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
IN ^h thee, O LORD, do I put my trust;
let me never be ashamed: deliver me in
thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver
me speedily: be thou [§] my strong rock,
for an house of defence to save me.

3 For thou ^{art} my rock and my fortress;
therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and
guide me.

4 Pull me out of the net that they have
laid privily for me: for thou ^{art} my
strength.

5 Into ^d thine hand I commit my spirit:
thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of
truth.

6 I have hated them ^{*} that regard lying
vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy:
for thou hast considered my trouble; thou
hast [†] known my soul in adversities;

8 And hast not [§] shut me up into the
hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet
in a large room.

9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I
am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with
grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

10 For my life is spent with grief, and
my years with sighing: my strength fail-
eth because of mine iniquity, and my bones
are consumed.

11 I [†] was a reproach among all mine
enemies, but especially among my neigh-
bours, and a fear to mine acquaintance:
they that did see me without fled from me.

12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of
mind: I am like [§] a broken vessel.

13 For [†] I have heard the slander of
many: ^m fear was on every side: while
they ⁿ took counsel together against me,
they devised to take away my life.

14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I
said, Thou ^{art} my God.

15 My times are in thy hand: deliver
me from the hand of mine enemies, and
from them that persecute me.

16 Make thy face to shine upon thy
servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

17 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for
I have called upon thee: let the wicked
be ashamed, and [†] let them be [§] silent in
the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be put to silence;
which [†] speak [†] grievous things proudly
and contemptuously against the righteous.

19 Oh [†] how great is thy goodness, which
thou [†] hast laid up for them that fear thee;
which thou hast wrought for them that
trust in thee before the sons of men!

20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of
thy presence from the pride of man: [†] thou

beautiful and glorious sanctuary.—*Bp. Hall.* So
Parkhurst. This typified glorious things to come.
3. *voice of the Lord,* applied to thunder: see Job
xxxvii. 4. *many waters,* Michaelis thinks alludes to
the Mediterranean, where arose the thunder storms
whose rains fell on Judaea. 5. *cedars of Lebanon,* a
few now grow there, near forty feet in girth. 6.
to skip, bounding and hasting away in a fright: a
grand figure. *Sirion,* the north-east part of Lebanon.
7. *flames,* lightning. 8. *Kadesh,* see Num. xiii. 26.
9. *hinds to calve,* so does thunder sheep. *discovereth,*
maketh bare. 10. *sitteth,* as supreme ruler. This
psalm perhaps commemorates an awful thunder-
storm, and shows His power who sends forth his
word, and rules over his church.

PSALM XXX.—1. *lifted me up,* from a state of
exhaustion, i. e. from the sick bed. 3. *soul,* or

animal frame.—*Bp. Horne.* 4. *at the remembrance,*
rather, 'in commemoration.' 7. *made my moun-
tain,* &c. i. e. firmly established my power. 9. *in
my blood,* in taking away my life.

PSALM XXXI.—5. *commit,* &c. words used by
Christ, Luke xxiii. 46. *redeemed,* often means deli-
vered. 6. *I have hated,* ancient versions read,
'Thou hatest.' *lying vanities,* or vanities of delu-
sion, i. e. idolatrous practices of auguries and divina-
tions. *Known,* &c. relieved me in the lowest condition.
8. *a large room,* a place of liberty. 9. *my belly,* or,
'my body.' 10. *because of mine iniquity,* 'through
affliction.' 12. *like a broken vessel,* useless. 13.
slander, 'angry muttering.' 15. *times,* events and
circumstances of life. 19. *before,* &c. i. e. publicly.
20. *secret,* or covering, i. e. Jehovah himself would
be his protector.

shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

PSALM XXXII.

A Psalm of David, § Maschil.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. O I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: as whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous; and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

PSALM XXXIII.

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

2 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

* or, mercy.
a Ge. 1. 6 7.
He. 11. 3.
2 Pe. 3. 5.
Re. 3. 14.

+ or, fenced.
b Ge. 2. 1.
c 1 Sa. 23. 26.
d Is. 38. 11, 12.
La. 3. 54.

Jon. 2. 4.
e Job 26. 13.
f Is. 8. 10.
19. 3.

† maketh
frustrate.
§ or, giving
instruction
h Ro. 4. 6. 8.
Is. 46. 10.

|| generation
and genera-
tion.
i 2 Co. 5. 19.
j Jno. 1. 47.
k Ex. 19. 5.

m Pr. 15. 3.
n Job 33. 7.
o Is. 65. 24.
Lu. 15. 18.
21. &c.

1 Jno. 1. 9.
p 1 Ti. 1. 16.
q Is. 55. 6.
Jno. 7. 34.

* of finding.
r Pr. 21. 31.
s Job 36. 7.

1 Pe. 3. 12
t Ps. 119. 114.
u Ex. 15. 1.
Ju. 5. 1.

2 Sa. 22. 1.
Re. 7. 10.
Job 5. 20.

† counsel
thee, mine
eye shall be
upon thee.

x Jno. 16. 22.
y Pr. 26. 3.
Ja. 3. 3.

z Pr. 13. 21.
Ro. 2. 9.
a Ps. 34. 8.
84. 12.

Pr. 16. 20.
Je. 17. 7.

+ or, Achish.
1 Sa. 21. 13.
b Ps. 68. 3.
c Ep. 5. 20.

1 Th. 5. 18.
d 2 Co. 1. 31.
2 Co. 10. 17.

e Lu. 1. 46.
f Lu. 11. 9.
g or, flowed
unto him.

Is. 42. 10.
Re. 5. 9.
h 2 Sa. 22. 1.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beareth the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

PSALM XXXIV.

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Achishlech; who drove him away, and he departed.

I WILL bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

plant. 6. For this i.e. For forgiveness. Floods, calamities. 'Him the floods of great waters shall not reach.'—Booth.

8. I will guide, Jehovah here speaks. 9. Be ye not, &c. Be not as irrational beasts, subdued only by force.

PSALM XXXIII.—2. the psaltery, &c. 'the psaltery, an instrument of ten strings.' 3. new, i.e. peculiarly excellent.

7. He gathereth, alluding to Gen. i. 9. 10. people, rather, 'Gentiles.' 15. He fashioneth, &c.

'He who formed all their hearts, Attender to all their works.'—Green.

PSALM XXXIV.—1. at all times, in every season of prosperity and adversity. 2. humble, or 'miserable.' 6. This poor man, &c. 'This afflicted one.'

PSALM XXXII.—TITLE. Maschil, i.e. instructive. 1. transgression, signifies, the passing over a boundary, doing what is prohibited. forgiven, or, 'borne away,' i.e. by a vicarious sacrifice: see Lev. xvi. sin, signifies the missing of a mark, not doing what is commanded. covered, i.e. pardoned: see Neh. iv. 5; Rom. iv. 7, 8: probably refers to the mercy seat sprinkled with blood, covering the law which condemned the sinner: see Rom. iii. 21—26. 2. imputeth, reckons, or charges, Rom. iv. 6. 8. iniquity, signifies that which is turned out of its course; any thing morally distorted, or perverted. 3. kept silence, confessed not his sins. bones, i.e. the whole animal frame. waxed old, became emaciated. roaring, loud lamentation. 4. moisture, &c. as a shrivelled

7 The ^a angel of the LORD ^b encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

8 O ^c taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from ^d speaking guile.

14 Depart ^e from evil, and do good; ^f seek peace, and pursue it.

15 The ^g eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

16 The ^h face of the LORD is against them that do evil, ⁱ to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD is nigh ^j unto ^k them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be ^l of a contrite spirit.

19 Many ^m are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: ⁿ not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be ^o desolate.

22 The LORD ^p redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM XXXV. A Psalm of David. PLEAD ^q my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

2 Take ^r hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

5 Let ^s them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase them.

6 Let their way be ^t dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.

7 For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause have they digged for my soul.

8 Let ^u destruction come upon him ^v that is unawares: and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, LORD, ^w who

^a Da. 6. 22.

^b He. 1. 14.

^c Ge. 32. 1, 2.

^d 1 Pe. 2. 3.

^e Witnesses

^f of wrong.

^g asked me.

^h Je. 18. 20.

ⁱ Job. 10. 32.

^j depriving.

^k Job. 30. 25.

^l or, afflicted.

^m La. 10. 6.

ⁿ walked.

^o as a friend,

^p as a brother

^q to me.

^r 1 Pe. 2. 22.

^s Is. 1. 16, 17.

^t halting,

^u Ps. 39. 17.

^v Ro. 12. 18.

^w He. 12. 14.

^x Job. 36. 7.

^y 1 Pe. 3. 12.

^z Job. 30. 1, 8.

^{aa} Job. 16. 9.

^{ab} Le. 17. 10.

^{ac} Je. 44. 11.

^{ad} Am. 9. 4.

^{ae} Pr. 10. 7.

^{af} Hab. 1. 13.

^{ag} only one.

^{ah} to the

^{ai} broken

^{aj} heart.

^{ak} Is. 57. 15.

^{al} strong.

^{am} contrite of

^{an} spirit.

^{ao} Pr. 24. 16.

^{ap} Ti. 3. 11, 12.

^{aq} falsely.

^{ar} Ps. 36. 19.

^{as} Job. 15. 12.

^{at} Pr. 6. 13.

^{au} 10. 10.

^{av} La. 3. 52.

^{aw} Jno. 15. 25.

^{ax} Jno. 19. 36.

^{ay} or, guilty.

^{az} 2 Sa. 4. 9.

^{ba} 1 Ki. 1. 29.

^{bb} Ac. 7. 34.

^{bc} La. 3. 58.

^{bd} 2 Th. 1. 6.

^{be} Is. 42. 13.

^{bf} Ah, ah, our

^{bg} soul.

^{bh} La. 2. 16.

^{bi} Job. 21. 18.

^{bj} Is. 29. 5.

^{bk} Ho. 13. 3.

^{bl} Ro. 12. 15.

^{bm} 1 Co. 12. 26.

^{bn} darkness

^{bo} and slip-

^{bp} periness.

^{bq} righteous-

^{br} ness.

^{bs} Pr. 8. 18.

^{bt} 1 Th. 5. 3.

^{bu} which he

^{bv} knoweth

^{bw} not of.

^{bx} Ro. 3. 18.

^{by} Ex. 15. 11.

is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

11 False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did ^{ca} tear me, and ceased not:

16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

20 For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

22 This thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O LORD, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

PSALM XXXVI.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD.

THE transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

meaning himself. 7. angel, 'angels.'—Boothroyd. 11. children, properly, 'youths.' 20. keepeth, &c. providence for their bodies as well as their souls. The words are applied to Christ, John xiv. 36. 21. be desolate, 'perish.'—Booths. This is an acrostic psalm.

PSALM XXXV.—2. shield and buckler, the lesser and great shield. 3. Draw out, &c. warriors reposed with their spears stuck in the ground near them. 5. chaff, 'thistle down.' 7. net—pit, see

Psalm vii. 15: ix. 15: notes. 8. destruction, or, 'a storm.' 10. All my bones, 'My whole frame.' 11—16. False witnesses, &c. literally applies to Christ. 13. into mine own bosom, was beneficial to me; the allusion is to the custom of folding the garment on the bosom to receive a gift, or any thing put into it, Luke vi. 38: comp. Isa. lxxv. 6. 19. drunk, i.e. in derision and contempt, Prov. x. 10. 21. our eye, &c. 'our eye hath seen what we wished.'

PSALM XXXVI.—1. The transgression, &c. 'The

2 For ^a he flattereth himself in his own eyes, ^{*} until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: ^a he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

4 He ^a deviseth [†] mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself ^f in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.

5 Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness is like the [§] great mountains; [‡] thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, ⁱ thou preservest man and beast.

7 How ^{*} excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They ⁿ shall be [†] abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of ^p the river of thy pleasures.

9 For ^r with thee is the fountain of life: [‡] in thy light shall we see light.

10 O ⁱ continue thy lovingkindness ^v unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM XXXVII. *A Psalm of David.*
FRET ⁿ not thyself because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and ^{*} verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight ^o thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 [†] Commit ^o thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring ⁱ it to pass.

6 And ^g he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

7 [§] Rest in the LORD, ⁱ and wait patiently for him: ⁿ fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: ^m fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall ^o inherit the earth.

^a De. 29. 19.

^b He. 10. 36, 37

^c ^{*} to find his iniquity to hate.

^d Mat. 5. 5.

^e Je. 4. 22.

^f Pr. 4. 16.

^g Mi. 2. 1.

^h [†] or, vanity.

ⁱ [†] or, practiseth.

^j Is. 65. 2.

^k [§] 1 Sa. 26. 10.

^l [§] mountains of God.

^m Job 11. 8.

ⁿ Ro. 11. 33.

^o ^{||} the upright of way.

^p Job 7. 20.

^q 1 Ti. 4. 10.

^r Mi. 5. 6.

^s ^{*} precious.

^t 1 Ti. 6. 6.

^u Job 38. 15.

^v Ps. 65. 4.

^w [†] watered.

^x Job 20. 17.

^y Re. 22. 1.

^z Je. 2. 13.

^{aa} Jno. 4. 10, 14.

^{ab} Is. 60. 21.

^{ac} 1 Pe. 2. 9.

^{ad} [†] draw out at length.

^{ae} Job 5. 20.

^{af} Je. 22. 16.

^{ag} ^{*} preciousness.

^{ah} Ps. 102. 3.

^{ai} Pr. 3. 33.

^{aj} Pr. 23. 17.

^{ak} [†] or, established.

^{al} Mi. 7. 8.

^{am} 2 Co. 4. 9.

^{an} ^{*} in truth, or, stable-ness.

^{ao} Is. 58. 14.

^{ap} De. 15. 8, 10.

^{aq} [†] all the day.

^{ar} [†] Roll thy way upon.

^{as} Lu. 12. 22.

^{at} 1 Pe. 5. 7.

^{au} Is. 1. 16, 17.

^{av} Mi. 7. 9.

^{aw} Is. 14. 20.

^{ax} [§] Be silent to

^{ay} Is. 30. 15.

^{az} La. 3. 26.

^{ba} Je. 12. 1.

^{bb} Mat. 12. 35.

^{bc} ^m Ep. 4. 26.

^{bd} Is. 51. 7.

^{be} He. 8. 10.

^{bf} ^{||} or, goings.

^{bg} Is. 57. 13.

10 For ^b yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

11 But ^c the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 The wicked ⁱ plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13 The LORD shall laugh at him: for he seeth that ^h his day is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay ^{||} such as be of upright conversation.

15 Their ^k sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

16 A ⁱ little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

17 For ^m the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be ^{*} for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and ^v in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the [§] fat of lambs: they shall consume; [‡] into smoke shall they consume away.

21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

22 For [§] such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth: and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

23 The ^c steps of a good man are ^{||} ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

24 Though ^b he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26 He ^a is [†] ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

27 Depart ^f from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: ^k but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

30 The ⁱ mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

31 The ⁿ law of his God is in his heart; none of his ^{||} steps shall slide.

32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.

wicked man, according to the wickedness within his heart, saith, There is no fear of God before mine eyes.—Bp. Louth. Or it may mean, as Bp. Horne suggests, 'The transgressions of a bad man show plainly, in the apprehension of a good one, that the former is destitute of a true fear of God.' 2. *he flattereth*, &c. he vainly thinks his crimes may be concealed or disguised, till a discovery breaks the charm.—Bp. Horne. 3. *left off*, implies apostasy. 4. *bed*, 'couch.' 5. *reacheth*, &c. i. e. they are immense, unbounded. 6. *like the great mountains*, immovable, a great deed, unfathomable. 7. *wings*, allude to the hen with her young brood, or to the cherubim over the mercy seat. 8. *fatness*, &c. i. e. the blessings thou bestowest, an image from the liberal provisions of a rich host. 9. *fountain of life*, which flows from God, as waters from a fountain.

in thy light, &c. by thy favour we enjoy prosperity. 10. *know*, acknowledge and serve. 12. *There*, &c. a prediction of the sudden destruction of the ungodly.

PSALM XXXVII.—1. *because of evil doers*, because God suffers them. 5. *way*, means here, concerns. *he shall bring*, &c. 'he will succeed them.' 6. *judgment*, 'integrity.' 7. *Rest*, 'be silent.' *wait patiently*, 'set thyself to expect.'—A. Clarke. 9. *earth*, 'land.' 11. *meek*, 'afflicted.' 17. *arms*, power and authority. 18. *knoweth*, &c. approves their lives. 20. *as the fat*, &c. burnt in sacrifice. 25. *forsaken*, i. e. of God. *nor his seed*, &c. there are exceptions, as in Eli's case; but this was the result of his defect of character, as a righteous man. 26. *his seed is blessed*, 'and bringeth on his seed a blessing.' 27. *dwell*, i. e. in the land.

David implores God's mercy.

33 THE LORD * will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait ^b on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green ^t bay tree.

36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not; yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for ^s the end of *that man* is peace.

38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble.

40 And ^t the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: *he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, ^z because they trust in him.*

PSALM XXXVIII.

O A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance. LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For mine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

3 *There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any ^t rest in my bones because of my sin.*

4 For ^p mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too ^r heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink *and* are corrupt because of my foolishness.

6 I am ^u troubled; I am bowed down greatly; ^t I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and *there is no soundness in my flesh.*

8 I am feeble and sore broken: ^u I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my friends ^s stand aloof from my ^u sore; and my ^z kinsmen ^s stand afar off.

12 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt ^a speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

13 But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and *I was* as a dumb man *that* openeth not his mouth.

14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For ^t in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt ^z hear, O Lord my God.

PSALM S.

^a 2 Pe. 2. 9.

^b Pr. 20. 22.

^c for halting.

^d Ps. 35. 15.

^e Pr. 28. 13.

^f or, tree

^g that groweth in his own soil.

^h 2 Co. 7. 9, 10.

ⁱ being living, are.

^j 1 Jno. 3. 12.

^k Is. 32. 17.

^l 57. 2.

^m for my help

ⁿ Is. 12. 2.

^o 1 Ch. 15. 41.

^p 25. 1.

^q Is. 31. 5.

^r 1 Ch. 5. 20.

^s Da. 6. 23.

^t a bridle, or, muzzle for my mouth.

^u Ja. 3. 2.

^v Col. 4. 5.

^w troubled.

^x Je. 20. 9.

^y Ps. 90. 12.

^z peace, or, health.

^{aa} Ezr. 9. 6.

^{ab} or, what time I have here.

^{ac} Mat. 11. 28.

^{ad} settled.

^{ae} wearied.

^{af} an image.

^{ag} 1 Co. 7. 31.

^{ah} Ja. 4. 14.

^{ai} Job 30. 28.

^{aj} Ec. 2. 18, 21.

^{ak} Lu. 12. 20, 21.

^{al} Is. 59. 11.

^{am} Le. 10. 3.

^{an} Job 40. 4, 5.

^{ao} conflict.

^{ap} is not with me.

^{aq} Lu. 10. 31, 32.

^{ar} that which is to be desired in him to melt away.

^{as} stroke.

^{at} or, neighbours.

^{au} Lu. 23. 49.

^{av} 2 Sa. 16. 7, 8.

^{aw} Le. 25. 23.

^{ax} 2 Co. 5. 6.

^{ay} He. 11. 13.

^{az} 1 Pe. 1. 17.

^{ba} Job 10. 20, 21.

^{bb} 14. 5, 6.

^{bc} or, thee do I wait for.

^{bd} In waiting I waited.

^{be} or, answer.

The shortness and vanity of life.

16 For I said, *Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.*

17 For I am ready ^a to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.

18 For I will ^c declare mine iniquity; I will be ^d sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies ⁱ are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; ^e because I follow *the thing that good is.*

21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.

22 Make haste ^g to help me, O Lord ^h my salvation.

PSALM XXXIX.

To the chief Musician. *even to ^h Jeduthun,*
A Psalm of David.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep ^u my ^t mouth with a bridle, ^u while the wicked is before me.

2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *even from good; and my sorrow was ^s stirred.*

3 My heart was hot within me, while I was musing ⁿ the fire burned: *then spake I with my tongue,*

4 LORD, ^o make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; *that I may know ^u how frail I am.*

5 Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man ^g at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.

6 Surely every man walketh in ^a ^a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: ^u he heareth up *riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.*

7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

9 I ^s was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.

10 Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the ^t blow of thine hand.

11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest ^g his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah.

12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: ^h for I am a stranger with thee, *and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.*

13 O ^c spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

PSALM XL.

To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

I WAITED patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

35. bay, 'cedar.'—Boothroyd. This is an acrostic psalm.

PSALM XXXVIII.—TITLE. *to bring to remembrance*, probably a memorial of deep sorrow, when under a sense of guilt. 2. *arrows*, chastisements, Job vi. 4; Psalm vii. 13. 4. *over mine head*, like an inundation. 5. *wounds stink*, he suffered under loathsome disease; probably expresses figuratively disease of mind, as well as really of body. *foolishness*, a frequent term for sin. 7. *loathsome disease*, rather, 'a burning heat.' 9. *before thee*, known to thee. 10. *the light*, &c. his eyes were not dim with grief and disease. 13. *heard not*, &c. paid no attention to their mischief. 15. *thou wilt hear*, or

'answer' for me. 17. *continually before me*, never leaves me.

PSALM XXXIX.—TITLE. *to Jeduthun*, probably the name of a Levite. The whole title may signify, 'To the Giver of victory, a psalm of David, to be sung by Jeduthun and his company.' 1. *I said*, within myself. *bridle*, 'muzzle.' 2. *with silence*, 'in silence.' *sorrow was stirred*, grief was excited. 3. *the fire*, i. e. of his pain and grief. 5. *best state*, most prosperous state. *vanity*, 'a vapour.' 6. *a vain shew*, 'a shadow.' 9. *didst it*, permitted me to be afflicted. 10. *thy stroke*, i. e. his trouble. 11. *like a moth*, as a moth destroys garments. 13. *recover strength*, be comforted by health of body and prosperity of soul.

2 He brought me up also out of * an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

4 Blessed *a* is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, *c* and thy thoughts *which* are to us-ward: *f* they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak of *them*, they are more than can be numbered.

6 Sacrifice *e* and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou *e* opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it* is *e* written of me,

8 I *i* delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is *||* within *e* my heart.

9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, *i* thou knowest.

10 I *m* have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: *e* let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me. —

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: *p* mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore *r* my heart *f* faileth me.

13 Be *p* pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

14 Let *e* them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

17 But I am poor and needy; yet *a* the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALM XLI.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. **BLESSED** is he that considereth *†* the poor: the LORD will deliver him *†* in time of trouble.

* a pit of noise.

† or, do not thou deliver.

‡ turn.

† Je. 17. 7.

b 2 Ch. 30. 20.

Ps. 147. 3.

c Is. 55. 8.

d Pr. 26. 24.

e or, none can order them unto.

f 1 Sa. 15. 22.

g Mat. 9. 13.

h He. 10. 5.

i || evil to me.

|| digged.

Ex. 21. 6.

† A thing of Belial.

‡ the man of my peace.

f 2 Sa. 15. 12.

g Lu. 24. 44.

h Jno. 13. 18.

i Jno. 4. 34.

Ro. 7. 22.

§ magnified.

|| in the midst of my bowels.

k 2 Co. 3. 3.

l Ps. 139. 2.

m Ac. 20. 20. 27.

n Job 36. 7.

o Ps. 57. 3.

p Ps. 38. 4.

or, A Psalm giving instruction of the sons, &c.

r Ps. 73. 26.

† brayeth.

‡ forsaketh.

§ Ps. 70. 1. &c.

† Jno. 7. 37.

u Ps. 35. 4. 26.

71. 13.

y Job 30. 16.

z Is. 30. 29.

a 1 Pe. 5. 7.

b bowed down

|| or, give thanks.

or, his presence is salvation.

† or, the weak, or, sick.

† in the day of evil.

§ or, the little hill.

Ps. 133. 3.

2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive: *and* he shall be blessed upon the earth: and *†* thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt *†* make all his bed in his sickness.

4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: *†* heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?

6 And if he come to see me, he *d* speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth *it*.

7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise *||* my hurt.

8 *†* An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

9 Yea, *†* mine *f* own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, *†* which did eat of my bread, hath *§* lifted up *his* heel against me.

10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

11 By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and *†* settest me before thy face for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM XLII.

To the chief Musician, * Maschil, for the sons of Korah.

As the hart *†* panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My *†* soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while *†* they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

4 When I remember these things, *†* I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, *†* I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

5 Why art thou *†* cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet *||* praise him *†* for the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from *§* the hill Mizar.

PSALM XL.—2. horrible pit—miry clay, images of misery, perhaps taken from pits for criminals: see Jer. xxxviii. 16. 3. shall see it, i. e. God's merciful dealing. 4. lies, falsehood and delusion. 5. wonderful works, miracles in Egypt and Canaan. thoughts, designs and purposes. 6. mine ears, &c. remarkable predictions of Messiah: see Heb. x. 5. 7. in the volume, in the Pentateuch, Gen. iii. 15; xlix. 10; Deut. xviii. 15. also the prophets, and psalms: Luke xxiv. 25, &c. 8. within my heart, the object of my delight and obedience. 9. righteousness, the way of becoming righteous, Romans xi. 21. 22. congregation, of the universal church. 11. Withhold not, some apply this and what follows to Christ: the judicious Poole applies the whole to David. The last five verses are also in Psalm lxx.

PSALM XLI.—1. considereth, has a care, or regard

for. poor, 'afflicted.' 3. make his bed, succour and relieve, as the sick are relieved by turning and shaking their couches. 4. heal my soul, forgive my sins, and restore me to health. 6. come to see me, alludes to some visiting him as spies. 9. friend, is thought to mean Athithophel, 2 Sam. xv. 12; applied by Christ to himself, John xiii. 18. lifted up his heel, like a pampered horse who kicks the master who feeds him.

PSALM XLII.—2. appear, &c. i. e. worship God. 3. My tears, &c. i. e. from the number of tears I shed, I seemed to live upon them. 4. these things, i. e. these taunts, ver. 3. 4. I pour out my soul, it was melted in grief. kept holyday, i. e. the three festivals, Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles. 5. help of his countenance, favour. 6. Hermonites, denote the various ridges of Hermon. hill Mizar, thought to

David encourageth himself in God.

7 Deep ^a calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: ^b all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the LORD will ^c command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and ^d in the night his song *shall* be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a ^e sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; ^f while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who* is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLIII.

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ^g ungodly nation: O deliver me from ^h the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto ⁱ thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God ^j my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who* is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLIV.

To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, ^k our fathers have told us, *what* work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 How ^l thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

3 For ^m they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did they own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, ⁿ because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thee ^o will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For ^p I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our

PSALMS.

^a Je. 4. 20.

^b Eze. 7. 26.

^c Jon. 2. 3.

^d Je. 9. 24.

^e Ro. 2. 17.

^f Le. 25. 21.

^g De. 28. 8.

^h Mat. 8. 8.

ⁱ Job 35. 10.

^j Ac. 16. 25.

^k Le. 26. 17.

^l De. 28. 25.

^m Jos. 7. 8, 12.

ⁿ Ro. 8. 36.

^o as sheep of meat.

^p or, killing.

^q De. 4. 27.

^r Joel 2. 17.

^s Mi. 7. 10.

^t Is. 52. 3, 4.

^u Je. 15. 13.

^v without riches.

^w Je. 24. 9.

^x 2 Ki. 19. 21.

^y Job 16. 4.

^z or, unmerciful.

^{aa} a man of deceit and iniquity.

^{ab} Da. 9. 13.

^{ac} Ps. 3. 4.

^{ad} Job 23. 11.

^{ae} the gladness of my joy.

^{af} or, goings.

^{ag} Is. 34. 13.

^{ah} 35. 7.

^{ai} Ps. 139. 1.

^{aj} Job 31. 14.

^{ak} Je. 17. 10.

^{al} Ps. 78. 3.

^{am} Ex. 12. 26, 27.

^{an} Ps. 60. 8.

^{ao} Ex. 15. 17.

^{ap} De. 7. 1.

^{aq} Jos. 8. 17.

^{ar} Jos. 24. 12.

^{as} 2 Co. 4. 7.

^{at} a help for us.

^{au} De. 4. 37.

^{av} 7. 7, 8.

^{aw} 1 Sa. 12. 22.

^{ax} Mal. 1. 2, 3.

^{ay} Ro. 9. 10, 15.

^{az} Ps. 69, 80, title.

^{ba} or, of instruction.

^{bb} boileth, or, bubbleth up.

^{bc} Da. 8. 4.

^{bd} Ho. 1. 7.

^{be} Lu. 4. 22.

The complaint of the church.

enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In ^c God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame, and goest not forth with our armies.

10 Thou makest us to ^d turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 Thou ^e hast given us ^f like sheep appointed for meat; and hast ^g scattered us among the heathen.

12 Thou ^h sellest thy people ⁱ for nought, and dost not increase *thy* wealth by their price.

13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 Thou ^j makest us a byword among the heathen, ^k a shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 All ^l this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back, ^m neither have our ⁿ steps declined from thy way;

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in ^o the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

21 Shall ^p not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Arise ^q for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

PSALM XLV.

To the chief Musician ^r upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, ^s Maschil, A Song of loves.

MY heart ^t is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: ^u grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

mean *Sion*, little in comparison of the Hermons. 7. *Deep*, &c. metaphorically for afflictions: Psalm xliii. 16; xxxii. 6. *at the noise*, rather, 'according to the noise,' &c. that is, resembling the noise of catarrhs. One calamity follows another. 10. *As with*, &c. 'As the breaking of my bones.'—Booth.

PSALM XLIII.—1. *nation*, 'people,' those who had joined Absalom. 2. *the God of my strength*, 'God my strength.'—Booth. 3. *light—truth*, perhaps allude to the Urin and Thummim, the 'light and perfections' which gave forth the oracles of Jehovah, and is a prayer for the revelation of God's will when he should return. *tabernacles*, i. e. the tabernacle, containing the first and the second, the holy place and the most holy, Heb. ix. 2, 3.

PSALM XLIV.—2. *plantedst them*, i. e. Israel. *afflict*, destroy the people of Canaan. *and cast them out*, i. e. the Israelites, maddest them to cast, or 'shoot

forth,' as a tree its branches: see Parkhurst. 10. *spoil for themselves*, 'make us their prey.'—Booth. 11. *scattered us*, may refer to partial events, the captivity or the general dispersion of the Jews. 15. *confusion*, disgrace or ignominy. 17. *not forgotten thee*, and become idolaters. Bp. Horne considers this as describing the language of the faithful remnant of Israel. 19. *place of dragons*, i. e. dreary places. 22. *Yea*, &c. applied to the primitive Christians by the apostle, Rom. viii. 36.

PSALM XLV.—TITLE. *upon Shoshannim*, generally understood to mean an instrument of six strings. 1. *inditing*, 'bubbling up,' like a fountain. *is the pen*, &c. words flow rapidly, like those from the swift writer's pen. 2. *Thou*, &c. *Messiah* is clearly the subject: see Heb. i. 3; vii. 26; Zach. ix. 17; Luke iv. 22; John vii. 46; Phil. ii. 9—11. *grace is poured*, expresses surpassing eloquence.

The majesty of Christ's kingdom.

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

4 And ^b in thy majesty * ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows ^c are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.

6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hast hated wickedness: therefore ^d God, ^e thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All ^f thy garments ^g smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters ^h were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; ⁱ forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: ^j for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre ^k shall be there with a gift; even ^l the rich among the people shall intreat ^m thy favour.

13 The ⁿ king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, ^o whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

17 I ^p will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM XLVI.

To the chief Musician ^q for the sons of

Korah, ^r A Song upon ^s Alamoth.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

3 Gird thy sword, &c. is a principal part of royal inauguration in the east. with thy glory, &c. the phrase includes all the insignia of an universal monarch.

4. because of, &c. 'in the cause of,' &c. thy right hand, thy power and authority teach thee terrible things, 'dart forth terrors.'—Booth.

5. arrows, spiritual weapons. people, 'peoples.' 6. Thy throne, &c. see Heb. i. 8—12. right sceptre, a sceptre of uprightness.

7. oil, &c. refers to the eastern custom of pouring unguents on the head. fellows, associates, or friends, Heb. ii. 11.

8. smell, &c. the easterns perfume their garments, especially on festive occasions. myrrh, the gum of an Arabian tree. aloes, an Indian tree. cassia, the bark of a tree, like cinnamon: of these perhaps the oil was made.

9. ivory palaces, the palaces were often lined with ivory: see 1 Kin. xxii. 39. whereby, &c. 'from the ivory palaces they make thee glad.'—Booth.

9. Kings' daughters, describe the church. right, the place of honour. the queen, the Jewish church, being the basis of the Christian.

God's covenant is a marriage: Jer. iii. 14; Isa. liv. 5; Hos. ii. 19. 20.—Booth.

gold of Ophir, the finest gold, emblematical of spiritual graces. Cant. vi. 8; vii. 1; Rev. xix. 7. 8; xxi. 9. &c.

10. daughter, the church. The address is here given by the bride's companions. thine own people, idolatrous and sinful connexions.

worship, &c. pay him the homage of thy heart. 12. Tyre, may be met for commercial nations.

13. all glorious within, 'in her apartment.'—Booth.

14. She shall be brought, &c. this is the procession preceding

PSALMS. The confidence of the church in God.

^a He. 4. 12. Re. 1. 16. b Re. 6. 2.

^c prosper thou, ride thou. ^d heart of the seas.

^e Je. 5. 22. Mat. 7. 25.

^f Is. 60. 14. ^g He. 1. 8.

^h Is. 12. 6. ⁱ when the morning appears.

^j Ex. 14. 24. 27. 2 Ch. 20. 20.

^k or, O God. ^l Is. 61. 1.

^m Nu. 14. 9. ⁿ Ca. 1. 3.

^o an high place for us. ^p Ps. 9. 9.

^q 1 Ki. 2. 19. ^r m Is. 2. 4.

^s Eze. 39. 9. ^t De. 21. 13.

^u Ps. 2. 11, 17. ^v Is. 54. 5.

^w Is. 60. 3. ^x thy face.

^y or, of. ^z Re. 19. 7, 8.

^{aa} Is. 55. 12. ^{ab} Mal. 1. 14.

^{ac} 1 Pe. 1. 4. ^{ad} 1 Pe. 2. 9.

^{ae} Mal. 1. 11. ^{af} Zec. 14. 9.

^{ag} 1 Co. 14. 15. ^{ah} or, every one that hath.

^{ai} or, of. ^{aj} Re. 19. 6.

^{ak} Ps. xlviii. lxi.

^{al} 1 Ch. 15. 20. ^{am} or, voluntary of the people are gathered unto the people, &c.

^{an} Ro. 4. 11, 12.

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though ^a the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

4 There is ^b a river, the streams whereof shall make glad ^c the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most high.

5 God is ^d in the midst of her: she shall not be moved: God shall help her, ^e and that right early.

6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7 The ^f LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is ^g our refuge. Selah.

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

9 He ^h maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; ⁱ he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I am God: ^j I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

PSALM XLVII.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm ^k for the sons of Korah.

O ^l CLAP your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

2 For the LORD most high is terrible; ^m he is a great King over all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose our ⁿ inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

7 For ^o God is the King of all the earth: ^p sing ye praises ^q with understanding.

8 God ^r reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

9 The ^s princes of the people are gathered together, ^t even the people of the God of

the festival: see Cant. iii. 6—11; Rev. xix. 7, 8. in raiment of needle-work, expressive of her rich attire of holiness. virgins, newly-converted nations.—Holden, Walford.

16. Instead, &c. Messiah should be more honoured in a spiritual seed, than in his ancestors.

PSALM XLVI.—TITLE. Alamoth, perhaps some musical instrument. The word means virgins, and may signify that it was for them to sing.

2. mountains, often mean kingdoms: Jer. ii. 25; Rev. vi. 12—14; viii. 8.

3. waters, often denote multitudes. 4. river, probably Kidron, with its two streams, Gihon and Siloah: comp. 2 Sam. xv. 23, and 2 Chron. xxxii. 30.

The figure describes the peace of Israel amidst agitated nations. the holy place, 'the holy abode of Jehovah' most high.—Boothroyd.

6. melted, with fear, as at thunder: see Psal. lxxv. 4; cvii. 26.

7. of hosts, of all creatures in heaven and earth. 8. what desolations, &c. in destroying the heathen.

9. maketh wars to cease, giving peace by Judea's victory. From David's conquest of Syria, and during the reign of Solomon, the Israelites had peace.

10. exalted, &c. by making Israel victorious. PSALM XLVII.—1. clap, &c. a token of joy. people, 'peoples.'

2. is terrible, is to be feared, or revered. 4. shall choose, 'hath chosen,' the excellency of Jacob, the 'excellent inheritance,' chosen for the sons of Jacob.

5. with a shout, &c. as a military hero from conquest: see Psal. lxxviii. 16, 17; 1 Sam. xviii. 6.

7. with understanding, skillfully. 8. throne of his holiness, i. e. his holy throne supreme in righteousness.

9. The princes, The chiefs of the

Abraham: for the shields of the earth *be-
long* unto God: he is greatly exalted.

PSALM XLVIII.

A Song and Psalm * for the sons of Korah.
GREAT is the LORD, and greatly to be
praised in the city of our God, in the
mountain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for situation, ° the joy of the
whole earth, is mount Zion, ° on the sides
of the north, ° the city of the great King.

3 God is known in her palaces for a
refuge.

4 For, lo, the kings were assembled,
they passed by together.

5 They saw it, and so they marvelled;
they were troubled, and hasted away.

6 Fear ° took hold upon them there, and
pain, as of a woman in travail.

7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish
° with an east wind.

8 As we have heard, so have we seen in
the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city
of our God: God will establish it for ever.
Selah.

9 We have thought of thy lovingkind-
ness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

10 According to ° thy name, O God, so
is thy praise unto the ends of the earth:
thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daugh-
ters of Judah be glad, because of thy judge-
ments.

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about
her: tell the towers thereof.

13 § Mark ye well her bulwarks, || con-
sider her palaces; that ye may tell it to
the generation following.

14 For this God is our God for ever and
ever: he will ° be our guide *even* unto death.

PSALM XLIX.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm † for the sons
of Korah.

HEAR this, all ye people; give ear, all
ye inhabitants of the world:

2 Both low and high, rich and poor,
together.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom;
and the meditation of my heart shall be
of understanding.

4 I ° will incline mine ear to a parable:
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

5 Wherefore ° should I fear in the days
of evil, when the iniquity of my heels
shall compass me about?

6 They that ° trust in their wealth, and
boast themselves in the multitude of their
riches;

tribes: see Psalm lxxviii. 27. shields, used here
metaphorically for nobles, who protect the people:
Hos. iv. 18.

PSALM XLVIII. — 1. mountain, &c. or, 'holy
mountain,' mount Zion. 2. for situation, 'in
extension of prospect, the whole earth,' the whole
of this land. north, Jerusalem was north of Zion.
3. palaces, or citadels: comp. Psalm xlii. 7; Jer.
vii. 19. 4. assembled, against Jerusalem. 7.
Thou breakest, &c.

* They were as if struck by the east wind,
Which breakest to pieces the ships of
Tarshish. — Boethr.

The east wind was most vehement: Ex. x. 13; Job.
xvii. 21. 8. in the city, 'concerning the city,' in,
concerning. — Boethr. 9. thought of, waited for.
10. According to, 'as,' so is thy praise, extended,
right hand, power. full of righteousness, exercised
with strict righteousness. 11. daughters, i.e. cities,
judgments, inflicted on wicked foes. 12. tell, num-
ber. 13. consider, 'count,' towers and palaces
being untouched by the enemy. 14. unto death,
i.e. always.

a Mat. 16. 26.
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b Job 36. 18, 19
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The majesty of God.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, and I will testify against thee:
8 I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds.

10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most high:

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and eatest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation right will I shew the salvation of God.

PSALM LI.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

HAve mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the

PSALMS.

David prayeth for remission of sins.

a Ex. 20. 2.
b Le. 14. 4, 6, 49.

c Nu. 19. 18.
Is. 1. 11.
Je. 7. 22.

d Is. 1. 18.
e Mat. 5. 4.

f Je. 16. 17.
g Ac. 15. 9.

h Ep. 2. 10.
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j Ge. 4. 14.
k Ki. 13. 23.
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m Ro. 8. 9.
n Ep. 4. 30.

o Co. 3. 17.
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q He. 13. 15.
r Job 22. 27.

s Zec. 13. 9.
t bloods.

u Ro. 2. 21, 22.
v Je. 7. 22.

w Ho. 6. 6.
x or, that I should.

y Ro. 1. 32.
z thy portion

aa was with.
ab Is. 66. 2.

ac I Ti. 5. 22.
ad sendest.

ae Ec. 8. 11, 12.
af Is. 57. 11.

ag Ro. 2. 4.
ah 1 Sa. 22. 9.

ai Eze. 22. 9.
aj Ro. 12. 1.

ak Ga. 6. 16.
al disposeth

am his way.
an b 1 Sa. 21. 7.

ao Ps. 50. 19.
ap 2 Sa. 11. 21.

aq Je. 9. 4, 5.
ar or, and the.

as f Is. 43. 25.
at 44. 22.

au Co. 2. 14.
av beat thee

aw down.
ax He. 9. 14.

ay 1 Jno. 1. 7, 9.
az Re. 1. 5.

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bc Mal. 1. 5.
bd Ge. 20. 6.

be 39. 9.
bf 2 Sa. 12. 13.

bg Lu. 15. 21.
bh Ro. 3. 4.

bi Ps. 49. 6.
bj or, substance.

bk Job 14. 4.
bl Jno. 3. 6.

bm Ro. 5. 12.
bn Ep. 2. 3.

bo warm me.

inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; false would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM LII.

To the chief Musician, Masehil, A Psalm of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech.

WHY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually.

2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

4 Thou lovest all devouring words, to thou deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

6 The righteous also shall see, and fear and shall laugh at him.

7 Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

8. to have, &c. 'that are daily before me.'—Boothr. 13. Will I eat, &c. Am I satisfied with the mere outward forms of sacrifice? 14. thanksgiving, which is a sacrifice, verse 23; Psal. cxvi. 17; Heb. xiii. 15. 23. ordereth his conversation, or regulates his conduct.

PSALM LI.—1. transgressions, the word signifies rebellion. 2. iniquity, signifies perverseness. sin, missing the mark, going beside it. 4. Against, 'Before,' referring to privacy.—Boothr. That thou, &c. 'so that,' &c. 6. thou shalt make me to know, &c. 'do thou teach me.'—Boothr. 7. Purge, &c. alludes to Levitical purifications; see Lev. xiv. 6, 7,

49, 52; Nu. xix. 6, 8; Heb. ix. 13, 14. 8. joy, &c. in the news of pardon. bones, &c. David speaks of his wounded spirit as of the most painful trouble of the body. 10. right, 'constant.' 12. free, 'beneficent.' 15. open, &c. those lips closed through guilt. 18. the walls, already begun, 2 Sam. v. 9. sacrifices, i.e. just and holy sacrifices.

PSALM LII.—1. mighty man, i.e. Doeg, chief of Saul's herdmen: see 1 Sam. xxii. 7; xxii. 8, 9, 10. 2. working deceitfully, turning aside in the hand of him who uses it. 4. devouring, i.e. destructive. 8. green, i.e. fresh.

9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; ^a for it is good before thy saints.

PSALM LIII.

To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, A Psalm of David.

THE ^b fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: ^c there is none that doeth good.

2 God ^d looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; ^e there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity ^f no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

5 There ^g were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath ^h scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

6 ⁱ Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

PSALM LIV.

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David, ^m when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

SAVE me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

4 Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto ⁿ mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; ^o for it is good.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: ^p and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

PSALM LV.

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I ^q mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 My ^r heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

^s covered me

^a Ps. 54. 6.

^b Ps. 10. 4.

^c Ro. 3. 10.

^d Ps. 33. 13.

^e Je. 6. 7.

^f 2 Ch. 15. 2.

^g Je. 4. 22.

^h they feared a fear.

ⁱ Ps. 14. 5.

^j Eze. 6. 5.

^k Ps. 35. 25.

^l Ps. 38. 16.

^m according to my rank

ⁿ 2 Sa. 15. 12.

^o Je. 9. 4.

^p Who will give salutations, &c.

^q Who sweetened counsel.

^r Nu. 16. 30.

^s or, the grave.

^t 1 Sa. 23. 19.

^u Lu. 18. 1.

^v Ac. 3. 1.

^w 10. 3, 9, 30.

^x 1 Th. 5. 17.

^y 2 Ch. 32. 7, 8.

^z De. 33. 27.

^{aa} or, With whom also there be no changes, yet they.

^{ab} Ac. 12. 1.

^{ac} those that observe me.

^{ad} Ps. 5. 8.

^{ae} profaned.

^{af} Ps. 52. 9.

^{ag} Pr. 5. 3, 4.

^{ah} 12. 18.

^{ai} Ps. 59. 10.

^{aj} 92. 11.

^{ak} Mat. 6. 25.

^{al} Lu. 12. 22.

^{am} 1 Pe. 5. 7.

^{an} or, gift.

^{ao} men of bloods and deceit.

^{ap} Pr. 10. 27.

^{aq} Ec. 7. 17.

^{ar} half their days.

^{as} Is. 38. 14.

^{at} or, a golden Psalm.

^{au} Ps. 16. title.

^{av} 1 Sa. 21. 11.

^{aw} 2 Sa. 16. 7, 8.

^{ax} 19. 19.

^{ay} Ps. 116. 3.

^{az} observers.

^{ba} Ps. 54. 5.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath ^b overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! ^c for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.

8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen ^d violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow ^e are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did ^f magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

13 But it was thou, a man ^g mine equal, ^h my guide, and mine acquaintance.

14 We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

15 Let death seize upon them, and let them ⁱ go down quick into ^j hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

17 Evening, ^k and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle ^l that was against me: for ^m there were many with me.

19 God shall hear, and afflict them, ⁿ even he that abideth of old. Selah.

† Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

20 He hath ^o put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath ^p broken his covenant.

21 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, ^q but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.

22 Cast ^r thy ^s burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: ^t bloody and deceitful men ^u shall not ^v live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

PSALM LVI.

To the chief Musician upon Jonath-elechokin, ^z Michtam of David, when the ^{aa} Philistines took him in Gath.

BE merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.

2 Mine ^b enemies would daily swallow

9. for it is good, &c. ^a for thou art good toward thy saints. — Boothroyd.

PSALM LIII. — PETER. Mahalath, generally thought to be a hollow musical instrument: see the notes on Psalm XIV. the variations being few.

PSALM LIV. — 1. by thy name, 'for thy name's sake.' by thy strength, 'in thy might.' 3. strangers, 'the proud,' for the Ziphites were David's countrymen. 5. in thy truth, 'for thy truth's sake.' — Boothr. 7. hath seen, &c. — his desire is not in the original, — hath looked upon fallen enemies.

PSALM LV. — 2. my complaint, 'my meditation.' 2. cast, or 'slide,' iniquity, charge me with horrible

crimes. 7. in the wilderness, better sheltered therefrom storms, than from malice in the city. 9.

divide their tongues, let evil counsellors give opposite advice. 10. mischief, &c. being full of wickedness within and without. 12. For, &c. describes Ahi-

thophel's treason. 15. Let, &c. some would translate this in the future. 17. Evening, &c. these being stated times for prayer with the Jews. 18.

He hath, &c. 'He shall,' &c. — Green and others. 19. changes, or reverses. 20. he, perhaps Ahiathophel. 23. not live, &c. involve themselves in a premature death.

PSALM LVI. — 1. swallow me up, or, 'panteth for my life.' he fighting, &c. Saul is more especially intended.

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me up; for they be many that fight against me, O thou most high.

3 What time I am afraid, ^a I will trust in thee.

4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; ^b I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in *thine* anger cast down the people, O God.

8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: ^c are they not in thy book?

9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for ^d God is for me.

10 In God will I praise *his* word: in the LORD will I praise *his* word.

11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

13 For ^e thou hast delivered my soul from death: *wilt not thou deliver* my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in ^f the light of the living?

PSALM LVII.

To the chief Musician, * Al-taschith, Michtam of David, ^g when he fled from Saul in the cave.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, ^h until these calamities be overpast.

2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth *all things* for me.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me ⁱ from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, ^j whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah.

7 My ^k heart is ^l fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: ^m I will sing and give praise.

8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

4. In God, &c. 'In God I will glory on account of his word.'—Boothroyd. 5. wrest, &c. try to find something for accusation. 6. soul, 'life.' 7. Shall they, means, they will not. 8. put thou my tears, as those of ancient mourners were put into lachrymal urns or bottles. in thy book, inscribed in a record. 10. see verse 4.

PSALM LVII.—1. wings, Psal. xvii. 8. note. 2. performeth, 'completes.' 3. and save me from, &c. 'and disgrace those that would swallow me up.'—Boothroyd. 4. lions, i. e. cruel enemies. 4. set on fire, as a furnace, an image of the rage of wicked men. sharp sword, wounding like it. 7. My heart is fixed, My mind is firm. 8. my glory, i. e. 'my tongue,' Psal. xvi. 9.

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7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: *b* swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear?

8 But *f* thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

9 Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence.

10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine *g* enemies.

11 Slay *h* them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak.

13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and *i* let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

14 And at evening let them return: and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

15 Let them wander up and down *k* for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

PSALM LX.

To the chief Musician *l* upon Shushan-eduth, *m* Michiam of David, to teach; *n* when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.

O GOD, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: *o* heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: *p* thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that feared thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

5 That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out *q* the valley of Succoth.

a De. 33. 17.
b Pr. 12. 18.
c Ge. 49. 10.
d 2 Sa. 8. 2.
e 2 Sa. 8. 14.
f 1 Sa. 19. 16.
g 2 Sa. 8. 1.
h *or, over me:* (by an irony.)
i Ps. 108. 10.
j city of strength.
k 2 Sa. 11. 1.
l 12. 26.
m high place.
n observers.
o Ps. 56. 2.
p Ge. 4. 12, 15.
q salvation.
r Nu. 24. 18.
s 1 Ch. 19. 13.
t Is. 63. 3.
u Ps. 83. 18.
v Pr. 18. 10.
w Job 15. 23.
x to eat.
y *or, if they be not satisfied, then they will stay all night.*
z *or, make my refuge.*
aa Ps. 18. 1.
ab shalt add days to the days of the king.
ac generation and generation.
ad Ps. 80. title.
ae *or, A golden Psalm.*
af 2 Sa. 8. 3, 13.
ag 1 Ch. 18. 13, 12.
ah 1 Ch. 25. 1, 3.
ai broken.
aj *or, Only.*
ak *is silent.*
al Ps. 65. 1.
am 2 Ch. 7. 14.
an high place.
ao Ps. 59. 9, 17.
ap Is. 51. 17, 22.
aq Je. 25. 15.
ar Is. 39. 13.
as *in their inward parts.*
at Ps. 89. 35.
au Jos. 13. 27.

7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; *c* Judah is my lawgiver;

8 Moab *d* is my washpot; *e* over Edom will I cast out my shoe; *f* Philistia, triumph thou *g* because of me.

9 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

10 Will not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off? and thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies?

11 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM LXI.

To the chief Musician upon Neginah, A Psalm of David.

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and *k* a strong tower from the enemy.

4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

6 Thou *g* wilt prolong the king's life: and his years as many generations.

7 He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him.

8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM LXII.

To the chief Musician, to *p* Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

TRULY: my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

2 He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: *q* as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.

4 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse *r* inwardly. Selah.

5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation:

and savage beasts seizing every opportunity of working mischief. 7. belch out, cast out wickedness from their stomachs filled with it. swords, i. e. cutting reproaches. 8. all the heathen, 'all such people.'—Boothr. 9. Because, &c. 'O my strength!'—Boothr. 10. prevent me, 'afford aid to me.' 11. Slay them not, Destroy them not utterly, but let them remain monuments of thy power. 12. consume, let them be sensibly but gradually wasted, to show thy hand in it. 14. make a noise, howling for hunger. 15. grudge, 'murmur.' 16. in the morning, i. e. every morning.

PSALM LX.—TITLE. upon Shushan-eduth, probably an instrument of six strings. 1. thou hast, 'thou hast.' 2. earth to tremble, with conflicts. 3. shew'd, &c. made to experience hardships. wine of astonishment, or, 'of trembling,' i. e. a bitter draught. 4. given a banner, or, standard, put for a leader, captain, or conqueror, Isa. xi. 10; or it alludes to the soldiers' rallying point. 5. beloved, David, all the Israelites. 6. rejoice, as a conqueror. divide Shechem, &c. as a conqueror divides

his conquests among his followers. 7. is mine, on my side. strength, &c. i. e. the chief instrument of my power. Judah is my lawgiver, this tribe was the support of David's crown. 8. wash-pot, subservient to the meanest offices. cast out my shoe, Edom should serve like slaves, taking care of the cast-off sandals. Philistia, &c. 'over Philistia shall I triumph.'—Boothr. 9. strong city, Edom was situated in the clefts of a rock, Jer. xlix. 16. 12. tread down, as grapes in the wine-press.

PSALM LXI.—2. From the end, any place, the most remote. the rock, i. e. God himself, ver. 3. 4. tabernacle, God's house. covert, &c. faith finds rest at the mercy seat. 5. the heritage, 'for an inheritance.' 6. as many generations, i. e. to a very advanced age.

PSALM LXII.—3. imagine mischief, 'set upon.'—Sept. bowing wall, eastern mud walls, owing to heavy rains, are often out of the perpendicular: it is common to say now of the old and dying, 'the wall is bowing.' 4. They only, &c. 'They consult only against my dignity,' that is, his crown.—Boothroyd.

David thirsteth for God.

he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

7 In ^a God as my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

9 Surely ^a men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are ^{||} altogether lighter than vanity.

10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: for if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that [†] power ^h belongeth unto God.

12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for [†] thou renderest to every man according to his work.

PSALM LXIII.

A Psalm of David, ^k when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

O GOD, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and [§] thirsty land, ^{||} where no water is;

2 To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

3 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with [†] marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

6 When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

8 My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those that seek my soul, to destroy ^{it}, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

10 They ^P shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.

11 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

PSALM LXIV.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

3 Who whet their tongue like a sword, [&] and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:

4 That they may shoot in secret at the

PSALMS.

He praiseth God for his grace.

^a Je. 3. 23.

^b Pr. 1. 11.

^c or, speech.

[†] to hide

snares.

^e 1 Sa. 1. 15.

La. 2. 19.

[†] or, we are

consumed

by that

which they

have

thoroughly

sought.

[§] a search

sought.

^d is 40. 15, 17.

Ro. 3. 4.

^{||} or, alike.

[•] their wound

shall be.

^e Pr. 12. 13.

Is. 7.

^f Lu. 12. 15.

1 Ti. 6. 17.

[§] Je. 50. 28.

51. 10.

[†] or, strength

^h Re. 19. 1.

[†] Mat. 16. 27.

Ro. 2. 6.

2 Co. 5. 10.

Ep. 6. 8.

Col. 3. 25.

Re. 22. 12.

^k 1 Sa. 22. 5.

23. 14, 16.

[†] is silent,

[†] weary,

[†] without

water.

[†] Is. 66. 23.

[•] Words, or,

Matters of

iniquities.

^m Ps. 51. 2.

Is. 6. 7.

He. 9. 14.

1 Jno. 1. 7, 9.

[†] fatness.

ⁿ Mat. 8. 26.

^o Is. 17. 12, 13.

^p Eze. 35. 5.

[†] make him

run out

like water

by the

hands of

the sword.

[§] or, sing,

^r De. 11. 12.

^{||} or, after

thou hadst

made it to

desire rain.

[•] or, causest

rain to de-

scend into.

[†] dissolvest it

^s Je. 9. 3.

[†] of thy.

perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

5 They ^b encourage themselves in an evil [•] matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?

6 They search out iniquities; [†] they accomplish [§] a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.

7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly [•] shall they be wounded.

8 So they shall make [†] their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.

9 And all men shall fear, and shall [§] declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

PSALM LXV.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm and Song of David.

PRAISE [†] waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

2 O thou that hearest prayer, [†] unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 [•] Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt ^m purge them away.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

7 Which ⁿ stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, ^o and the tumult of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to [§] rejoice.

9 Thou ^r visitest the earth, and ^{||} waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou [•] settlest the furrows thereof: thou [†] makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

11 Thou crownest the year [†] with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

12 They drop upon the pastures of the

9. vanity, a mere 'exhalation.' a lie, their promises are empty. 10. in oppression, i.e. in what is acquired by it. 11. once—twice, i.e. often. 12. For thou renderest, &c. 'Yet thou wilt render,' &c.

PSALM LXIII.—1. thirsteth, i.e. is ardently desirous, no water, no refreshing ordinances. in the sanctuary, from which I am now exiled. 4. lift, &c. expressing prayer. 5. marrow, &c. i.e. the richest delicacies. 6. in the night watches, at every watch hour. 7. wings, see Psal. xvii. 8. note. 8. followeth hard, 'cleaveth fast unto,' 'adheres to.' 9. lower parts, the grave. for foxes, for jackals, for wild beasts. 11. sweareth by him, profess allegiance to God.

PSALM LXIV.—3. arrows, even bitter words, may allude to the fixing letters on arrows, and sending

them in the direction of the person for whom they were intended. 6. They search, &c. i.e. search out iniquitous designs. 7. God shall shoot, his vengeance shall suddenly overtake them. 8. So shall, &c. Their plots and calumnies shall prove their own ruin.

PSALM LXV.—1. waiteth, as eastern servants wait in silence, for thee, rather, 'on thee.' 3. prevail, 'have prevailed.'—Booth. 5. By terrible, &c. Thou wilt answer our prayers by terrible judgments on our enemies. the confidence, &c. the only Being in whom all may confide. 8. tokens, God's power displayed in providence and nature. outgoings—to rejoice, the courses of day and night. the inhabitants of the east and west. 9. river of God, i.e. copious showers from the skies; the phrase denotes excellence.

David exhorteth to praise God.

wilderness. and the little hills *rejoice on every side.

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; * the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM LXVI.

To the chief Musician, A Song or Psalm. MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all \dagger ye lands:

2 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah.

5 Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

6 He f turned the sea into dry land: \ddagger they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

7 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

9 Which \dagger holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

10 For \ddagger thou, O God, hast proved us: \ddagger thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

11 Thou \dagger broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

12 Thou \dagger hast caused men to ride over our heads; \dagger we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a \S wealthy place.

13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: \ddagger I will pay thee my vows,

14 Which my lips have \dagger uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of \dagger fatnings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

16 Come \dagger and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

18 If \dagger I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

19 But verily \ddagger God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed \dagger be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

PSALM LXVII.

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm or Song.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us;

PSALM LXVI.—6. sea, Red sea: Ex. xiv 21. 12. to ride, &c. i.e. to lord it over us. fire—water, torturing and overwhelming afflictions. wealthy place. Judea. 15. I will offer, &c.

Burnt offerings of fatnings I will offer to thee; Of rams, together with incense.—Boothr.

PSALM LXVII.—2. thy way, &c. i.e. the way of salvation. saving health, i.e. salvation. 6. increase, the seed of the world sown shall bring forth, and the church increase.

PSALM LXVIII.—1. Let God, &c. words used when the ark advanced: see Num. x. 35; Psalm cxxxii. 8. 4. JAH, a contraction of Jehovah. 5. A father, &c. to ver. 15, alludes to the deliverance of Israel by Moses, and the punishment of the Egyptians. 9. rain, refers to the manna, said to rain

PSALMS. A prayer at the removing of the ark.

* are girded with joy.

a Nu. 6. 25.

+ with us.

b Ac. 18. 25.

c Is. 55. 12.

d Lu. 2. 30, 31.

Tit. 2. 11.

+ the earth.

+ lead.

e Le. 26. 4.

Eze. 31. 27.

|| lie, or,

yield feign-

ed obedi-

ence.

Ps. 18. 44.

81. 15.

f Ex. 14. 21.

g Nu. 10. 35.

Is. 33. 3.

h Jos. 3. 14, 15.

+ from his

face.

i Is. 9. 18.

Ho. 13. 3.

+ putteth.

+ rejoice with

gladness.

k Is. 48. 10.

l Zec. 13. 9.

m Pe. 1. 6, 7.

n De. 33. 26.

o La. 1. 13.

p Ex. 6. 3.

q Is. 51. 23.

r Is. 43. 2.

s moist.

t Sa. 2. 5.

u a house.

v Ac. 12. 6, &c.

w Ec. 5. 4.

x opened.

y Ex. 13. 21.

z Ju. 4. 14.

hab. 3. 13.

+ marrow.

a Ex. 19. 16, 18.

b Is. 64. 1, 3.

c Ps. 34. 11.

d Ti. 1. 12, 16.

e I shake out.

f confirm it.

g Job 27. 9.

h Pr. 28. 9.

i Is. 1. 15.

j Juo. 9. 31.

k Ja. 4. 3.

l De. 28. 5, 9.

m Ps. 116. 1, 2.

n La. 3. 55, 56.

o He. 5. 7.

p Juo. 3. 20.

q 22.

r 2 Co. 1. 3.

s 1 Pe. 1. 3.

t army.

u Jos. 10. 16.

v 12. 8.

w did flee.

x did flee.

and \dagger cause his face to shine \dagger upon us. Selah.

2 That \dagger thy way may be known upon earth, \ddagger thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and \S govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

6 Then \dagger shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

PSALM LXVIII.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David.

LET \dagger God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee \dagger before him.

2 As \dagger smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them \dagger exceedingly rejoice.

4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: \ddagger extol him that rideth upon the heavens \dagger by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, \ddagger God in his holy habitation.

6 God \dagger setteth the solitary in \ddagger families: \dagger he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

7 O God, \dagger when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah:

8 The \dagger earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, didst \dagger send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst \S confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: \dagger thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word: great was the \ddagger company of those that published it.

12 Kings \dagger of armies \dagger did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

13 Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

down: Ex. xvi. 4: Psal. lxxviii. 23, 24. inheritance, Israel: Deut. ix. 29; Psalm xxviii. 9; xciv. 5. 10.

Thy congregation, 'As to thy food, they dwelt amidst it.—Boothr. therein, may refer to the wilderness, ver. 7. 11. word, to conquer Canaan. company,

alludes to female chorists: see Ex. xv. 20; Judg. xi. 34; 1 Sa. xviii. 6. 12. Kings, &c. Jabin and the kings of the Canaanites, see that, &c. Deborah, or the eastern woman: see Judg. v. 28. 13. among the pots, the furnaces of Egypt, say some, or 'rows of stones,' on which the caldrons were set: so Parkhurst: it denotes the meanest place assigned to slaves; but Boothroyd's version is,—

'When ye lie down within your own boundaries, Ye shall be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, And whose pinions are streaked with gold.'

Exhortation to praise God.

14 When ^a the Almighty scattered kings [†] in it, it was *white* as snow in Salmon.

15 The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan; an high hill as the hill of Bashan.

16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? ^a *this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell in it for ever.*

17 The ^a chariots of God are twenty thousand, *even* [†] thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, *as in Sinai*, in the holy place.

18 Thou [†] hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: [†] thou hast received gifts [†] for men; yea, *for* [†] the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits*, *even* the God of our salvation. Selah.

20 *He that is* our God is the God of salvation; and [†] unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death.

21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

22 The Lord said, I will bring ^a again from Bashan, I will bring *my people* again [†] from the depths of the sea:

23 That thy foot may be [†] dipped in the blood of *thine* enemies, and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

24 They have seen thy goings, O God; *even* the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations, *even* the Lord, ^a from [†] the fountain of Israel.

27 There is ^a little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah [†] and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem ^a shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke the [†] company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, *till every one* [†] submit him-

PSALMS. David complaineth of his affliction.

^a Na. 21. 3.

^a or, he scattereth.

[†] or, for her, she was.

^b Is. 19. 19. 21.

^c Is. 45. 14.

^d Ac. 8. 27.

^e Is. 12. 5, 11.

^f 1 Ki. 9. 3.

^g De. 33. 2.

^h Da. 7. 10.

ⁱ He. 12. 22.

^j Re. 9. 16.

^k or, many thousands.

^l give.

^m Ac. 1. 9.

ⁿ Ep. 4. 8.

^o Ps. 29. 1.

^p Ac. 2. 4, 33.

^q in the man.

^r 1 Ti. 1. 13.

^s or, heavens.

^t De. 32. 39.

^u Pr. 4. 23.

^v Re. 1. 18.

^w 20. 1.

^x Ps. 45, title.

^y Jon. 2. 5.

^z the mire of depth.

^{aa} Nu. 21. 33.

^{ab} depth of waters.

^{ac} Ex. 14. 22.

^{ad} or, red.

^{ae} Jno. 15. 25.

^{af} guiltiness.

^{ag} or, ye that are of the.

^{ah} De. 33. 28.

^{ai} Is. 48. 1.

^{aj} 1 Sa. 9. 21.

^{ak} or, with their company.

^{al} Is. 53. 3.

^{am} Jno. 7. 5.

^{an} Ps. 119. 139.

^{ao} Jno. 2. 17.

^{ap} Ro. 15. 3.

^{aq} Is. 60. 16, 17.

^{ar} or, beasts of the reeds.

^{as} Je. 51. 32, 33.

^{at} 2 Sa. 8. 2, 6.

^{au} 1 Ki. 9. 7.

^{av} Je. 24. 9.

self with pieces of silver: ^a scatter thou the people that delight in war.

31 Princes ^b shall come out of Egypt; ^c Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah:

33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, *which were* of old; to him, he doth [†] send out his voice, *and that* a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe [†] ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the [†] clouds.

35 O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto *his* people. Blessed be God.

PSALM LXIX.

To the chief Musician [†] upon Shoshannim, A Psalm of David.

SAVE me, O God; for [†] the waters are come in unto my soul.

2 I sink in [†] deep mire, where *there is* no standing: I am come into [†] deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 They that [†] hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored *that* which I took not away.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my [†] sins are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait on thee, O LORD GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.

8 I [†] am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

9 For [†] the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; [†] and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my garment; [†] and I became a proverb to them.

14. *in it*, i. e. Canaan. *it was white*, &c. i. e. the land became splendid through the spoil. — T. Holden. *Boothroyd* gives this a new rendering; but it is a very obscure passage:—

'The Almighty having scattered those kings, Hath by this turned death-shade to splendour.'

15. *The hill of God*, &c. The hill which God inhabits, is it the hill of Bashan? so Dr. Chandler, adopted by Bp. Mant; but *Boothroyd's* is certainly a more natural rendering. 'An excellent mount is mount Bashan.'—Ed. 16. *Why leap*, &c. Bashan and its neighbouring mountains are poetically represented as leaping for joy at Jehovah's presence. *Boothroyd* considers the rendering *leap* as arbitrary, and infers from the Arabic that the Hebrew means *jealous*—

'Why are ye jealous, ye high mounts, Of the mount which God desireth for his abode?'

17. *chariots*, i. e. angels: see 2 Kin. vi. 16, 17; Heb. xii. 22. 18. *hast ascended*, the ark is now in procession, and has reached mount Zion. *led captivity*, &c. triumphed over all enemies. *gifts for men*, for the ransom of captives. *the rebellious*, that had been so, but were captives. The apostle applies this to Christ's ascension, and to the distribution of the gifts of his Spirit among his people: Eph. iv. 8. 20. *issues*, i. e. escapes and deliverances. 21. *shall wound*, math smitten, &c. *hairy scalp*, &c. this phraseology is in use in India, and is equivalent

to saying, 'I will kill you.' 22. *I will bring again*, seems to allude to the deliverance from the pursuing Egyptians. 23. *foot-dipped*, through slaughter.

24. *thy goings*, allude to the procession of the ark. 25. *fountain*, a metaphor, denoting here posterity.

27. *There is little Benjamin*, &c. describes the tribes joining in procession. 28. *hath commanded*, &c. 'hath ordained strength for thee.' 30. *Rebuke*, &c. i. e. overthrow all enemies. *Boothroyd* renders it, 'Rebuke the wild beasts of the reeds,' alluding to the lions among the copes on the banks of the Mesopotamia, and the river Jordan was so infested: Jer. iv. 7; xlix. 19. The allusion here may be to the Syrian kings, David's troublers. *the multitude*, &c.

'The assembly of the mighty, the lords of the nations, Who tread on tiles of silver, Scatter, &c.—Boothroyd.

The palaces of oriental kings were paved with silver. 31. *Princes shall come*, &c. to form alliances with us. This may predict the conversion of the Gentiles, Isa. xlv. 14.

PSALM LXIX.—1. *waters*, afflictions. 3. *crying*, moaning and supplication: see John xix. 28; Heb. v. 7. 4. *I restored*, &c. denotes innocence unjustly treated. 5. *foolishness*, wickedness. 6. *for my sake*, on account of my sufferings. 9. *The zeal*, &c. rather, 'Zeal for thine house consumes me.' 10. *to my reproach*, made a reproach against me.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and ^a I was the song of the ^b drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, ^b in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

15 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit ^d shut her mouth upon me.

16 Hear me, O LORD; for thy loving-kindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

17 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: I hear me speedily.

18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

19 Thou hast known ^a my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and ^f I looked for some to ^g take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat: ^a and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 Let ^k their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.

23 Let ^l their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

24 Pour ^m out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

25 Let ⁿ their ^a habitation be desolate; and let ⁿ none dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute ^r him whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of ^l those whom thou hast wounded.

27 Add ^q iniquity ^q unto their iniquity: ^a and let them not come into thy righteousness.

28 Let them ^v be blotted out of the book of the living, ^a and not be written with the righteous.

29 But I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

31 This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

32 The ^a humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not ^a his prisoners.

34 Let ^b the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, ^d and every thing that ^f moveth therein.

35 For ^f God will save Zion, and will

^a Job 39. 9.

^b Ps. 35. 15, 16.

^c drinkers of

^d strong

^e drink.

^f Is. 49. 8.

^g 55. 6.

^h 2 Co. 6. 2.

ⁱ Ps. 38, title.

^j my help.

^k Na. 16. 33.

^l make haste

^m to hear me.

ⁿ Is. 53. 3.

^o He. 12. 2.

^p Ps. 112. 4.

^q Is. 63. 5.

^r lament

^s with me.

^t Ps. 25. 2, 3.

^u 31. 1.

^v Mat. 27. 34.

^w 48.

^x Mar. 15. 23.

^y Jno. 19. 29.

^z Ps. 17. 6.

^{aa} Ro. 11. 9, 10.

^{ab} to me for

^{ac} a rock of

^{ad} habitation.

^{ae} Is. 6. 9, 10.

^{af} Jno. 12. 39.

^{ag} 40.

^{ah} 2 Co. 3. 14.

^{ai} Th. 2. 16.

^{aj} Je. 17. 7, 17.

^{ak} Mat. 23. 35.

^{al} Ac. 1. 20.

^{am} palace.

^{an} Is. 46. 3.

^{ao} there was not

^{ap} be a dweller.

^{aq} Is. 53. 4.

^{ar} thy

^{as} wounded.

^{at} Is. 8. 18.

^{au} Zec. 3. 8.

^{av} 1 Co. 4. 9.

^{aw} or, punish-

^{ax} ment of

^{ay} iniquity.

^{az} Ro. 1. 28.

^{ba} Is. 26. 10.

^{bb} Ro. 9. 31.

^{bc} Ex. 32. 32.

^{bd} Psa. 4. 3.

^{be} Re. 3. 5.

^{bf} 13. 8.

^{bg} Eze. 1. 39.

^{bh} Lu. 10. 20.

^{bi} He. 12. 23.

^{bj} watch, or,

^{bk} observe.

^{bl} 2 Sa. 17. 1.

^{bm} Mat. 27. 1.

^{bn} Ps. 70. 2.

^{bo} or, meek.

^{bp} Ep. 3. 1.

^{bq} Is. 44. 23.

^{br} 49. 13.

^{bs} Ps. 35. 28.

^{bt} Is. 55. 12.

^{bu} creepeth.

^{bv} Ps. 40. 5.

^{bw} 139. 17, 18.

^{bx} Ps. 51. 18.

^{by} Is. 44. 26.

build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

PSALM LXX.

To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David, ^a to bring to remembrance.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to ^h help me, O LORD.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

5 But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

PSALM LXXI.

IN ^g thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: ⁱ incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be thou ^h my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For thou art ^h my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.

6 By ^p thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee.

7 I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day.

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that say I will wait for my soul take counsel together,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

13 Let ^g them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My ^c mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day: for ^h I know not the numbers thereof

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord

12. They that sit in the gate, idle persons who spent their time there. 13. in an acceptable time, while God lends a gracious ear. 21. gall, or hemlock; this verse applied to our Lord: Mat. xxvii. 34; John xix. 30—32. 22. Let, &c. should be in the future tense, being a prediction of the judgments on the Jews. 23. eyes, i.e. figuratively, understandings. 27. Add iniquity, &c. Give them punishment on punishment. — Bp. Horsley. It is literally, 'Add perverseness to their perverseness.' let them not come, &c. admit them not to thy justification. —

Bp. Horsley. 28. blotted, &c. as criminals were erased from the citizens' register. 33. his prisoners, that suffer for his sake.

PSALM LXX. is Psalm xl. repeated, and a little altered.

PSALM LXXI.—1. confusion, 'shame.' 2. righteousness, righteous dealings. 4. man, i.e. from violent men. 7. a wonder, a prodigy, from my sufferings and deliverances. 15. for I know not, though I know not. numbers, of God's righteous and saving deeds. 16. go, to God's house.

GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also * when I am old and grey-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed † thy strength unto *this* generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

20 *Thou*, ^b which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, ^c shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

22 I will also praise thee with the * psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou † Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and ^a my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

PSALM LXXII.

A Psalm † for Solomon.

GIVE the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2 He † shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

3 The ^m mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

5 They shall fear thee ^a as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

6 He ^r shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers *that* water the earth.

7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; ^a and abundance of peace ^{ll} so long as the moon endureth.

8 He ^v shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; ^y and his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The ^z kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

PSALM LXXII.—1. *thy judgments*, ability to judge. *king's son*, Solomon; remotely the Messiah, Isa. ix. 7. 3. *the mountains*, alluding to the communicating intelligence, by stationing persons on the mountain tops: Isa. xl. 9; lli. 7. Some understand by the mountains and hills, princes and petty governors. 5. *They*, &c. mankind, as long as the world shall last. 8. *from sea to sea*, &c. the phraseology refers to the boundary of the land promised to Israel, which lay between the Red sea, the Mediterranean, and the Euphrates: it is emblematical of the whole world given to Messiah, Psal. ii. 8. 9. *They*, &c. may mean the Arabs. *lick the dust*, denotes profound submission by prostration in the eastern manner. 10. *The kings*, &c. i. e. kings of distant countries shall pay him reverence: see Psal. xlviii. 7; Isa. ii. 16; li. 6, 9; xliii. 3. 15. *live*, prosper.

^a Job 29. 12.
^b unto old age and grey hairs.
^c thine arm.
^d one shall give.

^e Ps. 60. 3.
^f Ho. 6. 1, 2.
^g be.

^h be as a son to continue his father's name for ever.

ⁱ instrument of psaltery.
^j Ge. 12. 3.
^k 22. 18.

^l Lu. 1. 48.
^m 2 Ki. 19. 22.
ⁿ Is. 60. 9.
^o 1 Ch. 29. 10.

^p Ps. 103. 4.
^q Nu. 14. 21.
^r Zec. 14. 9.

^s or, for.
^t Ps. 50, title.
^u or, Yet.
^v clean of heart.

^w or, of.
^x Ps. 127, title.
^y Job 21. 7.
^z Je. 12. 1.

^{aa} Is. 11. 2, 4.
^{ab} 32. 1.
^{ac} Is. 32. 17.
^{ad} 52. 7.

^{ae} fat.
^{af} in the trouble of other men.
^{ag} with.

^{ah} Ps. 89. 36, 37.
^{ai} Je. 5. 28.
^{aj} pass the thoughts of the heart.

^{ak} Ho. 7. 16.
^{al} 2 Sa. 23. 4.
^{am} 2 Pe. 2. 18.
^{an} Jude 16.

^{ao} Ro. 13. 6.
^{ap} Is. 2. 4.
^{aq} Da. 2. 44.
^{ar} Lu. 1. 33.

^{as} till there be no moon.
^{at} Ex. 23. 31.
^{au} 1 Ki. 4. 21, 24.

^{av} Zec. 9. 10.
^{aw} Job 22. 13.
^{ax} Is. 49. 23.
^{ay} Mi. 7. 17.

^{az} 2 Ch. 9. 21.
^{ba} Is. 49. 7.
^{bb} 60. 6, 9.
^{bc} Mal. 3. 14.

^{bd} my chastisement was.

12 For he ^a shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him † shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and *they* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

17 His name shall ^{ll} be continued as long as the sun: and ^a men shall be blessed in him: ^a all nations shall call him blessed.

18 Blessed ^z be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

19 And blessed ^z be his glorious name for ever: ^z and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

PSALM LXXIII. A Psalm † of Asaph. TRULY † God is good to Israel, *even* to such as are ^z of a clean heart.

2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

3 For ^z I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For *there* are no bands in their death: but their strength ^z is firm.

5 They are not in trouble as *other* men; neither are they plagued † like *other* men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.

7 Their ^z eyes stand out with fatness: they ^z have more than heart could wish.

8 They are corrupt, and ^z speak wickedly concerning oppression: they ^z speak loftily.

9 They set their mouth ^z against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.

11 And they say, ^z How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most high?

12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

13 Verily ^a I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and ^a chastened every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold,

gold, &c. i. e. men's wealth. *prayer—made*, for the advancement of his kingdom. 16. *an handful*, 'abundance.'—*Booths*, 'plenty.'—*Green*, from a 'handful sown on a barren spot, should be a large produce.—*Bp. Horne*. *they of the city*, i. e. citizens.

PSALM LXXIII.—2. *my steps*, &c. i. e. I had nearly given up my confidence. 3. *foolish*, 'madly profane.' 4. *no bands*, rather, 'they have no pangs until their death.' 5. *chain*, alluding to the neck ornaments of the rich: comp. Prov. i. 9; Cant. iv. 9. 8. *speak loftily*, as if above all other beings. 9. *tongue walketh*, indulging in calumny. 10. *Therefore*, &c. seems to imply that the people of God would be brought before these unjust judges. *are wrung out*, 'they would be most severely squeezed in their hands.' 11. *they say*, &c. so speak these scoffers. 15. *If I say*, &c. 'If I should speak, and

I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.

16 When ^a I thought to know this, it was [†] too painful for me;

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As ^a a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

22 So ^a foolish was I, and [†] ignorant: I was as a beast [†] before thee.

23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

24 Thou ^m shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

25 Whom ^o have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the [†] strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that [†] go a whoring from thee.

28 But it is good for me to [†] draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

PSALM LXXIV. [†] Maschil of Asaph. O GOD, why hast thou [†] cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger [†] smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, ^a which thou hast purchased of old; the [†] rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; [†] they set up their ensigns for signs.

5 A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.

7 They [†] have [†] cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.

talk like these. [†] offend, cause to stumble, lead them astray from righteousness. 16. painful, perplexing. 17. went into the sanctuary, consulted the Divine oracles. their end, the awful end that awaited them. 20. thou awaketh, i.e. to judgment, Psalm xxv. 23. 21. pricked in my reins, wounded with disquieting thoughts. 22. as a beast, stupid. 23. Nevertheless, &c. Notwithstanding these foolish thoughts, I am under the care of thy providence. 27. go a whoring, forsake God for false gods: Ex. xxxiv. 15; Ps. xvi. 4.

PSALM LXXIV.—2. thy congregation, 'thine own assembly,' i.e. the people collected into a body politic. the rod, i.e. 'thy chosen heritage'; rod signifies 'tribe.' 3. Lift, &c. signifies, 'Come quickly to restore the temple.' 4. roar, with triumph, for signs, of victory. 5. A man was famous, &c. seems to mean that he was formerly famous who cut down for the temple, but now he who pulled it down. 8. synagogues, denotes sacred assemblies; Boothroyd has, 'Let us abolish all God's set feasts in

^a break.

^a Ec. 8. 17.

[†] labour in mine eyes.

^b 1 Sa. 3. 1.

^a Am. 8. 11.

^c La. 2. 3.

^d Ps. 90. 5.

^e Job 20. 8.

^f Is. 29. 7, 8.

^g Ps. 44. 4.

[†] Ex. 14. 21.

[†] break.

[†] Is. 51. 9, 10.

[†] Eze. 29. 3.

[†] 32. 2.

[†] or, whales.

[†] Ps. 92. 6.

[†] Pr. 30. 2.

[†] I knew not.

[†] with thee.

[†] Nu. 14. 9.

[†] Ex. 17. 5, 6.

[†] Is. 48. 21.

[†] Jos. 3. 13, &c.

[†] rivers of strength.

[†] Is. 55. 8.

[†] Ge. 1. 14, &c.

[†] Phi. 3. 8.

[†] Ac. 17. 26.

[†] Ge. 8. 22.

[†] made them.

[†] rock.

[†] Re. 16. 19.

[†] Ca. 2. 14.

[†] Ex. 34. 15.

[†] Ja. 4. 4.

[†] He. 10. 22.

[†] Ge. 17. 7, 8.

[†] Le. 26. 41, 45.

[†] Je. 33. 21.

[†] or, A Psalm for Asaph to give instruction.

[†] Je. 31. 37.

[†] 33. 24.

[†] De. 29. 20.

[†] Ex. 15. 16.

[†] De. 9. 29.

[†] or, tribe.

[†] ascendeth,

[†] Jon. 1. 2.

[†] or, Destroy not.

[†] Ps. 57, title.

[†] Da. 6. 27.

[†] or, for.

[†] or, take a set time.

[†] 2 Ki. 25. 9.

[†] sent thy sanctuary into the fire.

[†] Are.

8 They said in their hearts. Let us [†] destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signs: [†] there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

11 Why [†] withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom.

12 For [†] God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 Thou [†] didst [†] divide the sea by thy strength: [†] thou brakest the heads of the [†] dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him [†] to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 Thou [†] didst cleave the fountain and the flood: [†] thou driedst up [†] mighty rivers.

16 The day is thine, the night also is thine: [†] thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17 Thou hast [†] set all the borders of the earth: [†] thou hast [†] made summer and winter.

18 Remember [†] this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul of [†] thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have [†] respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee [†] increaseth continually.

PSALM LXXV.

To the chief Musician, [†] Al-taschith, A Psalm or Song [†] of Asaph.

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.

2 When I shall [†] receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly:

the land.' 9. signs, special tokens of Divine favour. how long, this shall be. 11. out of thy bosom, the hand of the Arab, when not employed, is usually concealed in the folds of his garment. 13. sea, Red sea, Ex. xiv. 16. dragons, 'sea monsters.'

14. leviathan, crocodiles, known to inhabit the Nile, alluding to Pharaoh and his host. people inhabiting, may signify beasts of prey: comp. Isa. xlii. 21. 15. fountain, rocks of Horeb, and at Kadesh. rivers, Jordan, which received other rivers. 17. borders, boundaries. 19. turtle dove, remarkable for its melancholy tone, and may here symbolize the church. 20. covenant, made with the fathers. dark places, the caverns of Palestine were the abodes of the cruel, occupied by banditti.

PSALM LXXV.—1. name—near, thou art ever at hand to help. 2. When, &c. 2. When, &c. When I shall get a set time, i.e. for judgment. 3. earth, land, dissolved, melted away with fear. I bear, &c. I am left alone to support the sinking church and state. 4.

God's majesty in the church.

and to the wicked, ^a Lift not up the horn :
5 Lift not up your horn on high : speak
not with a stiff neck.

6 For promotion *cometh* neither from
the east, nor from the west, nor from the
south.

7 But God *is* the judge : ^c he putteth
down one, and setteth up another.

8 For ^e in the hand of the LORD *there*
is a cup, and the wine is red ; it is ^f full of
mixture ; and he poureth out of the same :
but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the
earth shall wring *them out*, and drink *them*.

9 But I will declare for ever ; I will sing
praises to the God of Jacob.

10 All the horns of the wicked also will
I cut off ; but the horns of the righteous
shall be exalted.

PSALM LXXVI.

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm
or Song of Asaph.

IN ⁱ Judah *is* God known : his name *is*
great in Israel.

2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and
his dwelling place in Zion.

3 There ^k brake he the arrows of the
bow, the shield, and the sword, and the
battle. Selah.

4 Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent
^m than the mountains of prey.

5 The ⁿ stouthearted are spoiled, ^o they
have slept their sleep : and none of the
men of might have found their hands.

6 At ^r thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both
the chariot and horse are cast into a dead
sleep.

7 Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared : and
^t who may stand in thy sight when once
thou art angry ?

8 Thou ^u hast caused judgment to be
heard from heaven ; ^v the earth feared, and
was still.

9 When God arose to judgment, to save
all the meek of the earth. Selah.

10 Surely ^w the wrath of man shall praise
thee : the remainder of wrath shalt thou
restrain.

11 Vow, ^b and pay unto the LORD your
God : ^c let all that be round about him
bring presents ^d unto him that ought to
be feared.

12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes :
he is ^e terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM LXXVII.

To the chief Musician, ^f to Jeduthun, A Psalm
of Asaph.

I CRIED unto God with my voice, *even*
unto God with my voice ; and he gave ear
unto me.

2 In the day of my trouble I ^g sought
the Lord : my ^h sore ran in the night, and
ceased not ; my soul refused to be comforted.

PSALMS.

^a Zec. 1. 21.

^b *descri.*

^c De. 32. 7.

^d Is. 51. 9.

^e 1 Sa. 2. 7.

^f Da. 2. 21.

^g Ps. 42. 8.

^h Job 21. 20.

ⁱ Je. 25. 15.

^j Re. 14. 10.

^k 16. 19.

^l Pr. 23. 30.

^m Ro. 9. 6.

ⁿ *to generation*

^o *and generation*

^p Is. 49. 15.

^q *or, for.*

^r Ps. 48. 1, &c.

^s Eze. 39. 9.

^t Ex. 15. 11.

^u Eze. 38. 12.

^v 13.

^w 39. 4.

^x Is. 46. 12.

^y Je. 51. 39.

^z Ex. 6. 6.

^{aa} De. 9. 29.

^{ab} Ex. 15. 1, 21.

^{ac} Na. 2. 13.

^{ad} Zec. 12. 4.

^{ae} Ex. 14. 21.

^{af} Jos. 3. 15, 16.

^{ag} Hab. 3. 8, &c.

^{ah} *were pour-*

^{ai} *ed forth*

^{aj} *with water.*

^{ak} Na. 1. 6.

^{al} Eze. 38. 20.

^{am} 2 Ch. 20. 29.

^{an} 30.

^{ao} Hab. 3. 15.

^{ap} Ex. 14. 28.

^{aq} Ex. 9. 16.

^{ar} 18. 11.

^{as} Is. 63. 11, 12.

^{at} Ho. 12. 13.

^{au} Ec. 5. 4, 6.

^{av} 2 Ch. 32. 22.

^{aw} 23.

^{ax} *to fear.*

^{ay} *or, A Psalm*

^{az} *for Asaph*

^{ba} *to give in-*

^{bb} *struction.*

^{bc} Ps. 74. title.

^{bd} Is. 51. 4.

^{be} Ps. 68. 35.

^{bf} Re. 6. 15.

^{bg} 19. 17, 19.

^{bh} Ps. 49. 4.

^{bi} Mat. 13. 35.

^{bj} Ps. 39. 62.

^{bk} title.

^{bl} *or, for.*

^{bm} De. 4. 9.

^{bn} 6. 7.

^{bo} Joel 1. 3.

^{bp} Jos. 4. 6, 7.

^{bq} Is. 26. 9, 15.

^{br} *hand.*

The psalmist mourneth his unbelief.

3 I remembered God, and was troubled
I complained, and my spirit was over-
whelmed. Selah.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking :
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

5 I ^b have considered the days of old
the years of ancient times.

6 I call to remembrance ^d my song in
the night : I commune with mine own
heart : and my spirit made diligent search

7 Will the Lord cast off for ever ? and
will he be favourable no more ?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever ? doth
^e his promise fail ^f for evermore ?

9 Hath God ^g forgotten to be gracious ?
hath he in anger shut up his tender mer-
cies ? Selah.

10 And I said, *This is* my infirmity : *but*
I will remember the years of the right
hand of the most high.

11 I will remember the works of the
LORD : surely I will remember thy won-
ders of old.

12 I will meditate also of all thy work,
and talk of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary :
ⁱ who *is* so great a God as *our* God !

14 Thou *art* the God that doest wonders :
thou hast declared thy strength among the
people.

15 Thou ^j hast with *thine* arm redeemed
thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph.
Selah.

16 The ^k waters saw thee, O God, the
waters saw thee ; they were afraid : the
depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds ^l poured out water : the
skies sent out a sound : thine arrows also
went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder *was* in the
heaven : the lightnings lightened the
world : the earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy ^m way *is* in the sea, and thy path
in the great waters, ⁿ and thy footsteps are
not known.

20 Thou ^o leddest thy people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM LXXVIII.

* Maschil of Asaph.

GIVE ^a ear, O my people, to my law : in-
cline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I ^b will open my mouth in a parable :
I will utter dark sayings of old :

3 Which we have heard and known,
and our fathers have told us.

4 We ^c will not hide *them* from their
children, ^d shewing to the generation to
come the praises of the LORD, and his
strength, and his wonderful works that
he hath done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel, which he

Lift not, &c. boast not of your power. 5. *stiff neck*,
haughty disdain. 6. *promotion, &c.* exaltation cometh
from no quarter of the world. 8. *a cup, &c.* ex-
presses Divine judgments ; the intoxicating wine, the
wrath of God. 10. *horns cut off*, destroy their power.

PSALM LXXVI.—1. *known*, acknowledged. 2.
Salem, Jerusalem. 3. *There brake, &c.* when God
appeared, war weapons were useless. The subject is
thought to be Hezekiah's deliverance from Assyria.
4. *mountains of prey*, perhaps signify the plundering
kingdoms around. 5. *sleep*, of death. 10. *praise*
thee, turn to thy praise. 11. *presents*, offerings,
feared, revered.

PSALM LXXVII.—2. *my sore ran, &c.* 'my hand
was stretched out,' in constant supplication : so Bp.
Horne. Horsley, Louth, &c. 3. *remembered God*
and was troubled, at his attributes, when I lost my

confidence in him as my God. *overwhelmed*, with
grief.

4. *holiest, &c.* restrainest mine eyes from
sleep, owing to grief. 5. *considered, &c.* reckoned
on thy merciful dispensations. 6. *song in the*
night praises for deliverances when formerly afflicted.
7. *Will the Lord, &c.* this was the process of his
meditations. 10. *This*, distrust. *is my infirmity*,
arises from my weakness. *years of the right hand*,
periods when God displayed his power for his people.
13. *in the sanctuary, or, 'in holiness.'* 16. *waters*,
of the Red sea, and Jordan. 17. *the clouds, &c.*
Josephus relates, that the discomfiture of the Egyp-
tians was attended with thunder-orms. &c. 20.
like a flock, under the guidance of faithful pastors.

PSALM LXXVIII.—1. *law*, rather, 'teaching.'
2. *dark sayings of old*, historical facts, with enig-
matical meanings. 5. *testimony*, see Deut. iv. 9, 10.

commanded our fathers,^a that they should make them known to their children :

6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born ; who should arise and declare them to their children :

7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments :

8 And ^d might not be as their fathers, ^e a stubborn and rebellious generation ; a generation ^f that ^g set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

9 The children of Ephraim, being armed, and ^h carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

10 They ⁱ kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law ;

11 And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.

12 Marvellous ^j things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, ^k in the field of Zoan.

13 He ^l divided the sea, and caused them to pass through ; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.

14 In ^m the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He ⁿ clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him by ^o provoking the most high in the wilderness.

18 And ^p they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

19 Yea, ^q they spake against God ; they said, Can God ^r furnish a table in the wilderness ?

20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed ; can he give bread also ? can he provide flesh for his people ?

21 Therefore the Lord heard this, and was ^s wroth : so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel ;

22 Because they ^t believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation :

23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

24 And ^u had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

25 ^v Man did eat angels' food : he sent them meat to the full.

26 He ^w caused an east wind ^x to blow in the heaven : and by his power he brought in the south wind.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and ^y feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea :

28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

29 So they did eat, and were well filled : for he gave them their own desire ;

30 They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths,

^a De. 4. 9.
11. 19.

^b made to bow.
^c or, young.
Nu. XIV.

XVI.

XVII.

^d Ho. 5. 15.

^e 2 Ki. 17. 14.

Eze. 20. 18.

^f De. 9. 6, 13.

31. 27.

^g 2 Ch. 20. 33.

^h prepared not.

ⁱ throwing forth.

^j 2 Ki. 17. 15.

^k Is. 48. 9.

^l Ex. VII.

XII.

^m 2 Ki. 21. 29.

ⁿ Ge. 6. 3.

Jno. 3. 6.

^o Ge. 32. 3.

Nu. 13. 22.

Is. 19. 11, 13.

Eze. 30. 14.

^p Job. 7. 16.

Ja. 4. 14.

^q Ex. 14. 21.

^r or, rebel against.

^s Ep. 4. 30.

He. 3. 16, 17.

^t Ex. 13. 21.

^u Ex. 17. 6.

Nu. 20. 11.

1 Co. 10. 4.

^v or, affliction.

^w Ps. 105. 27.

^x set.

^y De. 9. 22.

He. 3. 16.

^z Ex. 8. 24.

^{aa} Ex. 8. 6.

^{ab} Ex. 16. 2.

^{ac} Ex. 10. 13, 15.

^{ad} Nu. 11. 4.

^{ae} or, order.

^{af} Ps. 105. 33.

^{ag} or, great hailstones.

^{ah} shut up.

^{ai} Ex. 9. 23, 25.

^{aj} or, lightnings.

^{ak} Nu. 11. 1, 10.

^{al} weighed a path.

^{am} or, beasts to the murrain.

^{an} Ex. 9. 3. 6.

^{ao} Jude 5.

^{ap} Ex. 12. 29.

^{aq} Jno. 6. 31.

^{ar} 1 Co. 10. 3.

^{as} covered.

^{at} or, Every one did eat the bread of the mighty.

^{au} Ps. 103. 20.

^{av} Nu. 11. 31.

^{aw} to go.

^{ax} Jos. 13. 7.

19. 51.

^{ay} four of wing.

^{az} Ju. 2. 11, 12.

31 The wrath of God came upon them and slew the tallest of them, and ^a smote down the ^b chosen men of Israel.

32 For all this ^b they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.

34 When ^c he slew them, then they sought him : and they returned and enquired early after God.

35 And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God of their redeemer.

36 Nevertheless they did datter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.

37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.

38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not : yea, many a time ^d turned he his anger away, ^e and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For he remembered ^f that they were but flesh ; ^g a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they ^h provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert !

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

42 They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from ⁱ the enemy.

43 How ^j he had ^k wrought his signs in Egypt and his wonders in the field of Zoan :

44 And had turned their rivers into blood ; and their floods, that they could not drink.

45 He ^l sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them ; and ^m frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He ⁿ gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust.

47 He ^o destroyed ^p their vines with hail, and their sycomore trees with ^q frost.

48 He ^r gave ^s up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to ^t hot thunderbolts.

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

50 He ^u made a way to his anger ; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their ^v life over to the pestilence ;

51 And ^w smote all the firstborn in Egypt ; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham :

52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not : but the sea ^x overwhelmed their enemies.

54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.

55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and ^y divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet ^z they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies :

57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers : they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

58 For they provoked him to anger

9. of Ephraim, see Nu. xiv. 40—45 ; Deut. i. 42. Ephraim may here be put for all Israel, as in Jer. xxxi. 20 ; Hos. vi. 4 ; no cowardice ever having been charged against that tribe. 24. heaven, is often used for atmosphere. 33. in vanity, wandering

about to no purpose. 42. hand, power. 45. flies, 'beetles.'—Boothroyd. 47. sycomore, a wild fig. 49. evil angels, 'messengers of evil.'—Ainsworth, Boothroyd. 55. And divided, &c. 'He also divided the land for an inheritance.'—Boothroyd.

with their ^u high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59 When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

60 So ^b that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men;

61 And ^c delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

62 He ^d gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not ^e given to marriage.

64 Their ^f priests fell by the sword; and ^g their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and ^h like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66 And ⁱ he smote his enemies in the hinder part: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

69 And he ^j built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath ^k established for ever.

70 He ^l chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

71 From ^m following ⁿ the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

PSALM LXXIX.

A Psalm ^o of Asaph.

O GOD, the heathen are come into ^p thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; ^q they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them.

4 We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5 How long, LORD ^r? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy ^s jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour ^t out thy wrath upon the heathen that have ^u not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

8 O ^v remember not against us ^w former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, ^x for thy name's sake.

10 Wherefore should the heathen say,

^a De. 12. 2. 4.

^b 1 Ki. 11. 7.

^c 12. 31.

^d * vengeance.

^e 1 Sa. 4. 11.

^f Je. 7. 12. 11.

^g 26. 6. 9.

^h + thine arm.

ⁱ + reserve the children of death.

^j c Ju. 18. 30.

^k d 1 Sa. 4. 10.

^l e Is. 65. 6. 7.

^m Je. 32. 18.

ⁿ Lu. 6. 38.

^o § praised.

^p f Is. 43. 21.

^q || generation and generation.

^r g 1 Sa. 4. 11.

^s 22. 18.

^t h Job 27. 15.

^u Eze. 24. 23.

^v i Ps. 45. 69,

^w title.

^x j Is. 42. 13.

^y + or, for.

^z k 1 Sa. 5. 6. 12.

^{aa} 6. 4.

^{ab} l De. 33. 2.

^{ac} m Nu. 2. 18. 23.

^{ad} + for salvation to us.

^{ae} n La. 5. 21.

^{af} o 1 Ki. VI.

^{ag} § founded.

^{ah} || smoke,

^{ai} Ps. 74. 1.

^{aj} p 1 Sa. 16. 11,

^{ak} 12.

^{al} 2 Sa. 7. 8.

^{am} r Is. 30. 20.

^{an} * after.

^{ao} s Ge. 33. 13.

^{ap} Is. 40. 11.

^{aq} + or, for.

^{ar} t Is. 5. 1. 7.

^{as} Je. 2. 21.

^{at} Eze. 15. 6.

^{au} 19. 10.

^{av} u Ex. 15. 17.

^{aw} 2 Ch. 36. 19.

^{ax} Mi. 3. 12.

^{ay} z Jos. 24. 12.

^{az} + cedars of God.

^{ba} y Na. 2. 2.

^{bb} z Zep. 1. 18.

^{bc} 3. 8.

^{bd} a Je. 10. 25.

^{be} Re. 16. 1.

^{bf} b Is. 45. 4. 5.

^{bg} 2 Th. 1. 8.

^{bh} c Is. 63. 15.

^{bi} d Is. 64. 9.

^{bj} § or, the iniquities of them that were before us.

^{bk} e Is. 49. 5.

^{bl} f Ps. 89. 21.

^{bm} g Je. 14. 7. 21.

Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight ^{by} the ^{re} revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of ^{thy} power ^{thou} preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

12 And render unto our neighbours ^{sevenfold} into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we ^{will} shew forth thy praise to ^{all} generations.

PSALM LXXX.

To the chief Musician ^{upon} Shoshannim-Eduth, A Psalm ^{of} Asaph.

GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest ^{between} the cherubims, ^{thou} shine forth.

2 Before ^{thy} Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come ^{and} save us.

3 Turn ^{us} again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou ^{be} angry against the prayer of thy people?

5 Thou ^{feedest} them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

8 Thou hast brought ^a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou ^{preparedst} room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof ^{were} like the ^{goodly} cedars.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

12 Why hast thou ^{then} broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: ^{look} down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong ^{for} thyself.

16 ^{It} is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let ^{thy} hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.

63. *Are*, flames of war, Deut. xxxii. 22—25. 72. *fed*, or ruled.

PSALM LXXIX.—1. *thine inheritance*, Judea. Ex. xv. 17. This may relate to various periods of the Jewish history; some fix upon the times of Antiochus. 8. *prevent us*, 'succour us.' *brought very low*, literally, 'greatly thinned.' 11. *appointed to die*, i. e. in danger of death.

PSALM LXXX.—1. *Shepherd*, 'Protector,' 'Ruler,' 'Guide.' *cherubims*, of the ark. *shine*, alluding to

the shechinah, a token of favour. 2. *Ephraim*, &c. here put for all Israel. 3. *Turn*, &c. restore from captivity. 6. *a strife*, the subject of contention who should plunder them. 8. *vine*, a frequent image of the church: see John xv. 1. 11. *sea*, Mediterranean. *river*, Euphrates: Deut. xi. 24; 1 Kings iv. 21. 13. *boar*, &c. may allude to the kings of Assyria and Babylon. 15. *branch*, race and family of Israel. *thou madest strong*, &c. 'which thyself madest strong.'—*Boothr.* 17. *Let*

Exhortation to praise God.

18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.
19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

PSALM LXXXI.

To the chief Musician ^b upon Githith, *A Psalm* [†] of Asaph.

SING aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

4 For [§] this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out [§] through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.

6 I [†] removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands ^{*} were delivered from the pots.

7 Thou [§] calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I [†] proved thee at the waters of [†] Meribah. Selah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

9 There shall no ⁿ strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: [†] open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would ⁿ none of me.

12 So [†] I gave them up [§] unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

13 Oh ⁿ that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!

14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

15 The [†] haters of the LORD should have ^{*} submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.

16 He should ⁿ have fed them also with the [†] finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

PSALM LXXXII.

A Psalm [†] of Asaph.

GOD [†] standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and

PSALMS.

The psalmist prayeth for judgment.

^a De. 1. 17.

^b Judge.

^c Ps. 8. title.

^d Mi. 3. 1.

^e or, for.

^f moved.

^g Ex. 22. 9, 28.

^h Jno. 10. 31.

ⁱ Job 21. 32.

^j Eze. 31. 14.

^k Re. 11. 15.

^l Le. 23. 24.

^m or, against.

ⁿ or, for.

^o Is. 9. 4.

^p 10. 27.

^q Ac. 4. 25.

^r passed away.

^s Ex. 2. 23.

^t 14. 10.

^u Ex. 17. 6, 7.

^v Nu. 20. 13.

^w or, strife.

^x Es. 3. 6, 9.

^y Je. 11. 19.

^z 31. 36.

^{aa} De. 32. 12.

^{ab} Is. 43. 12.

^{ac} heart.

^{ad} 2 Ch. 20. 1.

^{ae} 10. 11.

^{af} Jno. 15. 7.

^{ag} Ep. 3. 20.

^{ah} Ex. 32. 1.

^{ai} De. 32. 15, 18.

^{aj} Ac. 7. 42.

^{ak} 11. 16.

^{al} Ro. 1. 24, 26.

^{am} or, to the hardness of their hearts

^{an} or, imaginations.

^{ao} been an

^{ap} arm to the.

^{aq} Nu. 31. 7.

^{ar} Ju. 7. 22.

^{as} Is. 48. 18.

^{at} Ju. 4. 15, 24.

^{au} 2 Ki. 9. 37.

^{av} Zep. 1. 17.

^{aw} Ro. 1. 30.

^{ax} lied, or, yielded

^{ay} feigned

^{az} obedience.

^{ba} Ps. 18. 44.

^{bb} 66. 4.

^{bc} De. 32. 13, 14.

^{bd} Is. 17. 13, 14.

^{be} fat of wheat

^{bf} De. 32. 22.

^{bg} Job 9. 17.

^{bh} or, for.

^{bi} Ec. 5. 8.

^a accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

3 ^{*} Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They ^c know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6 I [†] have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most high.

7 But [†] ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: [†] for thou shalt inherit all nations.

PSALM LXXXIII.

A Song or Psalm [†] of Asaph.

KEEP not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

2 For, lo, [†] thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

4 They have said, Come, and ⁿ let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:

6 The [†] tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; 7 Gēbal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Assur also is joined with them: they have [†] holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

9 Do unto them as unto the [†] Midianites; as to ^v Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

10 Which perished at En-dor: ^{*} they became as dung for the earth.

11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

13 O ^a my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.

14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame ^b setteth the mountains on fire;

15 So persecute them ^c with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.

16 Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.

17 Let them be confounded and troubled

thy hand, &c. protect him. the man of thy right hand, i. e. favoured and honoured by thee: Gen. xxxv. 18; Jno. v. 20—29. Horne and others understand these expressions, if applicable to the king of Israel, especially so to Messiah.

PSALM LXXXI.—2. Take, 'raise,' 4. a statute, and not a piece of will-worship. 5. This, i. e. this law of the blowing of trumpets at the new moon, and solemn feasts at the full moon. Joseph, here put for all Israel. a testimony, of God's good-will, and of their obedience. when he, may mean Joseph, or else God when he redeemed Israel from Egypt: but probably, the former. a language—understood not, signifies they were strangers: so Boothroyd: others take the words to mean, God understood it not, i. e. knew not, signifying strong disapprobation. 6. burden, hard service in Egypt. Exod. i. 11; v. 4—8. pots, denotes in Hebrew, a basket for carrying loads. 7. secret place, cloudy pillar: comp. Exod. xiv. 24; Ps. lxxvii. 18. 8. testify, make known my will and your duty. 10. All it, abundantly satisfy you. 16.

honey, &c. see 1 Sam. xiv. 25, 26.

PSALM LXXXII.—1. God standeth, &c. Israel's judges were to be guided in difficult cases, by Urin and Thummim: see Numb. xv. 32—36; 2 Chron. xiv. 5—7; or it means, God is present amongst his judges. 5. know not, will not study God's laws. the foundations, &c. the fundamental laws of the state. 6. Ye are gods, or in God's stead, Ex. iv. 16. like men, of the meanest kind. princes, as ordinary princes and rulers.

PSALM LXXXIII.—1. silence, refuse not to answer prayer. 2. lifted, &c. become insulting and boasting. 3. hidden ones, alludes to secreted property, and implies God's care and protection of his people, treasured ones. 6. Hagarenes, or Hagarites, (1 Chron. v. 10, 19, 20.) 7. Gēbal, or Giblites, Josh. xvii. 5. 11. Oreb, &c. see Judg. vii. 24, 25. 13. a wheel, 'thistledown,' or 'chaff,' whirled about by the wind, or rather, whirled. 14. mountains on fire, meaning their dried herbage or woods, accidentally or intentionally kindled to clear the land.

for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:

18 That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

PSALM LXXXIV.

To the chief Musician upon *Gittith*, A Psalm *for the sons of Korah*.

How *amiable* are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

2 My *soul* longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

6 Who passing through the valley *of* *Baca* make it a well; the rain also *fill*eth the pools.

7 They go *from* *strength* to strength, every one of them in Zion *appear*eth before God.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

9 Behold, *O* God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God is *a* sun and *a* shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

PSALM LXXXV.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm *for the sons of Korah*.

LORD, thou hast been *favoured* unto thy land: thou hast *brought* back the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou *hast* forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger.

4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever?

a Ex. 6. 3.

b Hab. 2. 1.

c Ps. 8. title.

d Zec. 9. 10.

e or, *of*.

f Ps. 27. 4.

g 2 Pt. 2. 20, 21.

h Is. 46. 13.

i Ps. 119. 20.

j Jno. 1. 14.

k Is. 32. 17.

l Lu. 2. 14.

m Ja. 4. 5.

n Ja. 1. 17.

o or, *of mulberry trees*

p make him a well, &c.

q 2 Sa. 5. 22, 23.

r covereth.

s or, *A Prayer*

t er, being a Psalm of David.

u Pr. 4. 18.

v 2 Co. 3. 18.

w or, *company*

x to company.

y De. 16. 16.

z Zec. 14. 16.

a or, *one*

b whom thou favour'st.

c Is. 26. 3.

d Ge. 15. 1.

e or, *all the day*.

f I would

g choose rather to sit at the threshold.

h Joel 2. 13.

i Is. 60. 19.

j Ps. 119. 114.

k Pr. 2. 7.

l Ps. 50. 15.

m De. 3. 24.

n or, *of*.

o Ps. 12. title.

p Is. 43. 7.

q Re. 15. 4.

r or, *well pleased*.

s Je. 31. 23.

t Joel 3. 1.

u Mar. 12. 29.

v 1 Co. 8. 4.

w Ep. 4. 6.

x Ps. 32. 1.

y or, *thine*

z anger from wailing.

a De. 13. 17.

b or, *grave*.

wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

8 I *will* hear what God the LORD will speak: for *he* will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not *turn* again to folly.

9 Surely *his* salvation is nigh them that fear him: that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together; *righteousness* and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth *shall* spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 Yea, *the* LORD shall give *that which* is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

PSALM LXXXVI.

A Prayer of David.

Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul; for I am *holy*: O thou my God, save thy servant *that* trusteth in thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee *daily*.

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For *thou*, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In *the* day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; *neither* are there any works like unto thy works.

9 All *nations* whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: *thou* art God alone.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

13 For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest *hell*.

PSALM LXXXIV. — TITLE. *Gittith*, see *Psa. viii. note*.

3. *sparrow*, 'bird.' *where she may lay her young*, the sense seems to be that the sparrow and swallow have found places of rest: altar is not necessarily connected with the first clause; and altars being constantly used, birds could not rest in them. The Psalmist would find a place of rest too—and he abruptly expresses where he desired to find it: 'thine altars,' &c.—*Ed.* 5. *in whose heart*, &c. there are various renderings of this, but all mean that their hearts were bent Zionwards. 6. *Who passing*, &c. this difficult passage is variously translated and interpreted; *Bp. Patrick* seems to give the most probable meaning: 'Who travelling through the thirsty valley of Baca, where there is no water, pass it as cheerfully as if it abounded with pleasant springs.' 7. *from strength to strength*, another passage very variously rendered, *G. Holden* clearly gives the real meaning: 'they gather fresh vigour as they proceed forward in their journey.' 9. *Behold, O God our shield*.

'O God our shield, behold and regard The Person of thine Anointed.'

look upon, manifest thy special favour to. *thine anointed*, the King—some add Messiah.

PSALM LXXXV.—1. *captivity*, captives. 2. *covered*, *Psalm xxxii. 1, note*. 4. *Turn*, *Psalm lxxx. 3, note*. 6. *revive*, restore to former happiness and prosperity. 8. *hear*, &c. wait patiently for an answer to prayer. 9. *salvation*, saving power. *migh*, ever ready to assist. *fear*, or reverence. *glory*, the token of the Divine presence in worship.—*Ed.* Some think it predicts Christ incarnate. 10. *Mercy*, &c. describes the results of the Divine glory in the land, mercy, righteousness, and peace. Some apply this to the grace and justice manifested in the person, work, and salvation of Christ. 11. *spring out*, &c. signifies abundance. 13. *set*, denotes constancy.

PSALM LXXXVI.—2. *holy*, or 'merciful'; may perhaps mean, I have not done wrong to Saul. 8. *gods*, i. e. heathen gods. 11. *unite my heart*, i. e. collect all its force. 13. *the lowest hell*, "from

The glory of the church.

14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of ^a violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.

15 But ^c thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

17 Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

PSALM LXXXVII.

A Psalm or Song [†] for the sons of Korah. His foundation is ^h in the holy mountains.

2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 Glorious ^k things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

4 I will make mention of ^l Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.

5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

6 The LORD shall count, when he ^o writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah.

7 As well the singers as the players on instruments *shall be there*: all my springs are in thee.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

A Song or Psalm ^{*} for the sons of Korah, to the chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth, ⁱ Maschil of ^j Heman the Ezrahite.

O LORD God of my salvation, I have ^u cried day and night before thee:

2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength:

5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut ^v off from thy hand.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah.

8 Thou ^u hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: ^o I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

PSALMS.

God's promises of favour to David.

^a terrible.

^b Job 11. 13.

^c Is. 38. 18.

^d Ex. 24. 6.

^e Nu. 14. 18.

^f Ne. 9. 17.

^g Job 10. 21.

^h Ec. 8. 10.

ⁱ Ps. 5. 3.

^j Job 13. 24.

^k or, of.

^l Ps. 48. 1.

^m Job 6. 4.

ⁿ Is. LX.

^o or, all the day.

^p Is. 51. 9.

^q Job 19. 13.

^r or, A Psalm for Ethan the Ezrahite, to give instruction.

^s 1 Ki. 4. 31.

^t Ec. 13. 9.

^u generation and generation.

^v Ps. 119. 90.

^w 1 Ki. 8. 16.

^x Is. 42. 1.

^y 2 Sa. 7. 11.

^z &c.

^a Je. 30. 9.

^b Ec. 31. 23.

^c Ho. 3. 5.

^d or, of.

^e or, A Psalm of Heman the Ezrahite, giving instruction.

^f 1 Ch. 2. 6.

^g 1 Ju. 1. 32, 33.

^h Lu. 18. 7.

ⁱ Re. 7. 10, 12.

^j Ps. 40. 5.

^k 71. 19.

^l 86. 6.

^m 113. 5.

ⁿ Is. 53. 8.

^o or, by.

^p Ex. 15. 11.

^q 1 Sa. 2. 2.

^r Job 19. 13, 19.

^s Ex. 14. 26.

^t 28.

^u Is. 30. 7.

^v 51. 9.

^w or, Egypt.

^x La. 3. 7.

^y || the arm of thy strength

^z d Ge. 1. 1.

^a 1 Ch. 29. 11.

9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, ^a I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

10 Wilt ^b thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Selah.

11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall ^d thy wonders be known in the dark? ^e and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and ^f in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul? why ^g hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while ⁱ I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

18 Lower ^m and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

PSALM LXXXIX.

[§] Maschil of ⁿ Ethan the Ezrahite.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to ^{||} all generations.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

3 I ^p have made a covenant with my chosen, I have ^r sworn unto David my servant,

4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne ^t to all generations. Selah.

5 And ^v the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

6 For ^x who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? ^{who} among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* about him.

8 O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD ^z like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

10 Thou ^b hast broken [§] Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with ^{||} thy strong arm.

11 The ^d heavens are thine, the earth

Sheol or Hades beneath," figuratively descriptive of great dangers. 14. *the proud*, haughty rebels against God. 17. *a token*, some obvious sign of the Divine favour.

PSALM LXXXVII. — 1. *His foundation*, 'The foundation of Zion.'—*Booth*, mountains, Moriah and Zion. 2. *more than all*, &c. i. e. than all Judea besides. 5. *This and that man was born in her*, it has produced many persons eminent for piety. It may point to the regenerated by means of the gospel preached in Zion. 7. *As well the singers*, &c. means that Jehovah shall be gladly served in Zion. *springs*, of good, temporal and spiritual.

PSALM LXXXVIII.—TITLE. *Mahalath*, see Ps. lii. title, note. *Leannoth*, supposed to refer to an alternate performance. *Mahalath* signifies misery or infirmity; and *Leannoth*, to answer. Some render it 'concerning the disease to afflict,' or 'the afflicting disease,' bodily or moral. *Azarahite*, 'Israelite.'

Sept. 5. *Free*, &c. 'I am as one laid low among the dead.'—*Boothroyd*, or 'cast out among the dead, like the wounded on the field of battle; like them that lie in the grave, inasmuch as they were cut off by thy hand.' 6. *in darkness*, &c. 'in a most dark and deep abyss.' 8. *shut up*, as an afflicted prisoner. 13. *prevent thee*, 'it cometh to thee.'—*Boothroyd*.

PSALM LXXXIX.—2. *said*, i. e. thought or concluded. *establish*, &c. make it appear firm as the heavens. 3. *a covenant*, the promise to David is here cited: see 2 Sm. vii. 11—16; and refers prophetically to the Messiah. 5. *heavens*, may be understood literally, in the same sense as other inanimate creatures praise the Lord, or mystically of the church. 6. *sons of the mighty*, i. e. the mighty angels. 8. *or to thy faithfulness round*, &c. and thy faithfulness encircles thee.—*Horsley*. 9. *rulest*—*sea*, witness Red sea. 10. *Rahab*, i. e. Egypt. 'Rahab, or the proud one; this is Pharaoh the

also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

12 The north and the south thou hast created them: ^c Tabor and ^d Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

13 Thou hast ^t a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

17 For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

18 For [§] the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one [^] chosen out of the people.

20 I ^t have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

21 With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art [^] my father, my God, and ^p the rock of my salvation.

27 Also I will make him [^] my firstborn, [^] higher than the kings of the earth.

28 My [^] mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, [^] and his throne [^] as the days of heaven.

30 If his children [^] forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

31 If they [^] break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless [^] my lovingkindness [§] will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness ^{||} to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

^a Am. 4. 2.

[^] if I lie.

^b Lu. 1. 33.

^c Jos. 12. 34.

^d Jos. 12. 22.

^e Jos. 12. 1.

^f an arm

^g with might

^h or, establishment.

ⁱ De. 32. 19.

^j 1 Ch. 28. 9.

^k Nu. 10. 10.

^l 23. 21.

^m La. 5. 16.

ⁿ § or, our

^o shield is of

^p the LORD.

^q and our

^r king is of

^s the Holy

^t One of

^u Israel.

^v Ps. 47. 9.

^w || brightness.

^x 1 Ki. 11. 34.

^y 1 Sa. 16. 1, 12

^z Job 14. 1.

^{aa} Ps. 49. 9.

^{ab} 1 He. 11. 5.

^{ac} m 2 Sa. 7. 15.

^{ad} Is. 55. 3.

^{ae} Ps. 54. 5.

^{af} 1 Ch. 22. 10.

^{ag} p 2 Sa. 22. 47.

^{ah} r Ps. 69. 9, 19.

^{ai} s Ps. 2. 7.

^{aj} Col. 1. 15, 18.

^{ak} t Ps. 74. 22.

^{al} u Nu. 24. 7.

^{am} v Is. 55. 3.

^{an} x Is. 9. 7.

^{ao} Je. 33. 17.

^{ap} y De. 11. 21.

^{aq} § or, being a

^{ar} Psalm of

^{as} Moses.

^{at} z De. 33. 1.

^{au} a Ps. 119. 53.

^{av} Je. 9. 13.

^{aw} b De. 33. 27.

^{ax} c Eze. 11. 16.

^{ay} t generation

^{az} and generation.

^{ba} t profane.

^{bb} c Pr. 8. 25, 26.

^{bc} d 2 Sa. 7. 13.

^{bd} § I will not

^{be} make void

^{bf} from him.

^{bg} e Ge. 3. 19.

^{bh} Ec. 12. 7.

^{bi} || to lie.

^{bj} f 2 Pe. 3. 8.

^{bk} § or, he hath

^{bl} passed

^{bm} them.

35 Once have I sworn ^a by my holiness [^] that I will not lie unto David.

36 His ^b seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

38 But thou hast ^c cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: ^e thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.

41 All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.

42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

44 Thou hast made his ^{||} glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.

45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.

46 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember [^] how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

48 What [^] man is he that liveth, and shall not [^] see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

49 Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses, which thou ^m swarest unto David ⁿ in thy truth?

50 Remember, LORD, the reproach of thy servants; [^] how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people;

51 Wherewith [^] thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM XC.

A Prayer [^] of [^] Moses the man of God.

LORD, [^] thou hast been our dwelling place in [†] all generations.

2 Before [^] the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, [^] Return, ye children of men.

4 For ^f a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when [^] it is past, and as a watch in the night.

wicked.'—Targum. 12. Tabor, a mountain in Galilee. Hermon, a mountain east of Jordan; Tabor west, and Hermon east, shall rejoice. 14. habitation, rather, basis. go before, ever attend thee. 15. joyful sound, of the trumpet, alludes especially to the jubilee. 17. horn, power, dignity: see Psalm lxxv. 4. 19. thy holy one, Samuel, say some, see 1 Sam. xv. 10: Nathan, say others, 2 Sam. vii. 4: and some read, 'concerning thy Holy One,' the Messiah. 21. my hand, &c. i. e. my power shall sustain. 22. exact, tribute, as one subdued. 25. I will set his hand, &c. extend his dominion from the Mediterranean to the Tigris and Euphrates; fulfilled in David and Solomon's dominions, and shall be in Messiah's. 27. firstborn, denotes chief or greatest, i. e. of kings. 29. His seed, &c. generally understood as a prophetic glance at Messiah's spiritual seed. 30. law, revealed word. judgments, judicial laws. 31. statutes appointed ordinances. commandments, any sort of precepts. 35. Once, &c. and therefore

irrevocably. 37. as the moon, 'like the moon, even like that faithful witness in the heavens;' for she attests the faithfulness of God to his covenant. Boothroyd translates it:—

'Like the moon, it shall be for ever fixed. And like the faithful witness in the sky.' i. e. the rainbow, a witness to God's faithfulness to his word, Gen. ix. 9: so also Gill. 38. But thou hast cast off, &c. the psalmist here finishes his citation of the covenant, and speaks of himself; some think this was Hezekiah, who now contrasts his own circumstances with these magnificent promises. Some think Messiah is alluded to, and that the prophecy points to the day of antichrist's power. 40. hedges, or 'fences.' 42. set up, &c. i. e. given power. 43. turned, i. e. blunted. 50. reproach, i. e. that was cast upon them. 51. footsteps, i. e. ways and actions pursued him with revilings.—Mudge, Merriek. PSALM XC.—1. dwelling place, 'refuge.' 3. return, &c. alludes to Gen. iii. 19. 4. watch, or

5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they ^a are like grass which ^{*} groweth up.
6 In ^b the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

8 Thou ^c hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret ^{sins} in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our days are [†] passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

10 The days of our years are three-score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

12 So teach us to number our days, that we may [†] apply our hearts unto wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it ^k repent thee concerning thy servants.

14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; ^m that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

16 Let ^p thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

17 And ^r let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and ^s establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM XCI.

HE ^u that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall ^v abide ^w under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I ^x will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely ^y he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He ^z shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou ^a shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only ^b with thine eyes shalt thou

^a Ps. 103. 15.

^b Is. 40. 6.

^c or, is

^d changed.

^e Ps. 92. 7.

^f Job 14. 2.

^g Pr. 12. 21.

^h Lu. 4. 10, 11.

ⁱ He. 1. 14.

^j Ps. 50. 21.

^k Je. 16. 17.

^l Ps. 37. 24.

^m Job 5. 23.

ⁿ turned.

^o or, meditation.

^p or, asp.

^q As for the

^r days of our

^s years, in

^t them are

^u seventy

^v years.

^w Ps. 50. 15.

^x Is. 43. 2.

^y 1 Sa. 2. 30.

^z length of

^a days.

^b Pr. 3. 2.

^c to cause to

^d come.

^e De. 32. 36.

^f Ps. 135. 14.

^g Ps. 147. 1.

^h Ps. 85. 6.

ⁱ 149. 2.

^j Ps. 89. 1.

^k in the

^l nights.

^m 2 Ch. 23. 5.

ⁿ Hab. 3. 2.

^o or, upon

^p the solemn

^q sound with

^r the harp.

^s Higgaion,

^t Ps. 9. 16.

^u Ps. 27. 4.

^v Is. 26. 12.

^w Is. 28. 29.

^x Ro. 11. 33, 34.

^y Ps. 31. 20.

^z 32. 7.

^a lodge.

^b Ps. 17. 8.

^c Je. 12. 1, 2.

^d Mal. 3. 15.

^e Ps. 142. 5.

^f Ps. 124. 7.

^g Ps. 57. 1.

^h 61. 4.

ⁱ Ps. 23. 5.

^j Job 5. 19, &c.

^k Pr. 3. 23, 24.

^l Is. 43. 2.

^m Is. 65. 22.

ⁿ Ho. 14. 5, 6.

^o 2 Pe. 3. 18.

^p Mal. 1. 5.

behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD which is my refuge, even the most high, thy habitation;

10 There ^c shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For ^d he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He ^e shall call upon me, and I will answer him: ^f I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and ^g honour him.

16 With ^h long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

PSALM XCII.

A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day.

IT ⁱ is a ^j good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most high:

2 To ^k shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness ^l every night,

3 Upon ^m an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; ⁿ upon the harp with a solemn sound.

4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

5 O LORD, how great are thy works! and ^o thy thoughts are very deep.

6 A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

7 When ^p the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; ^q it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:

8 But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be ^r anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

12 The ^s righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

'watch-tide,' i.e. three hours. 7. thine anger, alludes to Num. xiv. 33, &c. 11. knoweth, seriously considers. so is thy wrath, God's wrath is equal to all that a man can fear from it. 13. Return, i.e. from thine indignation. how long, i.e. wilt thou be angry, Psalm vi. 3. 15. glad according to, &c. let our joy in thy favour overbalance our sufferings. 17. beauty, 'favour.' establish, make succeed or direct our work of obedience.

PSALM XCI.—1. secret place, his heart. under the shadow, may refer to the symbolic cloud in the holy of holies. 3. snare, &c. the Israelite left be safe as the young eagle under the wing of its parent bird. fowler, Satan, or wicked men. 4. feathers, the Hebrew signifies a strong wing, like that of an eagle, covering largely, and striking severely. 5. arrow disease or plague, Deut. xxxii. 23, 42. 6.

destruction, &c. alludes to the simoom. 11. ways, i.e. lawful undertakings. 12. in their hands, signifies here in both, as a nurse carries her child. dash, &c. i.e. receive the slightest hurt. 13. lion and adder, 'asp and basilisk.'—Horsley; figures for Satan and wicked men. 14. set, &c. establish and defend him. known, &c. acknowledged and relied on my power. 16. with long life, Orton thinks this refers to a future state.

PSALM XCII.—4. thy work, thy doings in the natural and moral world. 6. brutish, i.e. ignorant. 10. horn, power, Psalm lxxv. 4, &c. unicorn, probably rhinoceros. anointed with fresh oil, anointing with oil was used to increase strength. 11. see my desire, in their destruction, ver. 7. 12. like the palm, be like it, most useful, for it is so in its fruit, leaves, branches, fibres, stones, &c. like a cedar,

The majesty of God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and ^aflourishing; 15 To shew that the LORD is upright: *he is* ^bmy rock, and ^cthere is no unrighteousness in him.

PSALM XCIII.

THE ^aLORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, *wherewith* he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy ^kthrone is established [†]of old: thou art from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

4 The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure; holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, [§]for ever.

PSALM XCIV.

OLORD ^{||}God, [™]to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, [†]shew thyself.

2 Lift up thyself, thou [™]judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

3 LORD, [†]how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 *How long* shall they [†]utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.

6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard *it*.

8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?

9 He [†]that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that ^ateacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know?*

11 The ^bLORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

12 Blessed ^cis the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

14 For ^dthe LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness; and all the upright in heart shall ^efollow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

large and strong. 14. fat, or green, full of sap.

PSALM XCIII.—1. clothed—girded, 'clothed and begirt is Jehovah with strength;' appears in the majesty of King of the universe, ready to do whatsoever he pleaseth.—Boothr. 3. floods, metaphorically put for violent enemies, Isa. viii. 7, &c.

PSALM XCIV.—1. shew thyself, or 'shine forth,' in mercy to us, and terror to our enemies, Psalm lxxx. 2. Lift up thyself, 'Ascend on high,' i. e. to thy judgment seat.—Ainsworth, &c. 10. he that teacheth, 'hath not he who teacheth man, knowledge?' 15. But judgment, 'For judgment in righteousness shall return,' i. e. the seeming disorders in providence shall be rectified. 16. for me, with me, in my behalf. 17. in silence, i. e. in the grave, Psalm cxv. 17. 18. held, the original implies, like a thing shored up.

P S A L M S.

^a green.

[†] or, quickly.

^a Ps. 35. 16.

^b De. 32. 4.

^c Ro. 9. 14.

^d Is. 52. 7.

^e Re. 19. 6.

^f Am. 6. 3.

^g Is. 10. 1.

^h Mat. 27. 1.

ⁱ Ps. 45. 6.

^j Pr. 22. &c.

^k from then.

^l Ex. 23. 7.

^m Pr. 17. 15.

ⁿ Pr. 2. 22.

^o 5. 22.

^p § to length of days.

^q De. 32. 15.

^r 2 Sa. 22. 47.

^s || God of revenges.

^t De. 32. 35.

^u Na. 1. 2.

^v * prevent his face.

^w † shine forth.

^x Ps. 80. 1.

^y Ge. 18. 25.

^z Ps. 185. 5.

^a Job 20. 5.

^b † whose.

^c † or, the heights of the hills are his.

^d Jude 15.

^e § Whose the sea is.

^f Ge. 1. 9, 10.

^g † 1 Co. 6. 20.

^h He. 3. 7, 15.

ⁱ 4. 7.

^j Ex. 17. 2, 7.

^k Nu. 14. 22.

^l &c.

^m 20. 13.

ⁿ De. 6. 16.

^o || contention.

^p Ps. 78. 18.

^q 1 Co. 10. 9.

^r Ex. 4. 11.

^s Pr. 20. 12.

^t Nu. 14. 22.

^u a Job 35. 11.

^v Is. 28. 26.

^w 1 Co. 3. 20.

^x * if they enter.

^y Job 5. 17.

^z Pr. 3. 11.

^a 1 Co. 11. 32.

^b He. 12.5, &c.

^c 1 Ch. 16. 23.

^d &c.

^e 1 Sa. 12. 22.

^f Ro. 11. 1, 2.

^g Ps. 145. 3.

^h † be after it.

An exhortation to praise God.

17 Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had [†]almost dwelt in silence.

18 When I said, ^aMy foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

20 Shall ^bthe throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which ^cframeth mischief by a law?

21 They ^dgather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and ^econdemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

23 And ^fhe shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; *yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off.*

PSALM XCV.

OCOME, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to [†]the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us ^{*}come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

3 For ^othe LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 In [†]his hand are the deep places of the earth: [†]the strength of the hills is his also.

5 [§]The ^asea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let [†]us kneel before the LORD our maker.

7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. ^aTo day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden ^bnot your heart, [†]as in the ^{||}provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When [™]your fathers tempted me, proved me, and [†]saw my work.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with ^cthis generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath ^{*}that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM XCVI.

O^a SING unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

4 For ^fthe LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

6 Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds

19. thoughts, signify here sorrowful, anxious, timorous thoughts. 20. which frameth, 'which sanctions oppression by statute.' 21. gather themselves, band together. soul, 'life.'

PSALM XCV.—2. his presence, in the tabernacle. 4. hand, power. strength, or loftiest summits. 7. To day, the psalmist's own day, and the gospel age: Heb. iii. 7; iv. 7—10. 8. as in the provocation, 'as in Meribah.' as in the day of temptation, 'as in Massah': Ex. xvii. 7; Deut. vi. 16.—Ainsworth. 10. known, 'regarded,' not so much deficiency of knowledge, as want of will. 11. rest, Canaan, the type of heaven.

PSALM XCVI.—1. new, famous, excellent. 2. shew forth, 'evangelize.'—Sept. 3. wonders, 'miracles.' 5. idols vanity or contemptible. 6. are

of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

8 Give unto the LORD the glory [†] due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the LORD [°] in the [†] beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the heathen [†] that [°] the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: [°] he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

PSALM XCVII.

THE LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the [¶] multitude of [°] isles be glad thereof.

2 Clouds [†] and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the [°] habitation of his throne.

3 A [†] fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

4 His [¶] lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

5 The [¶] hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the LORD of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

7 Confounded [°] be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: " worship him, all ye gods.

8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

9 For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 Ye that love the LORD, [†] hate evil: [°] he preserveth the souls of his saints; [°] he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

11 Light [°] is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks [¶] at the remembrance of his holiness.

PSALM XCVIII. A Psalm.

O [°] SING unto the LORD a new song; for [†] he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

2 The [°] LORD hath made known his salvation: [†] his righteousness hath he

[°] or, revealed
Lu. 1.54,55, 72.

[†] of his.

[°] Is. 49. 6.

Ac. 13. 47.

Ps. 28. 28.

Ps. 110. 3.

[†] or, glorious

sanctuary.

Re. 11. 15.

19. 6.

Re. 19. 11.

[†] Ex. 25. 22.

[†] stagger.

[¶] many, or,

great isles.

Is. 60. 9.

Ps. 18. 11.

1 Ki. 8. 12.

De. 28. 58.

Re. 15. 4.

[°] or, estab-

lishment.

Job 36. 5-7.

Da. 7. 10.

Hab. 3. 5.

Ex. 19. 18.

Mi. 1. 4.

Na. 1. 5.

[†] or, it.

Le. 19. 2.

Je. 15. 1.

1 Sa. 7. 9.

12. 18.

Ex. 20. 4.

Le. 26. 1.

Ex. 33. 9.

He. 1. 6.

Nu. 14. 20.

Ex. 32. 2, &c.

Nu. 20. 12, 24

De. 9. 20.

Am. 5. 15.

Ro. 12. 9.

Ps. 145. 20.

Pr. 2. 8.

Da. 3. 23.

6. 22, 27.

[†] or, thank-

giving.

Ps. 145, title

b Ps. 112. 4.

Job 22. 28.

Pr. 4. 18.

[†] the earth.

[¶] or, to the

memorial.

Ep. 2. 10.

[°] or, and his

we are.

Eze. 34. 30,

31.

Is. 42. 10.

Ex. 15. 11.

Is. 52. 10.

Lu. 2. 30, 31.

[†] generation

and gene-

ration.

Is. 62. 2.

Ro. 3. 25, 26.

[°] openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

3 He hath [°] remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: [°] all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods clap [†] their hands: let the hills be joyful together

9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

PSALM XCIX.

THE LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: [†] he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth [°] be moved.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people.

3 Let them praise [†] thy great and terrible name: [†] for it is holy.

4 The [†] king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; [†] for [†] he [°] is holy.

6 Moses [†] and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they [†] called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He [†] spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them.

8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: [°] thou wast a God that forgavest them, though [°] thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.

PSALM C. A Psalm of [†] praise.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all [°] ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: [°] it is he that hath made us, [°] and not we ourselves; [°] we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to [†] all generations.

before him, attend his presence. 9. beauty of holiness, [†] with holy reverence. — Boothroyd.

PSALM XCVII.—1. multitude of isles, meaning all countries that have inhabitants. 2. Clouds, &c. images borrowed from the descent of God on Sinai. habitation, basis. 4. his lightnings, may here signify judgments on the Jewish nation: see Psalm xviii. 14. 6. heavens, celestial or material, Psalm xix. 1. 7. gods, kings and magistrates; Psalm xcv. 3; lxxxix. 1, 6: 'angels.' — Boothr. 8. daughters, i. e. cities, as Psalm xviii. 11, &c. 11. Light, happiness and prosperity. soon, rather, 'scattered over;' so Horsley renders it: 'dawns on.' — Sept. and other versions.

PSALM XCVIII.—2. salvation, some great deliverance, typical of that of Christ. 3. ends, most distant parts of Judea; in the largest sense, most

distant countries. 5. voice, &c. rather, 'the voice of a song.' 6. With trumpets, &c. solemnly, as in a grand procession.

PSALM XCIX.—1. sitteth between the cherubims, describes his grace and mercy, as represented in the mercy seat. earth, see Ezek. i. 26; Num. vii. 89. be moved, or bow; let the inhabitants of the earth submit. 4. The king's strength, or, He who is a strong and mighty king. 6. Moses and Aaron, here cited as examples for encouragement to worship. 8. tookest vengeance, &c. severely chastised them for their 'evil deeds;' see Nu. xx. 12; De. xxiii. 50—52.

PSALM C.—1. all, &c. both Jews and Gentiles, prophetically; primarily all Judea. 4. gates, of his sanctuary. with thanksgiving, [†] with the confession offering or sacrifice. — Dr. A. Clarke. 5. truth, or faithfulness.

PSALM CI. A Psalm of David.

I WILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

2 I will ^b behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set no ^{*} wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them ^d that turn aside; *it shall not cleave to me.*

4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not ^e know a wicked person.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: ^f him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

6 Mine eyes *shall be* upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh ^g in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not ^h tarry in my sight.

8 I will ⁱ early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

PSALM CII.

A Prayer ^{*} of the afflicted, ^o when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

3 For ^a my days are consumed [†] like smoke, and ^b my bones are burned as an hearth.

4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 By reason of the voice of my groaning ^c my bones cleave to my skin.

6 I am like ^d a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are ^e mad against me are ^f sworn against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,

10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11 My ^g days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

12 But ^h thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and ⁱ have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

PSALM CI.—1. *mercy and judgment*, some interpret, mercy to the godly, and judgment to the ungodly; and some, of adverse and prosperous providences. 2. *I will behave*, &c. 'I will attend to the path of integrity.'—Boothroyd. 4. *froward*, perverse and stubborn. *not know*, 'not favour.' 5. *cut off*, 'root out.'—Boothroyd; 'cut off out of my sight,' i.e. banish from me.—Kimchi. 6. *in a perfect way*, 'in a way of integrity.'—Green. 8. *early*, speedily.

PSALM CII.—3. *hearth*, 'firebrand.'—Boothroyd. 6. *like a pelican*—owl. I love solitude, like these lonely birds. 7. *sparrow*, some render here, 'screech owl.' 8. *are sworn*, &c. laid under a curse to do him mischief. 9. *eaten ashes*, figurative for living on grief. 10. *lifted*—cast me, as a whirlwind would do. 13. *the set time*, the end of the seventy years' captivity,

^a 1 Ki. 8. 43.
^b 1 Sa. 18. 14.
^c Is. 60. 1, 2.
^d thing of Belial.
^e Jos. 23. 6.
^f Sa. 12. 20.
^g Ro. 15. 4.
^h Co. 10. 11.
ⁱ Is. 43. 21.
[†] Mat. 7. 23.
^o 2 Ti. 2. 19.
^o De. 26. 15.
^o Pr. 6. 17.
^o the children of death.

^o or, perfect in the way.

^o Ps. 119. 1. *afflicted.*

^o be established.

^o Je. 21. 12.

^o Is. 38. 10.

^o Hab. 1. 12.

^o Ge. 1. 1.

^o He. 1. 10.

^o or, for.

^o Ps. 142. 2.

^o Ro. 8. 20.

^o 2 Pe. 3. 7, 10.

^o stand.

^o Mal. 3. 6.

^o He. 13. 8.

^o Ja. 1. 17.

^o Ja. 4. 14.

^o or, (as some read) into smoke.

^o Job 30. 30.

^o Job 19. 20.

^o La. 4. 8.

^o or, flesh.

^o Is. 34. 11.

^o Zep. 2. 14.

^o Is. 33. 24.

^o Mat. 9. 2, 6.

^o Lu. 7. 47.

^o Ex. 15. 26.

^o Je. 17. 14.

^o Ac. 26. 11.

^o Ac. 23. 12.

^o Is. 40. 31.

^o Job 14. 2.

^o Ec. 6. 12.

^o Ex. 34. 6, 7.

^o Nu. 14. 18.

^o Je. 32. 18.

^o great of.

^o La. 5. 19.

^o Je. 3. 5.

^o Mi. 7. 18.

^o Is. 60. 10.

^o Zec. 1. 12.

^o according to the height of the heaven.

^o Ps. 57. 10.

^o Ep. 3. 18.

14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

15 So the heathen shall ^a fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, ^b he shall appear in his glory.

17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

18 This shall be ^c written for the generation to come: and / the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

19 For he hath ^d looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose ^e those that are appointed to death;

21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

23 He ^f weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

24 I ^g said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: ^h thy years are throughout all generations.

25 Of ⁱ old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They ^j shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But ^k thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

PSALM CIII. A Psalm of David.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who ^a forgiveth all thine iniquities; who ^b healeth all thy diseases;

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that ^c thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

8 The ^d LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and ^e plenteous in mercy.

9 He ^f will not always chide: neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For ^g as ^h the heaven is high above the

when this psalm is supposed to have been written: see Jer. xxix. 10.

14. *her stones*, i.e. even her ruins. 17. *the destitute*, the captive Jews, ver. 20.

18. *This*, i.e. their great deliverance. 19. *his sanctuary*, i.e. heaven, as in next clause. 20. *appointed*, &c. Psalm lxxix. 11, note. 21. *To declare*, &c. that Jehovah's name may be declared. 22. *When the people are gathered*, &c. a prophetic allusion to Messiah's reign. 23. *He weakened*, &c.

Boothroyd reads:—

'Should my strength be exhausted by the way, Should my days be shortened, yet I will say,' &c.

anticipating the difficulties of reaching the holy land.

PSALM CIII.—5. *renewed like the eagle's*, after moulting, a popular notion. 7. *ways*, i.e. will and purposes: Ex xxxiii. 13; xxxiv. 6, 7. 10. *after*

earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he ^a removed our transgressions from us.

13 Like ^b as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame; ^c he remembereth that we are ^d dust.

15 As for man, ^f his days are as grass: ^g as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness ^h unto children's children;

18 To ⁱ such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and ^j his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 Bless ^k the LORD, ye his angels, ^l that excel in strength, that ^m do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

PSALM CIV.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

2 Who ⁿ coverest thyself with light as with a garment: ^o who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

3 Who ^p layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: ^q who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

4 Who ^r maketh his angels spirits; ^s his ministers a flaming fire:

5 ^t Who ^u laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou ^v coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

8 ^w They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

9 Thou ^x hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

10 ^y He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which ^z run among the hills.

^a break.

^b Is. 43. 25.

^c Mi. 7. 18.

^d give a voice.

^e Mal. 3. 17.

^f Ps. 78. 39.

^g Ge. 3. 19.

^h Ec. 12. 7.

ⁱ Ge. 1. 29, 30.

^j 1 Pe. 1. 24.

^k Job 14. 1, 2.

^l Ja. 1. 10, 11.

^m Job 28. 5.

ⁿ it is not.

^o Ju. 9. 13.

^p Pr. 31. 6, 7.

^q to make his face shine with oil, or more than oil.

^r Ex. 20. 6.

^s Nu. 24. 6.

^t De. 7. 9.

^u Da. 4. 25, 34.

^v Pr. 30. 25.

^w Ps. 148. 2.

^x mighty in.

^y Ps. 78. 25.

^z Mat. 6. 10.

^a He. 1. 14.

^b Is. 45. 7.

^c thereof do trample on the forest.

^d Job 38. 39.

^e Joel 1. 20.

^f Ge. 3. 19.

^g Da. 7. 9.

^h Is. 40. 22.

ⁱ 45. 12.

^j Am. 9. 6.

^k Is. 19. 1.

^l Job 41. 1.

^m formed.

ⁿ He. 1. 7.

^o 2 Ki. 2. 11.

^p 6. 17.

^q He hath founded the earth upon her bases.

^r Ec. 1. 4.

^s Ge. 7. 19.

^t Job 34. 14, 15.

^u Ec. 12. 7.

^v Is. 32. 15.

^w Eze. 37. 9.

^x or, The mountains ascend, the valleys descend.

^y shall be.

^z Ge. 1. 31.

^a Je. 5. 22.

^b Hab. 3. 10.

^c Who.

^d walk.

11 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses ^e quench their thirst.

12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which ^f sing among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

14 He ^g causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth ^h food out of the earth;

15 And ⁱ wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and ^j oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

16 The trees of the LORD are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, ^k which he hath planted;

17 Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for ^l the conies.

19 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou ^m makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts ⁿ of the forest do creep forth.

21 The ^o young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth unto ^p his work and to his labour until the evening.

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships: there is that ^q leviathan, whom thou hast ^r made to play therein.

27 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

28 That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: ^s thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

30 Thou ^t sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

31 The glory of the LORD ^u shall endure for ever: the LORD ^v shall rejoice in his works.

32 He looketh on the earth, and it ^w trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

33 I will sing unto the LORD as long

according to. 12. our transgressions, i. e. the punishment they deserve. 16. over it, i. e. over the flower.

PSALM CIV.—2. curtain, 'canopy.'—Mudge. 3. waters, watery clouds, as the next clause implies. walketh, indicates calm control of the boisterous and unruly element. 4. Who maketh his angels, &c.

'Making the winds as thy angels,

And flaming fire as thy ministers.'—Booth.

The writer is speaking of the elements of nature, and the above seems plausible: but from Heb. i. 7, it is, making his angels active as winds and lightning.—Ed. 6. coveredst it, when first formed, the earth was covered with waters: see Gen. i. 2. the waters stood, &c. probably referring to the huge mass of waters at the first creation. 7. At thy rebuke, at the command of Christ, the essential Word: see Gen. i. 9. 8. They, the waters. go up by, rather,

'as mountains.' they go down by, &c. 'they sink down as valleys.' 9. a bound, even plain sand is a sufficient barrier. 11. wild asses, called, 'onagers,' which live in remote and sandy deserts. 13. chambers, i. e. clouds, ver. 3. 15. And wine, i. e. the vine which produces it. and oil, i. e. the olive tree, productive of oil. to make his face to shine, for it smooths the skin, and is healthy and useful in hot countries. 16. trees of the Lord, i. e. large and lofty trees, superior things being named in Scripture after their Creator, Psalm xxxvi. 6. full of sap, 'saturated,' in order to their growth. 18. conies, jerboas, which abound about Lebanon. 19. for seasons, for measuring time, and fixing the seasons of festivals, Gen. i. 14, &c. 25. beasts, 'animals,' 26. leviathan, see Job xli. 1. note. 30. thy spirit, 'thy breath,' Gen. ii. 7, &c. 32. He looketh, &c. images from volcanoes and earthquakes.

as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

34 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

35 Let ^a the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CV.

O ^a GIVE thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

4 Seek the LORD, and his strength: ^f seek his face evermore.

5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God: ^a his judgments are in all the earth.

8 He hath ^a remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

9 Which ^a covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto ^m Isaac.

10 And confirmed the same unto ^m Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, ^f the lot of your inheritance:

12 When there were ^{but} a few men in number; yea, very few, ^a and strangers in it.

13 When they went from one nation to another, from ^{one} kingdom to another people;

14 He ^a suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, ^v he reprov'd kings for their sakes;

15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole ^a staff of bread.

17 He ^a sent a man before them, *even* Joseph, ^{who} ^a was sold for a servant:

18 Whose ^b feet they hurt with fetters: [†] he was laid in iron:

19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.

20 The ^a king sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

21 He ^a made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his [†] substance:

22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.

23 Israel ^a also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And ^a he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen.

PSALM CV.—2. *wondrous works*, miracles. 4. *strength*, aid. *face*, i. e. favour. 14. *reprov'd kings*, as Pharaoh, Gen. xii. 17: Abimelech, Gen. xx. 3. 15. *mine anointed*, my chosen people. 16. *break the whole staff*, withheld the chief support of life. 18. *laid in iron*, bound with chains, Gen. xxxix. 20. 19. *Until the time*, &c. ^a Until his prediction had come to pass. And the word of Jehovah had cleared him.—Boothr. 22. *To bind*, &c. To have absolute power over the

^a Ps. 78. 43, &c. Ex. vii. xii.

^a words of his signs.

^b Ps. 106. 22.

^c Ps. 99. 7.

^d Ps. 37. 38.

^e Pr. 2. 22.

^f 1 Ch. 16. 8.

^g Is. 12. 4.

^h their rain hail.

ⁱ Ps. 27. 9.

^j Ge. 49. 3.

^k Is. 26. 9.

^l Lu. 1. 72.

^m Ex. 13. 21.

ⁿ Ne. 9. 12.

^o Ge. 17. 2.

^p Lu. 1. 73.

^q Ge. 26. 3.

^r Ge. 35. 11, 12.

^s He. 6. 17.

^t Ex. 17. 6.

^u Nu. 20. 11.

^v 1 Co. 10. 4.

^w Ge. 15. 14.

^x the cord.

^y He. 11. 9.

^z singing.

^a De. 6. 10, 11.

^b Jos. 13. 7, &c.

^c De. 4. 1, 40.

^d 6. 21. 25.

^e Ge. 35. 5.

^f Hallelujah.

^g Ge. 12. 17.

^h 20. 3, 7.

ⁱ Hallelujah.

^j 1 Ch. 16. 34.

^k Le. 26. 26.

^l Is. 3. 1.

^m Eze. 4. 16.

ⁿ Ps. 40. 5.

^o Ge. 45. 5.

^p 50. 20.

^q Ge. 37. 28, 36.

^r Ge. 39. 20.

^s 40. 15.

^t Ps. 15. 2.

^u Ac. 24. 16.

^v Ga. 6. 9.

^w his soul came into.

^x Ps. 119. 132.

^y Lu. 23. 42.

^z Ge. 41. 14.

^a Ge. 41. 40.

^b possession.

^c Le. 26. 40.

^d 1 Ki. 8. 47.

^e Da. 9. 5.

^f Mat. 23. 32.

^g Ac. 7. 51, 52.

^h Ge. 46. 6.

ⁱ Ex. 1. 7, &c.

^j Mar. 4. 12.

^k 2 Th. 2. 10.

^l 11. 12.

^m Eze. 20. 14.

27 They ^a shewed ^a his signs among them, ^b and wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and ^a they rebelled not against his word.

29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.

31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.

32 He gave [†] them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land.

33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts.

34 He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number.

35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, ^a the chief of all their strength.

37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and ^{there} was not one feeble ^{person} among their tribes.

38 Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

39 He ^a spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

40 *The people* asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He ^a opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places ^{like} a river.

42 For he remembered ^p his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with [†] gladness:

44 And ^a gave them the lands of the heathen; and they inherited the labour of the people;

45 That ^a they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. [†] Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CVI.

PRaise ^a ye the LORD. ^m O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Who ^a can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? ^{who} can shew forth all his praise?

3 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that ^a doeth righteousness at ^a all times.

4 Remember ^a me, O LORD, with the favour that ^{thou} bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 We ^a have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our ^a fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked ^{him} at the sea, *even* at the Red sea.

8 Nevertheless he saved them ^m for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

25. *He turned*, &c. 'Their heart was turned,' &c.—Boothr. 27. *his signs*, 'the words of his signs.'—Marg. declaring what he would do, and performing. 28. *they rebelled not*, the Septuagint, Syriac, and Arabic versions leave out the word *not*. 41. *of the people*, 'of peoples.'—Boothr. They enjoyed what others had built and planted.

PSALM CVI.—3. *keep judgment*, regard equity. 5. *good*, happiness. 6. *sinned*, &c. by unbelief. 7. *understood not*, 'considered not.'

9 He ^a rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so ^a he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated *them*, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 And ^f the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

13 They * soon forgot his works; they *waited* not for his counsel:

14 But [†] lusted ^a exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their request; but sent [†] leanness into their soul.

16 They ^m envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD.

17 The ⁿ earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

18 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

19 They ^o made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus ^a they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea.

23 Therefore ^a he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen ⁿ stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them*.

24 Yea, they despised ^s the pleasant land, they ^a believed not his word:

25 But ^a murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

26 Therefore he ^o lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

27 To ^a overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They ^a joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

32 They angered *him* also at the waters of strife, ⁱ so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 They ⁱ did not destroy the nations, ^m concerning whom the LORD commanded them:

35 But ^p were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.

^a Ex. 14. 21.

^b Na. 1. 4.

^c 2 Ki. 16. 3.

^d Is. 57. 5.

^e Is. 63. 11. 14.

^f Le. 17. 7.

^g 1 Co. 10. 20.

^h Nu. 35. 33.

ⁱ Ez. 15. 5.

^j Nu. 15. 39.

^k made haste, they forgot

[†] lusted a lust.

^h Nu. 11. 4, 33.

ⁱ 1 Co. 10. 6.

^j De. 9. 29.

^k Ne. 9. 27, &c.

^l Is. 10. 16.

^m Nu. 16. 1, &c.

ⁿ De. 11. 6.

^o or, impoverished, or, weakened.

^p Ex. 32. 4.

^q Ju. 4. 3.

^r 6. 7.

^s 10. 10.

^t Le. 26. 41, 42.

^u Je. 2. 11.

^v Ro. 1. 23.

^w Ps. 51. 1.

^x 63. 16.

^y Is. 63. 7.

^z La. 3. 32.

^{aa} Ezr. 9. 9.

^{ab} Je. 42. 12.

^{ac} 1 Ch. 16. 35.

^{ad} 36.

^{ae} De. 10. 10.

^{af} Eze. 13. 5.

^{ag} 22. 30.

^{ah} a land of desire.

^{ai} Halleujah.

^{aj} He. 3. 18.

^{ak} Nu. 14. 2, 27.

^{al} Ps. 119. 68.

^{am} Mar. 19. 17.

^{an} Ex. 6. 8.

^{ao} De. 32. 40.

^{ap} make them fall.

^{aq} Is. 43. 5, 6.

^{ar} Ho. 9. 10.

^{as} Re. 2. 14.

^{at} the sea.

^{au} De. 32. 10.

^{av} Ho. 5. 15.

^{aw} Ezr. 8. 21.

^{ax} De. 1. 37.

^{ay} 3. 26.

^{az} Ps. 34. 10.

^{ba} Lu. 1. 53.

^{bb} Lu. 21, &c.

^{bc} De. 7. 2, 16.

^{bd} Lu. 1. 79.

^{be} Job 36. 8.

^{bf} Is. 2. 6.

^{bg} 1 Co. 5. 6.

^{bh} Lu. 7. 30.

^{bi} Ac. 20. 27.

37 Yea, ^b they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto ^d devils,

38 And shed innocent blood, *even* the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and ^a the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and ^e went a whoring with their own inventions.

40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, inasmuch that he abhorred ^f his own inheritance.

41 And ^k he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked *him* with their counsel, and were ^f brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when ^p he heard their cry:

45 And ^r he remembered for them his covenant, and repented ^a according to the multitude of his mercies.

46 He ^u made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

47 Save ^v us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

48 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. || Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CVII.

GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for ^b he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3 And ^d gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from [†] the south.

4 They wandered in ^f the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 Then ^s they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

7 And he led them forth by the ^a right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For ^k he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Such as ⁿ sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *being* ^o bound in affliction and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned ^r the counsel of the most High:

12. words, i.e. promises: Ex. xiv. 31; xv. 1. *sang*, &c. in the song of Moses at the Red sea. 13. *counsel*, direction. 15. *leanness*, 'wasting diseases.' 16. *the saint of the Lord*, 'who was the hallowed of Jehovah.' 20. *their glory*, 'what was their glory,' the pure and invisible God, into the likeness of an ox, &c. Ex. xxxii. 2, &c.—*Booth*. 24. *pleasant land*, Canaan, Deut. xi. 11, 12, &c. 26. *lifted*, &c. i.e. *sware* to them: see Gen. xiv. 22, &c. 28. *They joined*, &c. 'They wore the badges of,' sacrifices of the dead, of dead or lifeless idols, and images of dead heroes, to which they sacrificed. 29. *inventions*, 'evil deeds,'

or repeated and presumptuous transgressions. 32. *strife*, Meribah, Num. xx. 2, &c. 37. *devils*, rather, 'demons,' the spirits of dead men, devils being fallen angels. 39. *a whoring*, a term for the act of idolatry. PSALM CVII.—3. *lands*, of the heathen. Psalm cvi. 47. 4. *They wandered*, i.e. the Israelites, when in captivity, without a home. 7. *a city of habitation*, i.e. 'a habitable city.' 9. *goodness*, 'good.' 10. *in darkness*, in the deep prison. *shadow of death*, 'death shade,' a living death, a form of burial of the quick. 10. *being bound*, &c. 'being miserably fettered with iron.'—*Booth*. This refers to some of

Exhortation to praise God.

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

14 He ^c brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

15 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

16 For he hath ^a broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Fools ^b because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

18 Their ^m soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.

20 He ^c sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

21 Oh ^p that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

22 And ^q let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and ^r declare his works with ^s rejoicing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, ^t and ^u raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: "their soul ^v is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and ^w are at their wit's end.

28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29 He ^x maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

32 Let them exalt him also ^y in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He ^z turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the waterspings into dry ground;

34 A ^a fruitful land into ^b barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 He ^c turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into waterspings.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

38 He ^d blesseth them also, so that they

PSALMS.

^a Ex. 1. 7.

^b Ps. 22. 11.

^c Is. 63. 5.

^d 2 Ki. 10. 32.

^e Job 12. 21, 24.

^f Ac. 12. 7, &c.

^g 16. 26, &c.

^h Ep. 5. 8.

ⁱ 1 Pe. 2. 9.

^j or, void

^k place.

^l 1 Sa. 2. 8.

^m or, after.

ⁿ Job 22. 19.

^o Is. 45. 2.

^p Job 5. 16.

^q Pr. 10. 11.

^r Ro. 3. 19.

^s Je. 9. 12.

^t Ho. 14. 9.

^u La. 3. 39.

^v Job 33. 20.

^w Ps. 57. 7, 11.

^x 2 Ki. 20. 45.

^y Mat. 8. 8.

^z Ro. 1. 20, 21.

^a 2 Ti. 3. 2.

^b Ps. 50. 14.

^c 116. 17.

^d Le. 7. 12.

^e He. 13. 15.

^f Ps. 9. 11.

^g 118. 17.

^h or, skies.

ⁱ singing.

^j Ps. 60. 5, &c.

^k Jon. 1. 4.

^l Mat. 8. 24.

^m Jno. 6. 18.

ⁿ maketh to stand.

^o Ps. 22. 14.

^p 119. 25.

^q Na. 2. 10.

^r Ge. 49. 10.

^s all their wisdom is swallowed up.

^t Ps. 89. 9.

^u Mat. 8. 26.

^v Ps. 22. 22, 25.

^w 111. 1.

^x Ps. 83. 1.

^y 1 Ki. 17. 1, 7.

^z Ge. 13. 10.

^a 19. 25.

^b saltiness.

^c mouth of deceit.

^d have opened themselves.

^e Is. 41. 18.

^f Ps. 69. 4.

^g Jno. 15. 25.

^h Ps. 35. 7, 12.

ⁱ 38. 26.

^j Jno. 13. 18.

^k Ge. 12. 2.

^l 17. 16, 20.

David's confidence in God.

^a are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 Again, they are ^c minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

40 He ^d poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the ^e wilderness, where there is no way.

41 Yet ^f setteth he the poor on high ^g from affliction, and maketh ^h him families like a flock.

42 The righteous shall see ⁱ it, and rejoice: and all ^j iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 Whoso ^k is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

PSALM CVIII.

A Song or Psalm of David.

O ^a GOD, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the ^b clouds.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth:

6 That ^c thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head: ^d Judah is my lawgiver:

9 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

11 Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he ^e it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM CIX.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HOLD ^a not thy peace, O God of my praise;

2 For the mouth of the wicked and the ^b mouth of the deceitful ^c are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me ^d without a cause.

4 For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

5 And ^e they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6 Set thou a wicked man over him:

PSALM CIX.—4. For my love, i. e. in return for past kindness. 6. Set thou a wicked man, &c.

'Let this wickedness be visited on him, And the accuser stand at his right hand.'—Booth. Such predictions may be in the future tense: 'Let the wicked have charge over him,' i. e. he shall be completely under the government of the devil.—Davidson. Ahiathophel is thought to be here primarily referred to, but Judas remotely. over him, i. e. over mine enemy.

the Israelites in captivity. 12. brought down their heart with labour, ^a humbled their hearts with hardships.

16. For he hath broken, &c. the sense is, God delivered them from prison. 17. Fools, i. e. the wicked, Psalm xiv. 1, &c. 18. abhorreth, i. e. loathed through affliction, Job xxxiii. 20. 20. sent, &c. issued his orders, for diseases are his servants to obey him. 42. stop, &c. be constrained to be silent.

PSALM CVIII. is composed of parts of Psalms lvii. and lx. of which see notes.

and let * Satan ^a stand at his right hand.

7 When he shall be judged, let him [†] be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.

8 Let his days be few; and ^e let another take his office.

9 Let ^f his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek *their bread* also out of their desolate places.

11 Let [‡] the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.

13 Let [§] his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their ^{||} name be blotted out.

14 Let [¶] the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother [°] be blotted out.

15 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may [°] cut off the memory of them from the earth.

16 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

17 As [°] he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it [°] come [†] into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be unto him as the garment *which* covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

20 Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

21 But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me.

22 For I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone [°] like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My [‡] knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness.

25 I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me [‡] they shook their heads.

26 Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy:

27 That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, LORD, hast done it.

* or, an adversary.

^a Zec. 3. 1.

^b 2 Sa. 16. 11.

^c 12.

[†] go out

guilty, or,

wicked.

^c Pr. 28. 9.

^d Is. 65. 14.

^e Ac. 1. 20.

[‡] or, charge.

^f Ex. 22. 24.

[§] Ps. 111. 1.

^{||} Ps. 16. 8.

[¶] Job 18. 9.

[°] the judges of his soul.

^k Lu. 20. 42, 43.

^l Ac. 2. 34.

^m 1 Co. 15. 25.

ⁿ He. 1. 13.

^o 1 Pe. 3. 22.

^p Ps. 37. 28.

^q Pr. 10. 7.

^r Ex. 20. 5.

^s Ne. 4. 5.

^t Je. 18. 23.

^u Ju. 5. 2.

^v Ps. 96. 9.

^w Ps. 31. 16.

^x || or, more

than the

womb of

the morn-

ing: thou

shalt have,

&c.

^y Nu. 23. 19.

^z Zec. 6. 13.

^{aa} He. 5. 6.

^{ab} 7. 17, 21.

^{ac} Pr. 14. 14.

^{ad} Eze. 35. 6.

^{ae} Ro. 2. 5.

^{af} Re. 11. 18.

^{ag} Ps. 68. 21.

^{ah} Hab. 3. 13.

^{ai} * or, great.

^{aj} Nu. 5. 22.

^{ak} † within him.

^{al} Jno. 18. 11.

^{am} Is. 53. 12.

^{an} Phi. 2. 9. 11.

^{ao} ‡ Hallelujah.

^{ap} Job xxxviii

.xli.

^{aq} d Ps. 143. 5.

^{ar} e Ps. 102. 11.

^{as} f He. 12. 12.

^{at} § prey.

^{au} h Mat. 6. 26, 33.

^{av} i Mat. 27. 39.

^{aw} j Re. 15. 3.

28 Let ^b them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let ^d thy servant rejoice.

29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, ^g I will praise him among the multitude.

31 For ^h he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from [§] those that condemn his soul.

PSALM CX. A Psalm of David.

THE ^k LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy ^p people shall be willing in the day of thy power, ^r in the beauties of holiness ^{||} from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and [°] will not repent. [°] Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 The LORD at thy right hand shall strike through kings ^{*} in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; ^y he shall wound the heads over ^{*} many countries.

7 He [°] shall drink of the brook in the way: ^b therefore shall he lift up the head.

PSALM CXI.

PRaise [†] ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 The [°] works of the LORD are great, ^d sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He hath given [§] meat ^g unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are [†] verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

right hand, where the accuser stood in the Jewish court of justice. 18. like water, supposed to allude to the waters of jealousy: see Num. v. 18. oil, which is very penetrating. 19. as the garment, &c. encompassing him on all sides. 23. as the locust, this insect is the sport of the wind, which is the great agent in destroying it, by driving it into the sea. 24. faileth, &c. i. e. wastes away.

PSALM CX.—The commentators agree in viewing this psalm as prophetic of the dominion, priesthood, and triumphs of Christ. 1. The Lord said, &c. the inspired psalmist is here instructed in the commission which the Father gave to his Son Messiah. my Lord, so David in spirit styles the Messiah. Sit, &c. Having finished thy work, take thy mediatorial throne. right hand, the place of honour, Psalm xlv. 9. footstool, an allusion to the eastern custom of treading on the necks of vanquished kings, Jos. x. 24, &c.: see Solomon's throne, 2 Chron. ix. 18. 2. send the rod of thy strength, 'extend thy powerful sceptre.'—Boothr. 3. shall be willing, the Hebrew is, 'will be freewill offerings,' in the day of thy power, some learned critics read, 'in the day of thine

army,' i. e. when the gospel agents shall be sent forth; 'in the day when thy power is displayed.'—Boothr. in the beauties of holiness, &c. many manuscripts read, 'mountains of holiness; 'on these hallowed mountains.'—Boothr. from the womb, &c. 'the dew of thy progeny is more than of the womb of the morning.'—Horsley. Thy progeny shall be as dew from the womb of the morning.'—Boothr. 5. The Lord, &c. 'The Lord (Messiah, who is) at thy right hand (O God the Father) shall strike through kings,' shall subdue and destroy the most mighty enemies.—G. Holden. 6. judge, &c. 'execute judgment among the nations.'—Boothr. with the dead, Gull thinks refers to the battle of Armageddon, Rev. xix. 17, 18. wound the heads, 'crush the rulers.' 7. drink, &c. receive fresh support, as the fainting warrior when drinking at the brook. lift, &c. expresses exultation and triumph: see Ps. lxxxiii. 2, &c. PSALM CXI.—1. assembly of the upright, properly, a private or secret company, and may mean the families that worship God. 2. sought out, studied. 6. that he may, 'by giving.'—Boothr. 7. are verity, &c. 'are truth and justice.' sure, permanent.

8 They * stand ^a fast for ever and ever, and are ^c done in truth and uprightness.

9 He ^d sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: ^e holy and reverend is his name.

10 The ^f fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: ^g a good understanding have all they that ^h do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

PSALM CXII.

PRAISE ^h ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth ⁱ and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto ^j the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 A ^k good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs ^l with ^m discretion.

6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the ⁿ righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He ^o shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

8 His heart is established, ^p he shall not be afraid, until he see ^q his desire upon his enemies.

9 He ^r hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor: ^s his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The ^t wicked shall see it, and be grieved; and shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: ^u the desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM CXIII.

PRAISE ^v ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

2 Blessed ^w be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name is to be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the LORD our God, who ^x dwelleth on high,

6 Who ^y humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

8 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

^a are established.

^b Is. 40. 8.

^c Mat. 5. 18.

^d 1 Sa. 2. 5.

^e Is. 54. 1.

^f Ga. 4. 27.

^g Re. 15. 3.

^h dwell in an.

ⁱ Mat. 1. 21.

^j Lu. 1. 68.

^k Lu. 1. 49.

^l De. 4. 6.

^m Job 28. 28.

ⁿ Pr. 1. 7.

^o Ec. 12. 13.

^p Ex. 13. 3.

^q or, good success.

^r Pr. 3. 4.

^s Ps. 81. 5.

^t do them.

^u De. 27. 9.

^v Ex. 14. 21.

^w Jos. 3. 13, 16.

^x Hallelujah.

^y Hab. 3. 6.

^z Mat. 6. 33.

^a Job 11. 17.

^b Lu. 6. 35.

^c Ex. 17. 6.

^d Nu. 20. 11.

^e Ep. 5. 15.

^f Col. 4. 5.

^g judgment.

^h Pr. 10. 7.

ⁱ Is. 48. 11.

^j Eze. 36. 32.

^k Pr. 1. 33.

^l Pr. 3. 33.

^m Joel 2. 17.

ⁿ Ps. 135. 6.

^o 1 Ch. 16. 26.

^p Da. 4. 35.

^q 2 Co. 9. 9.

^r De. 4. 28.

^s Je. 10. 3, &c.

^t De. 24. 13.

^u Lu. 13. 28.

^v Pr. 10. 28.

^w 11. 7.

^x Hallelujah.

^y Is. 44. 9, 11.

^z Jon. 2. 8.

^a Hab. 2. 18, 19.

^b Da. 2. 20.

^c exalteth himself to dwell.

^d with.

^e Is. 57. 15.

^f 66. 1, 2.

^g Ps. 107. 41.

^h 1 Sa. 2. 8.

9 He ^b maketh the barren woman to ^c keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXIV.

WHEN ^d Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob ^e from a people of strange language;

2 Judah ^f was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

3 The ^g sea saw it, and fled: ^h Jordan was driven back.

4 The ⁱ mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.

5 What ^j ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

8 Which ^k turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM CXV.

NOT ^l unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore should the heathen say, ^m Where is now thy God?

3 But ⁿ our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

4 Their ^o idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

8 They ^p that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.

9 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

13 He will bless them that fear the LORD both small ^q and great.

14 The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

15 Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

9. redemption, from Egyptian bondage, Ex. xv. 13, &c. commanded, or ordained. reverend, to be feared. 10. the beginning, 'the sum.' a good understanding, they are truly wise.

PSALM CXII.—2. shall be mighty, Henry thinks this may refer to the future prosperity of the sons of the godly in this world. Gill thinks it has a reference to spiritual prosperity, 'strong in the Lord.' 3. Wealth, &c. A. Clarke says, 'a godly man must save both time and money.' Gill confines the meaning to spiritual riches. 4. light, &c. joy for sorrow.—Bp. Mant. he is gracious, &c. 'to the kind, compassionate, and righteous.'—Boothr. 5. lendeth, without usury, hoping for nothing again. 6. not be moved, from his happy condition, Psalm xv. 5. 7. of evil tidings, from the world or his connexions: 'of an evil report'; so Montanus, &c. 8. until he see, &c. 'while he seeth the fall of his adversaries.'—Boothr. 9. dispersed, given liberally.

PSALM CXIII.—3. is to be praised, &c. i. e. let all people praise. 7. dunghill, denotes a mean con-

dition. God gives comfort and hope to the dejected, who depend on him; and he sometimes literally exercises this sovereignty, as in the cases of David and Saul. 9. He maketh the barren, may refer to Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Hannah, Samson's mother, and may apply to the gospel church among the Gentiles: see Isa. liv. 1; Gal. iv. 27.

PSALM CXIV.—1. a people of strange language, 'a foreign people.' 2. Judah was his sanctuary, i. e. he was pleased to dwell with Judah; 'Judah became his hallowed people.' 3. saw it, saw him.—Boothr. The Red sea is here personified: see Ex. xiv. 21. Jordan, &c. see Jos. iii. 6. Ye mountains, &c. Sinai, Horeb, and others, where he gave his law: Ex. xix. 18; Hab. iii. 6. 8. flint, 'granite,' for such is Horeb.

PSALM CXV.—1. give glory, &c. for some great deliverance. 9. O Israel, 'house of Israel.'—Fulg. 13. small, &c. i. e. persons of all conditions. 14. increase you, 'heap his blessings upon you.'—Green. Deut. i. 11. 15. Ye are blessed, 'Blessed be ye.'

16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The ^b dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.

18 But ^d we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

PSALM CXVI.

I LOVE ^e the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him [†] as long as I live.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell [†] gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious is the LORD, and ^m righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

7 Return unto thy ^o rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8 For [†] thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

10 I [†] believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

11 I said in my haste, "All men are liars."

12 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?

13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

14 I [†] will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious ^a in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

16 O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to thee ^e the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

19 In the ⁱ courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXVII.

O ^m PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and ⁿ the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

^a Ps. 106. 1.

^b Ps. 107. 1.

^c Ps. 136. 1.

^d Ch. 16. 8, 34.

^e Ps. 6. 5.

^f Is. 38. 18.

^g Ps. 115. 9, &c.

^h Da. 2. 20.

ⁱ Re. 5. 13.

^j Ps. 18. 1-6.

^k Mar. 12. 33.

^l Jno. 21. 17.

^m Jno. 4. 19.

ⁿ 5-23.

^o Ps. 120. 1.

^p out of.

^q Ps. 18. 19.

^r in my days

^s Is. 51. 12.

^t He. 13. 6.

^u for me.

^v found me.

^w Ps. 54. 4.

^x Ps. 59. 10.

^y Je. 17. 5, 7.

^z Eze. 9. 15.

^{aa} Ne. 9. 8.

^{ab} Ro. 3. 25, 26.

^{ac} Ps. 146. 3.

^{ad} cut them off

^{ae} Je. 6. 16.

^{af} Mat. 11. 29.

^{ag} Ps. 88. 17.

^{ah} Ps. 56. 13.

^{ai} De. 1. 44.

^{aj} Ec. 7. 6.

^{ak} Na. 1. 10.

^{al} cut them down.

^{am} 2 Co. 4. 13.

^{an} Ro. 3. 4.

^{ao} Ex. 15. 2.

^{ap} Is. 12. 2.

^{aq} Jon. 2. 9.

^{ar} Ex. 15. 6.

^{as} Ps. 72. 14.

^{at} Hab. 1. 12.

^{au} Ps. 73. 28.

^{av} 2 Co. 6. 9.

^{aw} Le. 7. 12.

^{ax} Is. 26. 2.

^{ay} Ps. 24. 7.

^{az} Is. 35. 8.

^{ba} Re. 21. 27.

^{bb} 22. 14, 15.

^{bc} Ps. 96. 8.

^{bd} 135. 2.

^{be} Ps. 116. 1.

^{bf} Mat. 21. 42.

^{bg} Ac. 4. 11.

^{bh} Ep. 2. 20.

^{bi} 1 Pe. 2. 4, 7.

^{bj} Ro. 15. 11.

^{bk} from the LORD.

^{bl} Ps. 100. 5.

PSALM CXVIII.

O ^a GIVE thanks unto the LORD: for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let ^e Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

5 I ^f called upon the LORD ^a in distress: the LORD answered me, and ^g set me in a large place.

6 The ^h LORD is [†] on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

7 The ⁱ LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall ^k I see my desire upon them that hate me.

8 It [†] is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

9 It [†] is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I [†] destroy them.

11 They ^p compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

12 They compassed me about [†] like bees; they are quenched [†] as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will [†] destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

14 The [†] LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

16 The [†] right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

17 I [†] shall not die, but live, and ^e declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD ^d hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open ^f to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:

20 This ^g gate of the LORD, ^h into which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise thee: for thou hast [†] heard me, and art become my salvation.

22 The ⁱ stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

23 This is [†] the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O

Boothr. 16. the heavens, are, for his own peculiar residence. the earth hath he given, i.e. for a dwelling place. 17. The dead praise not, neither the dead bodily nor spiritually.

PSALM CXVII.—3. sorrows, 'cords,' 'snares,' implying a dangerous state: see Psalm xviii. 4. note. pains of hell, horrors of conscience, or symptoms of death; 'the cords of Hades had enclosed me.'—Boothr. 6. simple, sincere and guileless. 7. thy rest, or, usual tranquillity, arising from confidence in God. 9. walk, 'set myself to walk,' implies decision: so A. Clarke. 10. believed, trusted in God. therefore, &c. though I said.—Boothr. 11. haste, 'agitation,' i.e. without thought and deliberation. all men, no confidence can be put in any man. This was said in haste, for it was nevertheless not correct with regard to every individual. 13. the cup of salvation, so he calls the cup used in offering eucharistic sacrifices; commemorating salvation. 15. Precious, &c.

'Too precious in the eyes of Jehovah

Are his saints to give them up to death.'—Boothr. 16. son of thine handmaid, thy property, as one born in thine house. loosed, &c. delivered me from afflictions, Psalm lxxvi. 16.

PSALM CXVII.—1. all ye people, every race of mankind. 2. great, powerful, prevailing, as used Gen. vii. 18. truth, faithfulness.

PSALM CXVIII.—5. in a large place, 'at liberty.'—Green. Psalm xxxi. 8. 10. all, i.e. many. 12. as the fire of thorns, i.e. rapidly. 13. Thou hast thrust, 'They pushed,' i.e. the nations, that being the antecedent: so the Arabic. 17. not die, i.e. by the hands of enemies. 19. of righteousness, 'of the sanctuary.'—Weiss. 22. stone, primarily David, rejected and raised; prophetically Christ: see Matt. xxi. 42; Mark xii. 10, &c. 24. This, &c. perhaps the day when David was raised to the throne, prophetically the day when Christ was raised from the

LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

26 Blessed ^a be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD, which hath shewed us ^c light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: ^c thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXIX.

ALEPH.

BLESSED are the ^f undefiled in the way, ^f who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

3 They ^m also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

6 Then ⁿ shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned ^y thy righteous judgments.

8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

BETH.

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I ⁿ sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thy ^w word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O LORD: ^t teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I ^d declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

15 I will ^a meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

GIMEL.

17 Deal ^b bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

18 ^f Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

19 I ^d am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

20 My ^s soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud that

^a Zec. 4. 7.

Mat. 21. 9.

23. 39.

^b Ps. 39. 8.

Es. 8. 16.

1 Pe. 2. 9.

^d Ja. 1. 25.

^e Ex. 15. 2.

Is. 25. 1.

^f men of my counsel.

^f Ps. 44. 25.

^g Ps. 143. 11.

^h Ps. 25. 4.

27. 11.

86. 11.

ⁱ or, perfect, or, sincere.

ⁱ Ps. 128. 1.

^k Ps. 145. 5, 6.

^l Ps. 107. 26.

^m droppeth.

ⁿ 1 Jno. 3. 9.

5. 18.

ⁿ Job 22. 26.

1 Jno. 2. 28.

^o 1 Ki. 4. 29.

Is. 60. 5.

2 Co. 6. 11.

^p Judgments of thy righteousness.

^p Mat. 10. 22.

Re. 2. 26.

^q Pr. 2. 6.

Ja. 1. 5.

^r 2 Ch. 15. 15.

^s Eze. 33. 31.

Mar. 7. 21, 22.

Lu. 12. 15.

1 Ti. 6. 10.

He. 13. 5.

^t Make to pass.

^t Is. 53. 15.

^u Pr. 23. 5.

^v Lu. 2. 19, 51.

^x Ps. 25. 4.

^y 2 Sa. 7. 25.

^z Ps. 34. 11.

^a Ps. 1. 2.

^b Ps. 106. 4.

^c or, answer him that reproacheth me in a thing.

^c Ps. 116. 7.

^d Reveal.

^d Ps. 39. 12.

Ge. 47. 9.

1 Ch. 29. 15.

2 Co. 5. 6.

He. 11. 13.

^e Ps. 42. 1, 2.

63. 1.

84. 2.

^f at large.

are cursed, which do err from thy commandments.

22 Remove ^b from me reproach and contempt: for I have kept thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit and speak against me: ^b but thy servant did ^d meditate in thy statutes.

24 Thy testimonies also are my delight and ^m my counsellors.

DALETH.

25 My ^f soul cleaveth unto the dust: ^g quicken thou me according to thy word.

26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: ^h teach me thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so ^k shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

28 My ^l soul ⁱ melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid ^{before} me.

31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt ^o enlarge my heart.

HE.

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it ^{unto} the end.

34 Give ^p me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to ^q covetousness.

37 ^r Turn ^s away mine eyes from ^u beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

38 Stablish ^v thy word unto thy servant, who is ^{devoted} to thy fear.

39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

VAU.

41 Let ^b thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

42 So shall I ^o have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

45 And I will walk ⁱ at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

dead. 27. light, 'favour.' bind, &c. the sacrifice was not bound to the altar; but it was bound, and led there; which is here intended: so Gill.

PSALM CXIX. — 1. in the way, of duty. law, Divine revelation. walk in the law, i.e. in the course it prescribes. 2. testimonies, truth, or covenant. 3. do no iniquity, i.e. habitually. 4. precepts, charges. 5. statutes, ordinances, or appointments. 6. commandments, or orders. 7. judgments, directions. 9. cleanse, alludes to moral washings: the life best cleansed by regarding God's word. 11. hid, treasured up. 13. judgments of thy mouth, or edicts. 14. as much, &c. 'much more than.'—Syriac. all, i.e. abundance. 15. thy ways, approved by thee. 16. delight, properly, leap for joy. 17. bountifully, 'kindly.' 18. wondrous things, &c. 'the wonders of thy law.' — 20.

breaketh, 'is worn down with longing.'—Boothroyd. 23. sit, in council. 25. My soul, &c. implies great distress and prospect of death. quicken, revive and restore. 26. declared, investigated. heardest, i.e. acceptest. 27. understand the way of thy precepts, i.e. how to practise them. 28. melteth, languisheth through grief. 29. way of lying, false doctrine and worship, and perhaps his own equivocations. grant, 'teach.' 30. laid before me, kept constantly in view. 31. stuck, cleaved to. 32. enlarge, dilate it with happiness, Psalm iv. 1. 33. the end, i.e. as long as I live. 37. eyes, here put for senses. behold, with approbation. 38. word, of promise. devoted, &c. reverences thee. 39. reproach, probably by reason of sin. 42. that reproacheth, saying, there is no help in God. 43. take not, suffer me to utter only the truth. hoped, carefully waited to know the Divine will. 45. at liberty, free from

46 I ^a will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

ZAIN.

49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

50 This is my ^a comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

51 The proud have had me greatly ^a in derision: yet have I not ^b declined from thy law.

52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.

53 Horror ^a hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

55 I ^a have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law.

56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

CHETH.

57 Thou art ^a my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.

58 I intreated thy ^a favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

59 I ^a thought on my ways, and ^a turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

61 The ^a bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

62 At ^a midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

64 The ^a earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

TETH.

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

67 Before ^a I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

68 Thou art ^a good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have ^a forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

70 Their ^a heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law.

71 It ^a is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

72 The ^a law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

^a Ps. 138. 1.

Mat. 10. 19.

Ac. 26. 1. 2.

^b Ps. 100. 3.

138. 8.

139. 14.

Job 10. 8.

^c Ps. 34. 2.

^{*} righteousness.

^d He. 12. 10.

^e Ro. 15. 4.

^f to comfort me.

^g Je. 20. 7.

^h Ps. 44. 18.

Job 23. 11.

ⁱ Ps. 25. 3.

^j Ezr. 9. 3.

^k Ps. 63. 6.

Mar. 1. 35.

^l Ps. 73. 26.

84. 2.

^m Ps. 16. 5.

Je. 10. 16.

La. 3. 24.

ⁿ Ps. 69. 3.

^o face.

Job 11. 19.

^p Job 30. 30.

^q Ps. 39. 4.

^r Lu. 15. 17, 18.

^s 2 Co. 12. 21.

^t Re. 6. 10.

^u Ps. 35. 7.

Pr. 16. 27.

^v or, companies.

^{||} faithfulness.

^w Ps. 35. 19.

38. 19.

^x Lu. 6. 12.

Ac. 16. 25.

^y Ps. 33. 5.

^z Ps. 89. 2.

Mat. 24. 34.

35.

¹ Pe. 1. 25.

^{*} to generation and generation

Ps. 89. 1.

[†] standeth.

^a Je. 33. 25.

^b Je. 31. 18, 19.

He. 12. 11.

^c Ps. 106. 1.

107. 1.

Mat. 19. 17.

^d Ps. 109. 2.

Job 13. 4.

^e Ps. 17. 10.

Is. 6. 10.

Ac. 28. 27.

^f He. 12. 10, 11.

^g Ps. 19. 10.

Pr. 8. 10, 11.

19.

^h Mat. 5. 18.

JOD.

73 Thy ^b hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74 They ^c that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are ^a right, and ^d that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be ^a for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

78 Let the proud be ^a ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.

79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.

80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

CAPH.

81 My ^a soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

82 Mine ^a eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

83 For ^a I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes.

84 How ^a many are the days of thy servant? ^a when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

85 The ^a proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments are ^a faithful: they persecute me ^a wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.

88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

LAMED.

89 For ^a ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

90 Thy faithfulness is ^a unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it ^a abideth.

91 They continue this day according to ^a thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

92 Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I ^a have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

feared. 48. *will I lift up*, &c. 'I will embrace thy commandments.' 49. *word*, promise. 50. *quickened*, 'reviveth.'—Boothr. 51. *proud*, presumptuous sinners. 52. *judgments of old*, ancient dispensations, as some; ancient revelations, as others. 53. *Horror*, trembling, sorrow, and distress, pelting like a storm. 56. *This*, i.e. this comfort. 57. *said*, i.e. determined. 58. *merciful*, 'gracious.' 59. *thought*, pondered. 61. *The bands*, &c. 'The snares of the wicked enclose me.'—Boothr. 62. *righteous judgments*, on the wicked. 64. *mercy*, 'kindness.' 65. *hast dealt well*, 'doest good.' *word*, promise. 66. *good judgment*, 'discretion.' *believed*, confided in their excellency. 69. *forged*, invented a falsehood. 70. *fat*, &c. stupid and carnal; human fat is insensible: 'void of all feeling.'—Boothr. 73. *Thy hands*, &c. since he had a comely body, and a reasonable soul he also desired spiritual under-

standing. 74. *see me*, delivered out of my troubles. 75. *judgments*, dispensations of providence. *in faithfulness*, in strict adherence to his promises. 76. *Let*, &c. 'Let now thy mercy be my consolation.'—Boothr. 79. *turn unto*, unite themselves with. 82. *Mine eyes fail*, like those wearied with looking out. 83. *like a bottle*, &c. he was wasted with sorrow, resembling the withered leathern bottle hung up in the smoky tent to dry. 84. *the days*, i.e. here, days of affliction. 85. *digged pits*, aimed at his ruin. *which are not*, 'who sit not according to thy law.' 88. *quicken*, &c. 'according to thy mercy revive thou me.' 89. *settled in heaven*, 'established in the heavens,' i.e. in the order and course of the heavenly bodies.—Boothr. 91. *They*, i.e. the heavens and the earth. 96. *I have seen*, &c. that the most perfect things have an approaching end. *thy commandment*, meaning all God's

Sundry prayers, praises,

MEM.

97 O how love I thy law! ^b it is my meditation all the day.

98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me ^c wiser than mine enemies: for ^e they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: ^f for thy testimonies are my meditation.

100 I ^g understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

101 I have ^h refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

103 How ⁱ sweet are thy words unto my [†] taste! *yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

NUN.

105 Thy ^j word is a [†] lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

106 I ^m have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, ^p the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

109 My ^q soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

110 The ^r wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

111 Thy ^s testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined mine heart ^t to perform thy statutes always, *even unto the end.*

SAMECH.

113 I hate *vain* thoughts: but thy law do I love.

114 Thou ^u art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

115 Depart ^v from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not ^w be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

119 Thou ^x puttest away all the wicked of the earth ^y like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

120 My ^z flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

AIN.

121 I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

PSALMS.

^a He. 7. 22.
^b Ps. 1. 2.
^c De. 4. 6, 8.
^d Col. 3. 16.
^e *it is ever.*
^f Ps. 116. 16.
^g 2 Ti. 3. 15.
^h Job 32. 7-9.
ⁱ Pr. 1. 15.
^j Ps. 19. 10.
^k Pr. 8. 11.
^l Pr. 19. 10.
^m Pr. 8. 11.
ⁿ [†] palate.
^o Ps. 19. 7.
^p Pr. 1. 4.
^q Pr. 6. 23.
^r [†] or, candle.
^s Ne. 10. 29.
^t Ps. 106. 4.
^u [†] according to the custom towards those, &c.
^v 2 Th. 1. 6-7.
^w Ho. 14. 2.
^x He. 13. 15.
^y Ps. 17. 5.
^z Ps. 19. 13.
^a Ro. 6. 12.
^b Job 13. 14.
^c Lu. 1. 74.
^d Ps. 140. 5.
^e 141. 9.
^f Ps. 4. 6.
^g De. 33. 4.
^h Ze. 9. 1.
ⁱ 14. 17.
^j Eze. 9. 4.
^k [†] to do.
^l Je. 12. 1.
^m Da. 9. 7.
ⁿ Ps. 19. 7-9.
^o [†] righteousness.
^p [†] faithful-ness.
^q Ps. 32. 7.
^r 91. 1.
^s Ps. 69. 9.
^t Jno. 2. 17.
^u [†] cut me off.
^v Ps. 6. 8.
^w 139. 19.
^x Mat. 7. 23.
^y Pr. 30. 5.
^z [†] tried, or, refined.
^a Ps. 25. 2.
^b Ro. 5. 5.
^c 9. 33.
^d 10. 11.
^e Jno. 17. 17.
^f [†] found me.
^g [†] caused to cease.
^h Eze. 22. 18.
ⁱ Hab. 3. 16.
^j [†] or, that I may keep.

and professions of obedience.

122 Be ^a surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

125 I ^a am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

126 *It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.*

127 Therefore ^b I love thy commandments above gold; *yea, above fine gold.*

128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

PE.

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; ^c it giveth understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

132 Look ^d thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, ^e as ^f thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

133 Order ^g my steps in thy word: and ^h let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Deliver ⁱ me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

135 Make ^j thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

136 Rivers ^k of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

TZADDI.

137 Righteous ^l art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments.

138 Thy ^m testimonies that thou hast commanded are ⁿ righteous and very ^o faithful.

139 My ^p zeal hath ^q consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 Thy ^r word is very ^s pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

141 I ^t am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is ^u the truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have ^v taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

KOPH.

145 I cried with ^w my whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.

146 I cried unto thee; save me, ^x and I shall keep thy testimonies.

revealed will. broad, infinite. 98. they, thy commandments. are ever with me, he always consulted them. 100. the ancients, those renowned wise persons who had preceded him. 103. to my taste, a figurative expression of mental enjoyment. 106. a light, &c. may allude to torches used in travelling in the east. 106. sworn, solemnly engaged, vowed. 108. freewill offerings, offerings of prayer and praise, Psalm 1. 14; Heb. 'the voluntaries of my mouth.' 109. soul—in my hand, expresses great danger: see Judg. xii. 3; 1 Sam. xix. 5; xxvii. 21; Job xiii. 14. 110. a snare, to draw him into sin. erred not, not wilfully and wickedly. 111. as an heritage, as my best portion. 112. I have inclined, &c.

'I apply my heart to practise thy precepts. For me remains an everlasting reward.'—Boothr. 113. vain thoughts, may here denote evil-minded

men. 116. Uphold, i. e. hold me up. 118. their deceit is falsehood, 'vain is all their subtilty.'—Boothr. 119. like dross, being vile and worthless. 120. thy judgments, on the wicked: fear as well as love, says Bp. Horne, must restrain us from transgression. 122. Be surety, Take my cause upon thee. 126. to work, 'to execute judgment.' 130. The entrance, 'the opening:' so Ainsworth, and others: i. e. the exposition of God's word enlightens the mind. the simple, the most unlearned.—Wells. 131. I opened, &c. expresses vehement desire, like one thirsting. 133. Order, establish, 'direct.'—Boothr. 134. so will I keep, &c. being free from snares and temptations. 139. My zeal, or indignant grief. 140. very pure, purified like gold.—Bp. Horne. 'purification' itself, a thing that purifies.—Dr. A. Clarke. 141. small, accounted mean. 145. I cried, 'I call.'

147 I ^a prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.
148 Mine ^b eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.
149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.

150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.

151 Thou art ^c near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth.

152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them ^e for ever.

RESH.

153 Consider ^f mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

154 Plead ^h my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

155 Salvation ⁱ is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

156 ^g Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.

157 Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not ^j decline from thy testimonies.

158 I beheld the transgressors, and ^k was grieved; because they kept not thy word.

159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

160 ^l Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

SCHIN.

161 Princes ^m have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

163 I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.

165 Great ⁿ peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

166 LORD, ^o I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

TAU.

160 Let my cry come near before thee,

^a Ps. 5. 3.

^b Ps. 63. 1, 6.

^c Ps. 145. 18.

^d Jos. 24. 22.

^e Lu. 10. 42.

^f Lu. 21. 33.

^g La. 5. 1.

^h Is. 53. 6.

ⁱ Lu. 15. 4, &c.

^j Pe. 2. 25.

^k Mi. 7. 9.

^l Job 5. 4.

^m Jon. 2. 2.

ⁿ or, Many.

^o or, the deceitful

^p tongue

^q unto thee?

^r or, it profit thee?

^s Ps. 44. 18.

^t added.

^u Eze. 9. 4.

^v or, It is as

^w the sharp

^x arrows of

^y the mighty

^z man.

^a Ge. 10. 2.

^b Eze. 27. 13.

^c Ge. 25. 13.

^d 1 Sa. 25. 1.

^e Je. 49. 23, 29.

^f The begin-

^g ning of thy

^h word is

ⁱ true.

^j or, a man

^k of peace.

^l 1 Sa. 24. 11.

^m 14.

ⁿ 26. 18.

^o or, Shall I

^p lift up

^q mine eyes

^r to the hills?

^s whence

^t should my

^u help come?

^v Je. 3. 23.

^w 1 Sa. 2. 9.

^x Is. 27. 3.

^y Is. 32. 17.

^z they shall

^a have no

^b stumbling-

^c block.

^d Ge. 49. 18.

^e Is. 25. 4.

^f Re. 7. 16.

O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

173 Let thine hand help me; for ^g I have chosen thy precepts.

174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

176 ^h I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

PSALM CXX. A Song of degrees.

IN ⁱ my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

3 What shall ^j be given unto thee? or what shall be ^k done unto thee, thou false tongue?

4 ^l Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.

5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in ^m Mesech, ⁿ that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!

6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

7 I am ^o for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

PSALM CXXI. A Song of degrees.

I ^p WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

3 He ^q will not suffer thy foot to be moved: ^r he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is ^s thy shade upon thy right hand.

6 The ^t sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM CXX.—This and the fourteen following are called *Psalms of degrees*, 'steps or ascents'; and are supposed to have been sung by the Levites on each of the fifteen steps before entering the great gate of the temple. *Bp. Lowth* observes, they might have been sung by the people when returning from the Babylonish captivity to Jerusalem. 4. *Sharp*, &c.

'They are like the sharp arrows of the mighty, Or the glowing embers of the broom.'

i. e. the false lips and lying tongue.—*Boothr.* 5. *Mesech*, see Gen. x. 2, from whom came the Moschi, that peopled Russia. *Kedar*, from whom descended part of the Arabs, Gen. xxv. 13; both fierce tribes, used here figuratively to characterise David's enemies, who were like them.

PSALM CXXI.—1. *the hills*, of mount Zion. *help*, God dwelling there. 5. *shade*, as a rock in the desert, or the pillar of cloud: Is. lv. 5, 6; xxv. 4, 5. *upon thy right*, may signify, always near. 6. *sun*—*not smite*, alludes to the sun-stroke, from the powerful beams of the east, generally more or less fatal, and mostly producing sudden death. *moon*, this has a pernicious effect on those who sleep in its beams.—*J. Roberts*; it impairs or destroys the sight.—*Carnic.*

147. I prevented, &c. 'I rise before the day dawn.'
148. prevent the night watches, i. e. before they depart, mine eyes are open.—*Boothr.* These watches commenced at six in the evening, and were divided into three four hours. 149. thy judgment, i. e. thy word.—*Bp. Horne*, 'as thou art wont to do.'—*Boothroyd*.
150. draw nigh, to ensnare and assault. 151. Thou art near, to help. 152. I have known of old, 'long have I known.' thou hast founded, &c. they are unalterable and everlasting as the attributes of their great Author.—*Bp. Horne*. 154. Plead, &c. 'Be my advocate in my suit.'—*A. Clarke*. 156. Great, 'Many.' 158. transgressors, the treacherous, grieved, disgusted. 160. from the beginning, from the very first promise ever made. 162. findeth great spoil, i. e. after a victory. 163. lying, 'falsehood.' 164. Seven, i. e. often. 165. offend them, cause them to stumble at the good ways of God. 166. hoped, 'waited.' 168. before thee, known to thee. 171. utter, 'freely utter,' like water bubbling up. 172. speak of, 'resound,' sing, or pour forth, or celebrate. 175. Let my soul live, i. e. continue my life, and give me a lively frame. thy judgments, i. e. thy righteous dispensations. 176. seek, &c. as a shepherd the strayed sheep.

PSALM CXXII.

A Song of degrees of David.

I WAS glad when they said unto me,
 "Let us go into the house of the LORD."
 2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates,
 O Jerusalem.
 3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is
 compact together;
 4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of
 the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel,
 to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.
 5 For there are set thrones of judgment,
 the thrones of the house of David.
 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they
 shall prosper that love thee.
 7 Peace be within thy walls, and prosper-
 ity within thy palaces.
 8 For my brethren and companions'
 sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.
 9 Because of the house of the LORD our
 God I will seek thy good.

PSALM CXXIII. A Song of degrees.

UNTO thee I lift up mine eyes, O thou
 that dwellest in the heavens.
 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look
 unto the hand of their masters, and as
 the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her
 mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD
 our God, until that he have mercy upon us.
 3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have
 mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly
 filled with contempt.
 4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the
 scorning of those that are at ease, and
 with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM CXXIV.

A Song of degrees of David.

IF it had not been the LORD who was
 on our side, now may Israel say;
 2 If it had not been the LORD who was
 on our side, when men rose up against us:
 3 Then they had swallowed us up quick,
 when their wrath was kindled against us:
 4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us,
 the stream had gone over our soul:
 5 Then the proud waters had gone over
 our soul.
 6 Blessed be the LORD, who hath not
 given us as a prey to their teeth.
 7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of
 the snare of the fowlers: the snare is
 broken, and we are escaped.
 8 Our help is in the name of the LORD,
 who made heaven and earth.

T PSALM CXXV. A Song of degrees.
 THEY that trust in the LORD shall be

PSALM CXXII.—1. testimony, ark.—Merrick; con-
 gregations.—Horsley. 5. thrones, seats of justice.

PSALM CXXIII.—2. look unto the hand, from
 which favours are dispensed. The allusion may be
 to the eastern slave, who waits his sentence, given in
 a sign by the hand of the master, to whom he turns
 his imploring eyes.—Harmer. 3. exceedingly
 filled, the figure is taken from an overcharged stom-
 ach. 4. at ease, insolent in prosperity.

PSALM CXXIV.—3. quick, alive. 5. proud
 waters, may symbolize multitudes: Is. lix. 19.

PSALM CXXV.—2. As the mountains, Jerusalem,
 surrounded by mountains, was deemed impregnable.
 3. rod, sceptre or power, this shall not always rule
 over and oppress the righteous. lest, &c. lest they
 should apostatize to idols. 5. crooked ways, sinful
 courses. Prov. ii. 15. lead them forth, to execution.

PSALM CXXVI.—1. turned again, 'reversed.'
 captivity, in Babylon. like them that dream, not
 knowing whether it was real or fictitious. 2. said
 they, i. e. the heathen nations. 3. The Lord, &c.
 the Jews echoed the saying. 4. Turn, &c. com-

a Is. 2. 3.
 Zec. 8. 21.
 b Pr. 22. 8.
 Is. 14. 5.
 * wickedness
 c 2 Sa. 5. 9.
 d Ex. 23. 17.
 De. 16. 16.
 e Ex. 16. 34.
 f De. 17. 8.
 2 Ch. 19. 8.

† do sit.
 g Pr. 2. 15.
 h Ps. 128. 6.
 Ga. 6. 16.
 ‡ returned
 the return-
 ing of Zion
 Ho. 6. 11.
 Joel 3. 1.

i Ac. 12. 9.
 k Ne. 2. 10.
 l Job 8. 21.
 m Ps. 121. 1.
 141. 8.
 n Ps. 11. 4.
 115. 3.

§ magnified
 to do with
 them.

o Je. 31. 9, &c.

|| or, singing.
 * or, seed
 basket.

† or, of.
 Ps. 72, title.

‡ that are
 builders of
 it in it.

p Ps. 129. 1.
 r Ps. 56. 1, 2.
 57. 3.

Pr. 1. 12.
 Ge. 3. 17, 19.

t Ge. 33. 5.
 48. 4.

Jos. 24. 3, 4.
 De. 28. 4.

u filled his
 quiver with
 them.

v Ps. 91. 3.
 Pr. 6. 5.

Job 5. 4.
 Pr. 27. 11.

|| or, subdued,
 Ps. 18. 47.
 or, destroy.

y Ps. 121. 2.
 Ps. 134. 3.

Ge. 1. 1.
 Lu. 1. 50.

b Is. 3. 10.

as mount Zion, which cannot be removed,
 but abideth for ever.

2 As the mountains are round about
 Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about
 his people from henceforth even for ever.

3 For the rod of the wicked shall not
 rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest
 the righteous put forth their hands unto
 iniquity.

4 Do good, O LORD, unto those that
 be good, and to them that are upright in
 their hearts.

5 As for such as turn aside unto their
 crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them
 forth with the workers of iniquity: but
 peace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM CXXVI. A Song of degrees.

WHEN the LORD turned again the
 captivity of Zion, we were like them that
 dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with
 laughter, and our tongue with singing:
 then said they among the heathen, The
 LORD hath done great things for them.

3 The LORD hath done great things for
 us; whereof we are glad.

4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as
 the streams in the south.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in
 joy.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth,
 bearing precious seed, shall doubtless
 come again with rejoicing, bringing his
 sheaves with him.

PSALM CXXVII.

A Song of degrees for Solomon.

EXCEPT the LORD build the house,
 they labour in vain: that build it: except
 the LORD keep the city, the watchman
 waketh but in vain.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early,
 to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows:
 for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 Lo, children are an heritage of the
 LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his
 reward.

4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty
 man; so are children of the youth.

5 Happy is the man that hath his
 quiver full of them: they shall not be
 ashamed, but they shall speak with the
 enemies in the gate.

PSALM CXXVIII. A Song of degrees.

BLESSED is every one that feareth
 the LORD: that walketh in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine

plete our restoration. as the streams in the south, or
 desert,—as thou art wont to restore by the rains in
 autumn those torrents which have been dried up by
 the heat of summer. 5. sow in tears, proverb for
 an undertaking of difficulty. In Palestine, the
 farmer sometimes sows with an armed man attending
 him, lest he should be robbed of his seed.

PSALM CXXVII.—1. Except, &c. 'If Jehovah
 build not up a house, or family.' 2. vain, i. e.
 without God's blessing. bread, &c. gotten with
 sorrow and labour. for so he giveth, &c. 'for to his
 beloved he giveth sleep,' i. e. peace and repose to
 those whom he loves. 3. children are an heritage,
 i. e. good ones: so Targum. 4. As arrows, to help
 the warrior against enemies. children of the youth,
 i. e. born of young parents. 5. his quiver full, the
 quiver was very capacious, and well supplied with
 arrows. not be ashamed, the Persians and Romans
 preferred in honour those who had families. speak
 with the enemies, plead their parents' cause in the
 courts of judicature.

PSALM CXXVIII.—2. eat the labour, enjoy and

hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

3 Thy wife shall be ^a as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

PSALM CXXIX. A Song of degrees.

MANY a time have they afflicted me from ⁵ my youth, may Israel now say:

2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

3 The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

4 The LORD is righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

6 Let them be as ^m the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:

7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

8 Neither do they which go by say, ^o The blessing of the LORD be upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

PSALM CXXX. A Song of degrees.

OUT ^e of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.

2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

3 If ^t thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But there is ^u forgiveness with thee, that ^v thou mayest be feared.

5 I ^w wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: ^z I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for ^a with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And ^d he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

be satisfied with the fruits of thy industry, well with thee, thou shalt prosper. 3. by the sides of thine house, a common thing in the east.—*Roberts*, *Roberts*, though denied by the editor of the *Pictorial Bible*. Hence we can only infer that it is not universal: the latter thinks the figures are simply taken from the fertility of the vine, and the order of the olive. like olive, &c. ranged in beautiful order, as olive plants are planted around the banqueting places in eastern gardens.

PSALM CXXIX.—1. they, the enemies. youth, earliest period of the nation. 3. plowers, denote powerful oppressors. 4. the cords, that bound on their yoke. 5. Let, &c. a prediction. 6. grass upon the housetops, sometimes seen on the flat roofs of Judea, withering in the sun. 7. bosom, lap of the hyke, or outer garment, Neh. v. 13. 8. The blessing of, &c. usual harvest language. Ruth ii. 1.

PSALM CXXX.—1. depths, great affliction, Psalm lxxix. 2. 15. 3. mark, 'mark down,' stand, in judgment. 4. that thou mayest be feared, God pardons through his Son, in order to secure and preserve his fear among men, or they would despair like devils. 6. they that watch, &c. priests, for the time of the morning oblation; or city watchmen, to be relieved; or sick persons, for light and refreshment; or benighted

a Eze. 19. 10.
b Ro. 12. 16.
c walk.

† wonderful.
Ps. 139. 6.
Job 42. 3.

† my soul.
Ps. 134. 3.
d Mat. 18. 3.

1 Co. 14. 20.
e Ps. 130. 7.
f from now.

g Ge. 50. 23.
Job 42. 16.
h or, much.

i Eze. 23. 3.
Ho. 2. 15.
11. 1.

k Ge. 49. 24.
l Pr. 6. 4.
m Ac. 7. 46.

n habitations
1 Sa. 7. 1.
o Ps. 37. 2.

p Job 29. 11.
Is. 61. 10.
q Ru. 2. 4.

r Ps. 110. 4.
2 Sa. 7. 12.
1 Ki. 8. 25.

s Ch. 6. 16.
Lu. 1. 69.
Ac. 2. 30.

t thy belly.
La. 3. 55.
Jon. 2. 2.

u Ps. 143. 2.
Ro. 3. 20, 23.
24.

v Ex. 34. 7.
Ps. 2. 11.
1 Ki. 8. 40.

w Je. 33. 8, 9.
Is. 8. 17.
26. 8.

x Ro. 8. 24, 25.
or, surely.

y or, which
watch unto
the morn-
ing.

z Ch. 6. 41.
Ho. 11. 12.
Is. 55. 7.

a Eze. 29. 21.
1 Ki. 11. 36.

b or, candle.
d Ps. 103. 3, 4.
Mat. 1. 21.

e Ro. 6. 14.
Tit. 2. 14.
1 Pe. 1. 18, 19.

PSALM CXXXI.

A Song of degrees of David.

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: ^b neither do I ^c exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, ^d as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.

3 Let ^e Israel hope in the LORD ^f from henceforth and for ever.

PSALM CXXXII. A Song of degrees.

LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions:

2 How he swore unto the LORD, and vowed unto ^h the mighty God of Jacob;

3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

4 I will ⁱ not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids,

5 Until I ^k find out a place for the LORD, ^l an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephrathah: ^m we found it in the fields of the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests ⁿ be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

10 For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; ^o Of the fruit of ^p thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.

14 This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16 I ^q will also clothe her priests with salvation: ^r and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

17 There ^s will I make the horn of David to bud: ^t I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

18 His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

travellers and mariners, for the break of day. The first is most likely the allusion: see Exod. xxx. 7.

PSALM CXXXI.—1. lofty, lifted up, denoting arrogance and pride. 2. behaved, or subdued and quieted myself.—*Bp. Horne*. a weaned child, devoid of ambition.

PSALM CXXXII.—1. afflictions, 'pious labours.'—*Booth*. See the following context. 3. go up, eastern beds are on an elevation, ascended by steps.

4. give sleep, i.e. sleep comfortably and quietly. 5. find out a place, build an house. 6. at Ephrathah, paraphrased by *Bp. Patrick* :—And now, behold, the Lord himself, to our great joy, hath told us the very place where he will fix his habitation, 1 Chron. xx. 18–26, in the territory of Bethlehem-ephrahah, Gen. xxxv. 19, in the fields of that forest where the angel stood, and directed David to build an altar to the Lord: 1 Chron. xxi. 18; xxii. 1.

7. his footstool, any place of worship on earth may be called his footstool, compared with heaven his throne, Isa. lxvi. 1: the ark is so called, 1 Chron. xxviii. 2.

8. Arise, comp. Num. x. 35; words used 2 Chron. vi. 41, 42. 10. turn not, &c. 'reject not the prayer of thine anointed.'—*Booth*. 11. sworn, see 2 Sam. vii. 5, 12, 16. fruit, &c. prophetic of Christ, Acts ii. 30. 17. horn, that is, power. bud, grow. a lamp,

PSALM CXXXIII.

A Song of degrees of David.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for ^a brethren to dwell ^{*} together in unity!

2 It is like ^e the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3 As the dew of ^{*} Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for [†] there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

PSALM CXXXIV. A Song of degrees.

BEHOLD, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, [†] which by night stand in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift ^m up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

3 The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

PSALM CXXXV.

PRAYSE ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise him, O ye servants of the LORD.

2 Ye ^{*} that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God,

3 Praise the LORD; for [†] the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

4 For [†] the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.

5 For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

7 He [†] causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; [†] he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his [†] treasures.

8 Who [†] smote the firstborn of Egypt, [†] both of man and beast.

9 Who [†] sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

10 Who [†] smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;

11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and [†] all the kingdoms of Canaan:

12 And gave their land for an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his people.

13 Thy ^m name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O LORD, ^{*} throughout all generations.

14 For [†] the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

15 The [†] idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

16 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;

17 They have ears, but they hear not;

neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.

19 Bless ^b the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron:

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD ^d out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXXXVI.

O ^s GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: [†] for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 O give thanks unto [†] the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

3 O give thanks to [†] the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 To him [†] who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

5 To [†] him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

6 To [†] him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

7 To him that [†] made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever:

8 The [†] sun [†] to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

10 To [†] him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever:

11 And [†] brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever:

12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.

13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever:

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever:

15 But [†] overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.

16 To [†] him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.

17 To [†] him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:

18 And [†] slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:

19 Sihon [†] king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever:

20 And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever:

21 And [†] gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever:

22 Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.

23 Who [†] remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever:

24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.

25 Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.

emblematical of posterity: 1 Kings xi. 32, 36: xv. 4.

PSALM CXXXIII.—2. *precious ointment*, holy oil, Ex. xxx. 23. *skirts*, 'collar'; Heb. 'the mouth,' the upper hoie, or border, which was bound about,

that it might not be rent, Ex. xxxix. 23. 3. *As the dew of Hermon*, there is an ellipis here, for Hermon was thirty miles from Zion. *Boothroyd* reads:—

'It is like the dew which descends on Hermon,

Or which descends on the mountains of Zion.'

So *Ep. Laath*; but *Clarke* observes, this is not mount Zion in Jerusalem, but 'Sion,' which is a part of Hermon, Deut. iv. 48. *Hermon*, a mountain

on one side of Jordan, toward the eastern extremity of Canaan. *dew*, is an inestimable blessing in hot countries, and falls profusely in some parts of the east.

PSALM CXXXIV.—1. *servants*, priests and Levites. *stand*, to watch in their courts: Deut. x. 8; Lev. viii. 35: 1 Chron. ix. 33. 2. *in*, 'towards.'

PSALM CXXXV.—7. *vapours*, 'clouds,' literally 'elevations'—*Booth*. 14. *judge*, plead for, or avenge—*Hammond*.

PSALM CXXXVI.—2. *God of gods*, supreme over all, Deut. x. 17. 4. *wonders*, miracles.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXXXVII.

BY the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, ^a we wept, when we remembered Zion.

2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us ^a a song; and they that ^a wasted us ^a required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

4 How shall we sing the LORD's song in a ^a strange land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget ^a her cunning.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above ^a my chief joy.

7 Remember, O LORD, ^a the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, ^a Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

8 O daughter of Babylon, ^a who art to be ^a destroyed; happy ^a shall he be, ^a that ^a rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

9 Happy ^a shall he be, that taketh and ^a dasheth thy little ones against ^a the stones.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

A Psalm of David.

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: ^a before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast ^a magnified thy word above all thy name.

3 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD.

6 Though ^a the LORD be high, yet ^a hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The ^a LORD will perfect that which

concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

PSALM CXXXIX.

O To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. LORD, ^a thou hast searched me, and known me.

2 Thou ^a knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou ^a understandest my thought afar off.

3 Thou ^a compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, ^a thou knowest it altogether.

5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

6 Such ^a knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

7 Whither ^a shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If ^a I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: ^a if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, ^a the darkness ^a hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: ^a the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance ^a was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all ^a my members were written, ^a which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

PSALM CXXXVII.—1. rivers, Euphrates Tigris, Chabor, and Ulai, near which some of the captives dwelt: see Ezek. i. 3; Dan. viii. 2. sat down, a mourning posture: Job ii. 13; Lam. ii. 10.—Louth, 2. harps, probably used by the Levites in worship. 3. required of us a song, probably in insult. wasted us, plundered us. 4. strange, foreign. 5. cunning, skill in playing.—Wells. Boothroyd for cunning supplies office. 6. my chief joy, every other object of my delight. 7. Remember, i.e. in vengeance. the children of Edom, who joined Nebuchadnezzar in desolating Jerusalem: see Jer. xii. 6; xxv. 11; Lam. iv. 21, 22; Ezek. xxv. 12; Obad. 11—14. day of Jerusalem, when she was destroyed. 8. daughter, the capital, Psalm ix. 14. who art to be destroyed, O desolating daughter of Babylon.—Boothr. 9. Happy, so the conqueror would be accounted by himself and the world. dasheth, &c. an ancient cruelty in war: so Homer, and others.

PSALM CXXXVIII.—1. the gods, some take for angels; some for princes and rulers; some for idols, even in their presence; and some for the Elohim, i.e. before the ark: the last is likely from the connexion. 2. temple, means tabernacle: the temple was not yet built, but the place of the ark was Jehovah's temple, 1 Sam. iii. 3. hast magnified, &c. for thou hast magnified above all, thy name, thy word.—Davidson,

4. the kings, who heard of David.—Kimchi. the future kings of Israel.—A. Clarke. Bp. Horne seems correct, when he says, the call of the Gentiles is here foretold. 6. knowest afar off, admits not to familiarity: see James iv. 6, and 1 Pet. v. 5. 8. The Lord, &c. Jehovah will perform this for me.—Boothr.

PSALM CXXXIX.—1. known, proved. 2. thought, reasonings. afar off, ere they have entered the mind. 3. compassed, 'sifted,' i.e. narrowly examined. path, conduct. 4. not a word, &c. or, 'Although there is no word on my tongue, behold, thou, O Jehovah, knowest the whole.' 5. beset, 'enclosed,' behind and before, &c. on every hand. laid, &c. 'restrained me.' 6. attain, &c. comprehend it. 7. spirit, mind or knowledge, Isa. xl. 13. 8. heaven—hell, or hades, i.e. the greatest possible height and depth. 9. wings of the morning, i.e. rays of light that travel so swiftly. 10. Even there, There, and then there is no evading God's presence. 13. hast possessed, &c. 'didst form': see Gen. xix. 19, 20; Deut. xxxii. 6.—Boothr. reins, signify here, the most concealed parts, as the kidneys so called, lie deep in the abdominal viscera. 15. in the lowest parts of the earth, like plants and flowers under ground, as Bp. Horne remarks, so man is formed in his mother's bowels. 16. in thy book, in the Divine decrees.—Ed. 17. thoughts, counsels

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt ^a slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

20 For they ^b speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23 Search ^c me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if there be any ^d wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXL.

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

DELIVER me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the ^e violent man;

2 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; ^f adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked: preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.

5 The ^g proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah.

6 I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; ^h lest ⁱ they exalt themselves. Selah.

9 As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

10 Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

11 Let not ^j an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain

^a Is. 31. 4
^b Jude 15.
^c Re. 5. 8.
^d 8. 3. 4.

^e directed.
^f 1 Ti. 2. 8.
^g Ex. 29. 39.
^h Job 31. 6.

ⁱ way of pain, or grief.

^j Pr. 23. 6.
^k Ga. 6. 1.

^l or, smite me kindly, and reprove me;

^m let not their precious oil break my head, &c.

ⁿ man of violence.

^o Ro. 3. 13.
^p 2 Co. 1. 9.

^q make not my soul bare.

^r Je. 18. 22.

^s pass over.

^t or, A Psalm of David, giving instruction.

^u 1 Sa. 22. 1.

^v or, let them not be exalted.

^w De. 32. 27.

^x a man of tongue, or, an evil speaker, a wicked man of violence, be established in the earth: let him be hunted to his overthrow.

^y or, Look on the right hand, and see.

^z perished from me.

^{aa} sought after.

the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

PSALM CXLI. A Psalm of David.

LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let ^a my prayer be ^b set forth before thee as incense; and ^c the lifting up of my hands as ^d the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: ^e and let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let ^f the righteous ^g smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.

6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered ^h at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.

8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust; ⁱ leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal ^j escape.

PSALM CXLII.

† Maschil of David; A Prayer ^k when he was in the cave.

I CRIED unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 ^l I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge ^m failed me; no man ⁿ cared for my soul.

18. still with thee, every fresh day the subject of thy guidance and care.—Ed. 19. Surely, &c. i. e. Surely thou who thus knowest all things, and takest charge of thine, wilt punish the wicked doers, and save thy servant.—Ed. 21. hate them, 'a good man hates as God himself doth: he hates not the persons of men, but their sins; not what God made them, but what they have made themselves.'—Bp. Horne. 23. know, prove, try, as silver is tried. the way everlasting, the way of eternal truth and rectitude, and that leads to everlasting life.

PSALM CXL.—5. snare—coils—gins, mean the enemy tried to destroy, hunting his victim like a wild beast. 9. As for, &c. are properly predictions of those just judgments which Heaven will inflict on the slanders and persecutors of the righteous.—Bp. Horne.

PSALM CXLI.—Probably David composed this psalm just before his flight to Gath.—Peters. 2. as incense, 'Though I cannot go to thine house, as thy people do, at the times of morning and evening sacrifice, let my prayer nevertheless be as acceptable to thee, as if offered in the holy place, with incense and sacrifices.'—Orton. 3. Set a watch, &c. 'I am going to seek a retreat among a race of idolaters: set a guard, O Lord, on my lips, that I may neither

by my imprudent behaviour, endanger my own safety, nor violate my religion by any weak compliances.' 4. Incline not, &c. 'Let not my heart incline, &c. to any evil thing,' the greatest of all evils, the renouncing of Thee, to follow vain and strange gods.' let me not eat, &c. 'neither let me be allured by their luxurious festivals.'—Peters. 5. Let the righteous, &c. 'Let the righteous even wound me by reproof: he shall but wound to benefit me, instead of producing any injury; and be a motive for me to pray for such, when especially needing my prayers.'—Ed. Some read thus:—'Let the righteous teach me kindly, and reprove me: the oil of the wicked shall not anoint my head:' i. e. I will not go to visit him, and keep him company (it being usual to anoint the heads of their guests), yet will I pray for them when I see them in distress.' 6. When their judges, &c.

'Their chiefs were let go among the rocks; And they heard how pleasant were my words.' He seems to refer to what is related 1 Sam. xiv. 1, &c.—Booth. There are several other interpretations of this passage. 7. Our bones, &c. Boothroyd thinks some of David's friends had fallen into Saul's hands, or that he refers to 1 Sam. xxii. 16—19.

PSALM CXLII.—3. knewest, i. e. observedst.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and ^c my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

PSALM CXLIII. A Psalm of David.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications; ^g in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

2 And ^h enter not into judgment with thy servant: for ⁱ in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.

7 Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, ^{*} lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I [†] flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach ^{*} me to do thy will; for thou art my God: ^o thy spirit is good; lead me into ^p the land of uprightness.

11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

PSALM CXLIV. A Psalm of David.

BLESSED BE the LORD ^q my strength, ^r which teacheth my hands ^{*} to war, and my fingers to fight:

2 [†] My ^u goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

3 LORD, ^v what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

^a Ps. 39. 5.

^b Job 4. 19.

^c La. 3. 24.

^d Ps. 102. 11.

^e La. 3. 24.

^f Is. 64. 1.

^g hands.

^h Ps. 68. 1, 2, 14.

ⁱ Ps. 54. 3.

^j Mal. 3. 11.

^k Job 31. 1.

^l Job 14. 3.

^m or, victory.

ⁿ Ex. 34. 7.

^o Job 9. 2.

^p 25. 4.

^q Ec. 7. 20.

^r Ro. 3. 20.

^s Ga. 2. 16.

^t Ps. 123. 3.

^u cut.

^v from kind

^w to kind.

^x able to bear

^y burdens,

^z or, laden

^{aa} with flesh.

^{ab} or, for I am

^{ac} become

^{ad} like, &c.

^{ae} Ps. 85. 4.

^{af} Ps. 46. 5.

^{ag} Ps. 33. 12.

^{ah} 65. 4.

^{ai} 146. 5.

^{aj} De. 33. 29.

^{ak} hide me

^{al} with thee.

^{am} Ps. 139. 24.

^{an} or, Ne. 9. 20.

^{ao} Ps. 26. 10.

^{ap} Job 5. 9.

^{aq} 9. 10.

^{ar} Ro. 11. 33.

^{as} of his

^{at} greatness

^{au} there is no

^{av} search.

^{aw} Is. 38. 19.

^{ax} my rock.

^{ay} Ps. 18. 2, 31.

^{az} things, or,

^{ba} words.

^{bb} 2 Sa. 22. 35.

^{bc} to the war,

^{bd} &c.

^{be} declare it.

^{bf} or, My

^{bg} mercy.

^{bh} 2 Sa. 22. 2, 3.

^{bi} Ps. 40. 13.

^{bj} Job 7. 17.

^{bk} He. 2. 6.

^{bl} Ps. 103. 8.

^{bm} Ex. 34. 6, 7.

^{bn} great in

^{bo} mercy.

4 Man ^a is like to vanity: ^b his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

5 Bow ^d thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

7 Send thine ^e hand from above; ^f rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of ^g strange children;

8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

10 It is he that giveth ^h salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

12 That our sons may be ⁱ as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, ^j polished after the similitude of a palace:

13 That our garners may be full, affording ^k all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

14 That our oxen may be ^l strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy ^m is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.

PSALM CXLV.

David's Psalm of praise.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; ⁿ and his greatness is unsearchable.

4 One ^o generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

5 I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous ^p works.

6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will [†] declare thy greatness.

7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 The ^q LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and ^r of great mercy.

7. soul, 'life.' prison, i.e. the cave. compass me about, support his just cause.

PSALM CXLIII.—2. enter not, &c. 'go not to law with me.'—Ainsworth. justified, or acquitted. 3. in darkness, in secret places and in sorrow. long dead, and so forgotten. 4. desolate, without comfort. 5. days of old, 'former times,' when God interposed for him. 6. stretch, &c. in prayer.

8. in the morning, i.e. speedily, Psalm xli. 5. 9. to hide me, i.e. for refuge. 10. thy spirit, &c. 'Let thy good Spirit guide me in a plain path.'—Booth.

11. Quicken, 'revive.'

PSALM CXLIV.—1. hands to war, hath given me military skill and prowess. 2. My goodness, Heb. My mercy. Dr. Durell thinks we should read, 'my refuge,' as in other parallel places: so Booth. 3. takest knowledge, 'careest for.' makest account, 'regardest.'—Booth.

4. like to vanity, to a breath or vapour, Psalm xxxix. 5. 5. Bow, &c. imagery from the scene on Sinai; Psalm xviii. 9—17; civ. 32.

In this language, David asks for further manifestations of the Divine power against his enemies, such as the Philistines, Moabites, &c.: see 2 Sam. v. viii.—Bp. Horne. 7. rid, 'rescue.' great waters, many enemies. strange children, 'a strange people,' Philistines, or Gentiles. vanity, lies. their right hand, &c. i.e. they swear falsely, holding up the right hand to heaven; covenant breakers. 9. new, Psalm xxxiii. 3, note. 12. as plants, 'like vigorously growing plants.' stones, 'columns.' after the similitude, 'after the form of those of a palace.'—Booth. 'fair and virtuous, like so many tall, well-proportioned, highly-polished, and richly-ornamented columns, gracing the house to which they belong.'—Bp. Horne. 13. That our garners, &c. 'May our storehouses be full of every kind of produce.'—Booth. our sheep, eastern sheep are prolific, even bearing four at a time, and twice a year. streets, 'open pastures.' no breaking in, no irruption of the enemy. no going out, into captivity.

9 The ^a LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

10 All ^b thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.

11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

13 Thy ^c kingdom is ^d an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

15 The eyes of all ^e wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand, ^f and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and ^g holy in all his works.

18 The ^h LORD is high unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him ⁱ in truth.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20 The ^j LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM CXLVI.

PRASE ^k ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

2 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3 Put ^l not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom ^m there is no ⁿ help.

4 His ^o breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day ^p his thoughts perish.

5 Happy ^q is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:

6 Which ^r made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:

8 The ^s LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:

9 The ^t LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

10 The ^u LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXLVII.

PRASE ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

^a Na. 1. 7.

^b Ps. 19. 1.

^c Ps. 51. 17.

^d Is. 57. 15.

^e Lu. 4. 18.

^f Ps. 139. 1.

^g Ge. 15. 5.

^h Is. 40. 26.

ⁱ Na. 1. 3.

^j of his understanding there is no number

^k Ps. 146. 10.

^l Ti. 1. 17.

^m a kingdom of all ages.

ⁿ or, look unto thee.

^o Job 38. 26.

^p Ps. 104. 21.

^q Mat. 6. 26.

^r or, merciful, or, bountiful.

^s Ho. 1. 7.

^t De. 4. 7.

^u Jno. 4. 24.

^v Ps. 31. 23.

^w 97. 10.

^x Who maketh thy border peace.

^y Is. 60. 17, 18.

^z fat of wheat

^a De. 32. 14.

^b Hallelujah.

^c Ps. 107. 20.

^d Is. 2. 22.

^e or, salvation.

^f Job 37. 10.

^g Ec. 12. 7.

^h 1 Co. 2. 6.

ⁱ De. 33. 2-4.

^j words.

^k Je. 17. 7.

^l 1 Pe. 1. 21.

^m Mal. 4. 4.

ⁿ De. 4. 32-34.

^o Ro. 3. 1, 2.

^p Re. 14. 7.

^q Hallelujah.

^r Mat. 9. 30.

^s Jno. 9. 7, 32.

^t Lu. 13. 13.

^u Ps. 103. 20.

^v 21.

^w De. 10. 18.

^x 1 Ki. 8. 27.

^y 2 Co. 12. 2.

^z Ex. 15. 18.

^a Re. 11. 15.

^b Ge. 1. 1, 6.

^c Je. 31. 35, 36.

^d 33. 25.

^e Is. 43. 20.

2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He ^e healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their ^f wounds.

4 He ^g telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD, and of ^h great power: ⁱ his ^j understanding is infinite.

6 The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise unto the harp unto our God:

8 Who ^k covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

9 He ^l giveth to the beast his food, and ^m to the young ravens which cry.

10 He ⁿ delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 ^o He ^p maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the ^q finest of the wheat.

15 He ^r sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

18 He ^s sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

19 He ^t sheweth his ^u word unto Jacob, ^v his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

20 He ^w hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXLVIII.

PRASE ^x ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

2 Praise ^y ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ^z ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He ^a hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, ^b ye dragons, and all deeps:

cavalry. legs, &c. infantry; the sentiment is, that he reserves not his favours for mere men of valour.

13. strengthened the bars, protected their fortifications. 15. word, command. runneth, like kings' messengers. 16. like ashes, scattered in the wind.

17. ice, or hail. 18. his wind to blow, i.e. from a warm quarter. 20. any, i.e. any other.

PSALM CXLVIII.—1. from the heavens, the blessed inhabitants there. heights, i.e. celestial places. 4. heavens of heavens, the place of God's residence, called 'the third heaven,' 2 Cor. xii. 2. 6. a decree, or law. which shall not pass, rather, 'which they never transgress.'—Boothr. 7. dragons, 'sea-

PSALM CXLV.—14. all that fall, 'those who are falling.' 17. holy, 'merciful,' 'kind.'

PSALM CXLVI.—3. help, 'salvation,' i.e. no power to save others, nor even himself. 4. His breath, &c. 'His spirit departeth.' thoughts, 'designs.' 7. looseth, sets at liberty. 8. openeth, &c. brings those shut up in darkness to the light. 9. turneth, &c. 'subverteth.'

PSALM CXLVII.—2. outcasts, dispersed, as 1 Pet. i. 1; Jas. i. 1. 3. bindeth, &c. i.e. assuages their griefs, Isa. lxi. 1. 4. telleth, 'counteth,' to this man can never attain, Gen. xv. 5, &c. 10. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse, may signify

8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word:
9 Mountains, ^a and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:
10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and ^f flying fowl:
11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:
12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for ^f his name alone is ^f excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.
14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; *even* of the children of Israel, ^f a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXLIX.

PRaise ye the LORD. ^a Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.
2 Let Israel rejoice in ⁱ him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their ^k King.
3 Let them praise his name ^t in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
4 For ^a the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he ^a will beautify the meek with salvation.

^a Is. 41. 23.
49. 13.
55. 12.
^a throat.
^b He. 4. 12.
Re. 1. 16.
^f birds of wing.
^c De. 7. 1, 2.
^d Ps. 148. 14.
^e Ps. 8. 1.
Is. 12. 4.
^f exalted.
^g Hallelujah.
^f Ep. 2. 17.
^g De. 3. 24.
^h Hallelujah.
^h Is. 42. 10.
ⁱ or, cornet.
Ps. 98. 6.
ⁱ Ps. 100. 3.
Job 35. 10.
Is. 54. 5.
^k Zec. 9. 9.
Mat. 21. 5.
^l or, pipe.
^l Is. 38. 20.
^l or, with the pipe.
^m Ps. 35. 27.
Pr. 11. 20.
Is. 62. 4, 5.
ⁿ He. 12. 10.
1 Pe. 3. 4.
Re. 7. 14.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.
6 Let the high praises of God ^b be in their ^a mouth, and ^b a twoedged sword in their hand;
7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;
8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;
9 To ^c execute upon them the judgment written: ^d this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CL.

PRaise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent ^e greatness.
3 Praise him with the sound of the ^a trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.
4 Praise him with the timbrel and ^l dance: praise him with ^l stringed instruments and organs.
5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

monsters.' 8. Fire, lightning. 10. Beasts, wild beasts. cattle, domestic beasts. 14. horn, increases their power. a. people near, 'his favoured people.' Deut. iv. 7; Rom. ix. 4, 5.
PSALM CXLIX.—3. in the dance, 'with the lute;' the word denotes a pipe, as in margin. 4. beautify—with salvation, adorn with robes of joy instead of sackcloth. 5. be joyful, &c. 'gloriously exult.'—Boothroyd. beds, 'couches,' on which they reclined or sat at their banquets and meals. Let them praise God when conversing in the divan. 6. and a twoedged, &c. while making the attack, let them sing praise to God, as Jehoshaphat's soldiers did, 2 Chron.

xx. 21, 22.—Orton. 8. To bind, &c. i. e. take them captive. 9. written, i. e. in the book of the law: Deut. vii. 2, 24; xxxi. 3; xxxii. 41. this honour, the execution of this work.
PSALM CL.—1. in his sanctuary, Boothroyd reads, 'for his own holiness,' in the firmament, in his strong and mighty expanse; on earth, in his sanctuary, and the celestial inhabitants in the heavens.—G. Holden. 3. trumpet, &c. it is difficult to ascertain the instruments used in the sacred services, and indeed, the Hebrews themselves acknowledge they do not understand them.

The PROVERBS,

Or, wise sayings, chiefly of Solomon.

CHAP. I.

THE ^a proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;
2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;
3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and ^f equity;
4 To give subtilty to the ^d simple, to the young man knowledge and ^f discretion.
5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:
6 To understand a proverb, and ^g the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their ^f dark sayings.
7 ^h The fear of the LORD is ^h the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

B. C. 1000.
^a 1 Ki. 4. 32.
Ec. 12. 9.
^b ch. 3. 22.
^c adding.
^d equities.
^e Ge. 38. 7, &c.
Ep. 5. 11.
^f ch. 9. 4.
^g or, advise-ment.
^h Je. 5. 26.
ⁱ or, an eloquent speech.
^f Ps. 78. 2.
^h or, the principal part.

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
9 For ^b they shall be an ^a ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.
10 ^h My son, if sinners entice thee, ^f consent thou not.
11 If they say, Come with us, let us ^l lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:
12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:
13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:
14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse.

CHAP. I.—1. proverbs, an ancient and modern mode of instruction among all nations, but especially in the east. 2. To know, 'to impart.' to perceive, 'to make known the words of prudence.' 3. To receive, &c. 'To render skillful instruction acceptable.'—Boothroyd. 4. subtilty, 'discernment.' simple, weak and inexperienced. 6. dark, 'acute.'—Boothroyd. 'enigmatical.'—G. Holden. 7. fear, reverence. beginning, foundation. knowledge, or 'wisdom,' true

religion. fools, 'evil men.'—A. Clarke. 8. son, a term given to pupils. 1 Kings xx. 35, &c. father, a name given to the instructor: comp. 2 Kin. ii. 3—12. law, admonition. mother, the prophetess was so called, Judg. v. 7: it may however include the instruction of pious parents. 9. an ornament of grace, 'a graceful ornament,' alluding to necklaces, &c. chains, of gold: so Sept. Vulg. &c. 12. swallow, &c. expresses the destruction of many, probably

15 My son, ^a walk not thou in the way with them; ^b refrain thy foot from their path:

16 For ^d their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the ^e sight of any bird.

18 And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives.

19 So ^f are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

20 ¶ [†] Wisdom [†] crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scornings, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, [†] I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

24 ¶ Because ^m I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye ⁿ have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 Then ^o shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they ^p hated knowledge, and did not ^q choose the fear of the LORD:

30 They ^r would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore ^s shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the ^t turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and ^u shall be quiet from fear of evil.

CHAP. II.

MY son, if thou wilt receive my words, and ^v hide my commandments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and ^w liftest up thy voice for understanding;

B. C. 1009.

^a Ps. 1. 1.

^b ch. 3. 14.

Mat. 13. 44.

^c Ps. 119. 101.

^d Is. 59. 7.

Ro. 3. 15.

^e 1 Ki. 3. 9, 12.

Ja. 1. 5.

^f eyes of

every thing

that hath a

wing.

^g Ps. 84. 11.

^h 1 Ti. 6. 10.

ⁱ 1 Sa. 2. 9.

Ps. 66. 9.

[†] Wisdoms,

that is, ex-

cellent

wisdom.

^j Jno. 7. 37.

^k ch. 6. 22.

^l Joel 2. 28.

^m Is. 65. 12.

66. 4.

Je. 7. 13.

Zec. 7. 11.

ⁿ Jno. 3. 19, 20

^o Je. 11. 15.

^p Ro. 1. 32.

^q Lu. 7. 30.

^r Ps. 125. 5.

^s ch. 5. 20.

^t Mal. 2. 14, 15

^u Is. 1. 15.

Ja. 4. 3.

^x Job 21. 14.

^y Ps. 119. 173.

^z Ps. 81. 11.

^a Job 4. 8.

Is. 3. 11.

Je. 6. 19.

^b Ps. 37. 29.

^c or, ease of

Job 18. 17.

^d Ps. 37. 28.

104. 35.

^e or, plucked

up.

^f Ps. 112. 7.

^g years of

life.

^h ch. 7. 1.

ⁱ Ps. 119. 165.

^j Ex. 13. 9.

De. 6. 8.

^k Je. 17. 1.

2 Co. 3. 3.

^l Lu. 2. 52.

Ac. 2. 47.

Ro. 14. 18.

^m or, good

success.

ⁿ givest.

4 If ^b thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

6 For ^c the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous; ^d he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and ^e preserveth the way of his saints.

9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.

10 ¶ When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

11 Discretion shall preserve thee, ^f understanding shall keep thee;

12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;

13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to ^g walk in the ways of darkness;

14 Who ^h rejoice to do evil, and ⁱ delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

15 Whose ^j ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:

16 To deliver thee from ^k the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;

17 Which ^l forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.

19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

21 For ^m the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

22 But ⁿ the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be ^o rooted out of it.

CHAP. III.

MY son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

2 For length of days, and ^p long life, and ^q peace, shall they add to thee.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: ^r bind them about thy neck; ^s write them upon the table of thine heart:

4 So ^t shalt thou find favour and ^u good understanding in the sight of God and man.

by plundering banditti, then common. 17. Surely in vain, &c. no bird is so stupid as to fly into a net spread directly before his eyes, but these men knowingly rush into ruin: so Schullens. 19. taketh away the life, &c. the covetous hoarder loses his life for his wealth: this is often the case in the east, from robbers and under grasping rulers.—Ed. 20. Wis-

dom, religion. without, publicly. 21. in the chief place, religion and morals are commonly discussed by the easterns in public places in the open air.

22. simple ones, 'seduced and deceived.'—A. Clarke. scornings, at religion. 23. my spirit, means here, 'my mind,' 'my whole heart.'—Booth. Michaelis. It means the influence of the Holy Spirit.—G. Holden.

28. I will not answer, because they cry not from contrition, but fear. early, diligently. 32. turning away, 'defection' from wisdom. prosperity, or carelessness; 'security.'—Booth.

CHAP. III.—1. hide, as a treasure in a cabinet, or as the easterns conceal their valuables from the notice of robbers. 3. criest, the Chaldee implies, as a child cries for its mother, expressing vehement

desire. 4. as silver, as merchants and miners for silver and gold. hid treasures, Roberts informs us, that immense treasures have long been buried in the east, to hide them from oppressors: they are often turned up, and large spaces of ground dug and ruins demolished, to obtain them. 8. He keepeth, &c. He guards the paths of rectitude, so that they are safe paths. 14. frowardness, perverseness. 16. strange, lewd; called strange, being usually from foreign countries. 17. guide, i.e. her father, or husband. covenant, &c. obligation to chastity, God's covenant, or the marriage covenant imposed. 18. inclineth, 'leadeth down.' 20. That, 'Therefore.'—Booth. 22. rooted out, plucked up (Psalm ci. 8) like weeds, or 'swept' away like dust and dross.

CHAP. III.—3. mercy and truth, &c. constantly exhibit them in practice. bind, &c. alluding to the custom of wearing on their foreheads and wrists the Divine precepts, Deut. vi. 8. write, &c. alluding to the written law on tables of stone; signifying, infix them deeply on the mind. 4. good understanding, 'great

5 ¶ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; ^b and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7 ¶ Be ^c not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

8 It shall be ^d health to thy navel, and marrow ^e f to thy bones.

9 Honour ^f the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

11 ¶ My son, ^g despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

13 ¶ Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that ^h getteth understanding.

14 For ⁱ the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies: and ^j all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

16 Length ^k of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

17 Her ^l ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

19 The ^m LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he ⁿ established the heavens.

20 By ^o his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

21 ¶ My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: seek sound wisdom and discretion:

22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

23 Then ^p shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

24 When ^q thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

25 Be ^r not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

27 ¶ Withhold ^s not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

28 Say ^t not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

29 ¶ Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

B. C. 1000.

^a Ro. 12. 13.

^b Je. 9. 23.

^c a man of

violece.

^c Ro. 12. 16.

^d Ps. 25. 14.

^e medicine.

^f Zec. 5. 4.

^g Mal. 2. 2.

^h watering,

or, moist-

ening.

ⁱ Job 21. 24.

^j Ps. 1. 3.

^k Mal. 3. 10.

^l Lu. 14. 13.

^m Ja. 4. 6.

ⁿ 1 Ps. 5. 5.

^o exalteth

the fools.

^p Re. 12. 5, 6

^q He. 3. 19.

^r Ps. 34. 11.

^s draweth

out.

^t 1 Ch. 29. 1.

^u Ps. 19. 10.

^v 1 Ch. 28. 9.

^w Ep. 6. 4.

^x Mat. 13. 44.

^y 1 Ti. 4. 8.

^z 2 Th. 2. 10.

^a Mat. 11. 29.

^b Mat. 13. 44.

^c Lu. 10. 42.

^d 1 Sa. 2. 30.

^e Je. 10. 12.

^f 51. 15.

^g or, pre-

pared.

^h or, she shall

compass

thee with

a crown of

glory.

ⁱ Ge. 1. 9.

^j De. 33. 28.

^k Job 36. 28.

^l ch. 3. 2.

^m Ps. 18. 36.

ⁿ Ps. 37. 24.

^o d. Ps. 91. 11, 12.

^p Le. 26. 6.

^q Ps. 3. 5.

^r Ps. 1. 1.

^s Ps. 91. 5.

^t 112. 7.

^u Ps. 36. 4.

^v Is. 57. 20.

^w Ro. 13. 7.

^x Ga. 6. 10.

^y the owners

thereof.

^z Le. 19. 13.

^a De. 24. 15.

^b Mat. 5. 14, 45.

^c Phil. 2. 15.

^d or, Practise

no evil.

^e Jno. 12. 35.

30 ¶ Strive ^a not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

31 ¶ Envy thou not ^b the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

32 For the froward is abomination to the LORD: ^c but his secret is with the righteous.

33 ¶ The ^d curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but ^e he blesseth the habitation of the just.

34 Surely ^f he scorneth the scornors: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame ^g shall be the promotion of fools.

CHAP. IV.

HEAR, ^h ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

3 For I was my father's son, ⁱ tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.

4 He ^j taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: ^k love her, and she shall keep thee.

7 Wisdom ^l is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

8 Exalt ^m her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: ⁿ a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings: ^o and the years of thy life shall be many.

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

12 When thou goest, ^p thy steps shall not be straitened; ^q and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

14 ¶ Enter ^r not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

16 For ^s they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But ^t the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

19 The ^u way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

esteem. 5. lean not, rely not upon. 7. eyes, conceit, Rom. xii. 16. 8. navel, this is often diseased in eastern children, and the proverb is used as a criterion of prosperity. 9. with the first fruits, as the law directs, Ex. xxiii. 19, &c. 11. chastening, might be rendered, 'discipline.' weary of, impatient under.—Booth. 13. getteth, draws out, as ore from mines, or water from wells. 15. rubies, 'pearls.' things thou canst desire, thy delectable things. 16. in her right hand, &c. she comes to thee like a wealthy princess with her hands full of blessings.—Orton. 17. peace, lead to it. 18. tree, &c. alluding to the tree in paradise, Gen. ii. 9. 19. wisdom, his own infinite wisdom. 21. them, i. e. sound wisdom and discretion. 22. grace, a graceful

ornament. 26. confidence, strength. taken, 'snared.' 27. them to whom it is due, its proper objects. 28. Say not—Go, i. e. give speedily. 29. seeing he dwelleth, &c. when he trusts to thine honour and honesty. 30. Strive not, &c. be not litigious. 32. his secret, his favour. 35. shame, 'disgrace.' fools shall possess shame.—Houbigant, as Chald and Syr. CHAP. IV.—1. to know, 'that ye may attain.' 2. law, i. e. precepts. 3. only beloved, 'well-beloved.' —G. Holden. 6. keep, guard. 7. get understanding, fail not to get wisdom; or it may mean prudence. 12. straitened, impeded. 15. not by it, 'even over it.' 17. bread, &c. procured by injustice, deceit, or oppression. 18. as the shining light, full of light and happiness. 19. as darkness, involved in misery.

20 [¶] My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and ^{*} health to all their flesh.
 23 [¶] Keep thy heart [†] with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.
 24 Put away from thee [‡] a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.
 25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
 26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and ^{*} let all thy ways be established.
 27 Turn ^d not to the right hand nor to the left: ^f remove thy foot from evil.

CHAP. V.

MY son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding:
 2 That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may ^a keep knowledge.
 3 [¶] For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her [‡] mouth is ^a smoother than oil:
 4 But her end is ^b bitter as wormwood, ^c sharp as a twoedged sword.
 5 Her ^b feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.
 6 Lest thou shouldst ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.
 7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.
 8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:
 9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:
 10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger;
 11 And [¶] thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
 12 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart ^a despised reproof;
 13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!
 14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.
 15 [¶] Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.
 16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

B. C. 1000.

^a Mal. 2. 14.
^b Ca. 2. 9.
 4. 5.
 7. 3.
^{*} medicine.
[†] water thee.
[‡] above all keeping.
[§] err thou always in.
^{||} frowardness of mouth, and perverseness of lips.
^c 2 Ch. 16. 9.
 Job 31. 4.
 34. 21.
 Je. 16. 17.
 32. 19.
 Ho. 7. 2.
 He. 4. 13.
^{*} or, all thy ways shall be ordered aright.
^d De. 5. 32.
 28. 14.
 Jos. 1. 7.
^e Ps. 9. 15.
^f Is. 1. 16.
 Ro. 12. 9.
[†] sin.
[§] Job 4. 21.
 36. 12.
^h Mal. 2. 7.
ⁱ ch. 22. 26, 27.
[‡] palate.
^k Ps. 55. 21.
^l Ec. 7. 26.
 He. 12. 15, 16.
^m He. 4. 12.
ⁿ ch. 7. 27.
[¶] or, so shalt thou prevail with thy friend.
^o Ps. 132. 4.
^p Job 12. 7.
^{||} strength.
^q ch. 24. 33, 34.
^r Ro. 6. 21.
 He. 13. 4.
 Re. 21. 8.
^s ch. 1. 25.
 12. 1.
^t Job 15. 12.
 Ps. 35. 19.
^u Mi. 2. 1.
^v casteth forth.

17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.
 18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with ^a the wife of thy youth.
 19 Let ^b her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts [†] satisfy thee at all times; and [§] be thou ravished always with her love.
 20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?
 21 For ^c the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.
 22 [¶] His ^c own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his [†] sins.
 23 He [§] shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

CHAP. VI.

MY son, ^a if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,
 2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.
 3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, [§] and make sure thy friend.
 4 Give ^e not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.
 5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.
 6 [¶] Go ^p to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:
 7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
 8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.
 9 How [¶] long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
 10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
 11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.
 12 [¶] A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.
 13 He [¶] winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;
 14 Frowardness is in his heart, [¶] he deviseth mischief continually; he ^{*} soweth discord.
 15 Therefore shall his calamity come

at what, ^a against what.' 23. heart, i. e. affections, passions, desires. issues, &c. the purified heart is evidently compared to a fountain, whence the water of life flows: comp. Matt. xv. 19. Fountains in the east are carefully guarded against defilement. the issues of life, Gesenius renders 'the well-springs of life,' i. e. of happiness. 24. froward, ^a 'depraved.' —G. Holden. 25. right on, straight forward in the right way, i. e. keep rectitude steadily in view.

CHAP. V.—2. discretion, in conduct. 3. drop as an honeycomb, her language is soothing and sweet to a sensual taste. 4. her end, &c. her promised pleasures terminate in woe. 5. go, ^a 'rush.' death—hell, destruction. 6. her ways are moveable, she tries many ways. 9. honour—years, strength and vigour. 11. mourn, 'roar out,' as a lion, chap. xix. 12; xx. 2; xxviii. 15, where the term is used. 10. thy labours, i. e. their fruit, thy riches. 14. in all evil, p. unged into every vice. 15. Drink, &c. a beautiful allegory of the conjugal state. The precious fountain is an emblem of the wife, Song iv. 12. 16. fountains, numerous offspring. 18. fountain, wife. 19. hind—roe, animals much admired, Song ii. 17; in the east their names are still used to express

whatever is graceful and beautiful in woman. 22. holden, &c. caught in the hunter's snares.

CHAP. VI.—1. friend, rather, 'neighbour.' stricken, &c. the ancient mode of entering into contract. 5. Deliver thyself, &c. struggle to get free; the advice here given is thought to be meant with qualification, and means, do not rashly become surety if unable to sustain it. 6. ant, &c. the ant does not lay up, but is diligent to provide for the food of the day in the season, and is not given as an example of prudent foresight, but of activity and diligence.—G. Holden. 8. gathereth, &c. the ancients believed that the ant gathered corn against winter, though modern naturalists dispute the fact. Popular opinion, however, would be enough to justify the whole extent of the illustration. 11. as one that travelleth, step by step. as an armed man, that cannot be resisted. 12. A naughty person, 'a worthless man.' a froward, &c. expresses profligacy of speech. 13. winketh, to deceive and betray. speaketh with his feet, for the same purpose; the practice is understood in India. with his fingers, implies the like: eastern merchants and Brahmins use these signs. This means that the wicked use every one of their members to allure and

suddenly; suddenly shall he ^a be broken ^a without remedy.

16 These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination ^a unto him:

17 A ^a proud look, ^a a lying tongue, and hands ^a that shed innocent blood,

18 An ^a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, ^a feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

20 ^a My ^a son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.

21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 For ^a the commandment is a ^a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

24 To ^a keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery ^a of the tongue of a strange woman.

25 Lust ^a not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

26 For ^a by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: ^a and ^a the adulteress will ^a hunt for the precious life.

27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; ^a whosever toucheth her shall not be innocent.

30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

31 But if he be found, ^a he shall restore sevenfold; ^a he shall give all the substance of his house.

32 But whose committeth adultery with a woman ^a lacketh ^a understanding: he that doeth it ^a destroyeth his own soul.

33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

34 For ^a jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He will not ^a regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

CHAP. VII.

MY son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

2 Keep ^a my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

3 Bind ^a them upon thy fingers, write ^a them upon the table of thine heart.

4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman:

B. C. 1000.

a Je. 19. 11.

b ch. 2. 16.

c 2 Ch. 36. 16.

d of his soul.

† Haughty eyes.

d Ps. 18. 27.

101. 5.

c Ps. 120. 2, 3.

f Is. 1. 15.

g Ro. 16. 18, 19.

h Ge. 6. 5.

i the sons.

† Is. 59. 7.

Ro. 3. 15.

k ch. 9. 4, 16.

l Ps. 27. 12.

m Job 24. 15.

n in the evening of the day.

o Ep. 6. 1.

p ch. 9. 13.

q 1 Ti. 5. 13.

r Tit. 2. 5.

s Ps. 19. 8.

|| or, canille.

|| she

strengthened her

face, and

said.

† ch. 7. 5.

† Peace of-

ferings are

upon me.

† or, of the

strange

tongue.

† Mat. 5. 28.

u ch. 29. 3.

v Is. 19. 9.

w Ge. 39. 14.

§ the woman

of a man,

or, a man's

wife.

y Eze. 13. 18.

z 1 Co. 7. 1.

|| in his hand

or, the new

moon.

a ch. 5. 3.

b Ex. 22. 1, 4.

c Ps. 12. 2.

d Mat. 18. 25.

† suddenly.

c ch. 7. 7.

† heart.

f He. 13. 4.

g Ec. 9. 12.

h Mat. 1. 6.

i Ca. 8. 6.

l Co. 10. 22.

§ accept the

face of any

ransom.

k Ne. 13. 26.

l Is. 55. 3.

m De. 6. 8.

n 2 Co. 3. 3.

5 That ^a they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.

6 ^a For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

7 And beheld among ^a the simple ones, I discerned among ^a the youths, a young man ^a void of understanding,

8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,

9 In ^a the twilight, ^a in the evening, in the black and dark night:

10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

11 (She ^a is loud and stubborn; ^a her feet abide not in her house:

12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and ^a with an impudent face said unto him,

14 ^a I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.

15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with ^a fine linen of Egypt.

17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.

19 For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:

20 He hath taken a bag of money ^a with him, and will come home at ^a the day appointed.

21 With ^a her much fair speech she caused him to yield, ^a with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

22 He goeth after her ^a straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;

23 Till a dart strike through his liver; ^a as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.

24 ^a Harken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.

26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, ^a many strong men have been slain by her.

27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

CHAP. VIII.

DOTH not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

destroy. 15. broken, as a potter's vessel, not to be restored. 22. talk, i. e. to admonish and direct. 23. the commandment, precept. 25. eyelids, eastern women paint and beautify these to attract. 26. the precious life, forfeited by adultery, under the law, Lev. xx. 10.

CHAP. VII.—3. upon thy fingers, as rings, memorial and ornamental. 4. Say—sister—kinswoman, to denote the most intimate familiarity. 6. casement, lattice in use among the orientals for light and air. 10. attire, in India this class of women usually wear scarlet. 14. peace offerings, i. e. a feast, in which much of the peace offerings was shared. 16. with carved works, rather, with embroideries of Egyptian linen? comp. 1 Kin. x. 28; Ezek. xxvii. 7. 17. perfumed, &c. perfumes have always been in high

request among the orientals. 21. forced, 'constrained.' 22. as a fool, 'as the hart boundeth into the net.'—Boothroyd, as approved by the best critics. Orton observes, 'There is a beautiful gradation in the motion of the three animals here mentioned; each goes swifter than the other, representing the increasing speed of the sinner, till he cannot go back.' 23. liver, considered by the ancients as the seat of the passions, and here expresses the torment of the mind. 26. many wounded, Lot, Samson, David, &c. yea, many strong, 'but many more are they whom she hath slain.'—Boothroyd.

CHAP. VIII.—1. wisdom, some consider to mean wisdom personified; others, Christ, Luke xi. 49; some include both. 2 in the places, &c. 'where

3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.

5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

6 Hear; for I will speak of ^a excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is ^a an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing ^f froward or perverse in them.

9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

11 For ^a wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

12 I wisdom dwell with ^g prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

13 The ⁱ fear of the LORD is to hate evil: Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and ^k the froward mouth, do I hate.

14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; ^m I have strength.

15 By ⁿ o me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

17 I ^r love them that love me; and ^s those that seek me early shall find me.

18 Riches ^t and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.

19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

20 I ^u lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:

21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

22 The ^v LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I ^w was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

25 Before ^x the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the ^y fields, nor ^z the highest part of the dust of the world.

27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a ^{aa} compass upon the face of the depth:

28 When he established the clouds

B. C. 1000.

^a Ge. 1. 9, 10.

Job 38. 10, 11.

Ps. 33. 7.

104. 9.

Je. 5. 22.

^b Job 38. 4.

^c ch. 22. 20.

^d Jno. 1. 1, 2, 13.

^e Mat. 3. 17.

Col. 1. 13.

^f the abomination of.

^g Ps. 16. 3.

^h wreathed.

ⁱ Ps. 119. 1, 2.

128. 1, 2.

^j Lu. 11. 28.

^k ch. 16. 16.

^l Job 28. 15.

^m &c.

ⁿ Ps. 19. 10.

119. 127.

^o bring forth

^p or, subtilty.

^q ch. 16. 6.

^r ch. 4. 24.

^s Mat. 16. 18.

Ep. 2. 20.

22.

^t 1 Pe. 2. 5.

^u Ec. 7. 19.

^v Mat. 22. 3.

&c.

^w killing.

^x Da. 2. 21.

^y Ro. 13. 1.

^z Ro. 10. 15.

^{aa} 1 Sa. 2. 30.

Ps. 91. 14.

^{ab} Jno. 14. 21.

^{ac} Mat. 11. 25.

^{ad} Ja. 1. 5.

^{ae} ch. 3. 16.

^{af} Mat. 6. 33.

^{ag} Ca. 5. 1.

^{ah} Is. 55. 1.

^{ai} Jno. 6. 27.

^{aj} or, walk.

^{ak} Mat. 7. 6.

^{al} Ps. 141. 5.

^{am} Jno. 1. 1.

^{an} Ps. 2. 6.

^{ao} Mat. 13. 12.

^{ap} Job 28. 28.

^{aq} Ps. 111. 30.

^{ar} Job 15. 7, 8.

^{as} or, open

^{at} places.

^{au} or, the chief

^{av} part.

^{aw} Job 35. 6, 7.

^{ax} or, circle.

above: when he strengthened the foundations of the deep

29 When ^a he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when ^b he appointed the foundations of the earth:

30 Then ^c I was by him, as one brought up with him. ^d And I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and ^e my delights were with the sons of men.

32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for ^f blessed are they that keep my ways.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall ^g obtain favour of the LORD.

36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

CHAP. IX.

WISDOM hath ^h builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

2 She ⁱ hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

3 She hath ^j sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

4 Whoso ^k is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

5 Come, ^l eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.

8 Reprove ^m not a scorner, lest he hate thee: ⁿ rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, ^o and he will increase in learning.

10 The ^p fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

12 If ^q thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.

13 ^r A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.

14 For she sitteth at the door of her

cross-paths meet.' 3. at the gates, &c. 'at the gate-way, the entrance of the city.' 9. understandeth, exercises his sagacity. 10. and not, &c. 'rather than.' 12. witty inventions, 'discreet things.'—G. Holden. 14. sound wisdom, 'essence,' the source and substance of good.—A. Clarke.

strength, inspiring with courage to persist in good. 15. By me kings reign, &c. by wisdom they make just and merciful laws.—Orton. 17. I love, &c. some view this as spoken by the personified attribute; others, by Christ. 18. durable riches, wealth which wears well. 22. The Lord possessed me, &c. i. e. teaching us that since wisdom is an attribute displayed in all God's works, the more we have of it the more we resemble the Creator.—Orton. 30. as one brought up, 'as a workman with him.'—Booth.

31. with the sons of men, wisdom delighted in her works, especially in her skill here. 34. watching—waiting, alluding to the custom of waiting at palace

gates for royal favours; or may refer to attendance at the tabernacle or temple, Exod. xxix. 42; Psalm cxiii. 2.

CHAP. IX. — 1. Wisdom, &c. those who consider this as the Eternal Word, view the chapter as prophetic of the future glories of the Son of God manifested in his church. Wisdom here speaks as a queen. seven pillars, in allusion to eastern entertainments in tents spread upon pillars. 3. her maidens, denote the servants of wisdom—ministers. Hasselquist, the traveller, saw women going about Alexandria publicly inviting to a banquet. 4. simple, thoughtless. 7. He that reproveth, &c. wisdom refuses to invite scoffers as being incorrigible, Matt. vii. 6. 9. yet wiser, profit by it. 10. the holy, the Holy One.—G. Holden. 12. for thyself, for thine own advantage. 13. A foolish woman, some consider as folly personified, in contrast to wisdom. 14. at the door, as prostitutes do in the east.

house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

15 To call passengers who go right on their ways:

16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither; and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread [†] eaten in secret is pleasant.

18 But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.

CHAP. X.

THE proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

2 Treasures [†] of wickedness profit nothing: [†] but righteousness delivereth from death.

3 The [†] LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away [†] the substance of the wicked.

4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but [†] the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

6 Blessings are upon the head of the just: but [†] violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

7 The [†] memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall [†] fall.

9 He [†] that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall [†] fall.

11 The [†] mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but [†] violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but [†] love covereth all sins.

13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of [†] understanding.

14 Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

15 The [†] rich man's wealth is his strong city: the destruction of the poor is their poverty.

16 The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

17 He *is* in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof [†] erreth.

18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips,

B. C. 1000.

a Ps. 15. 3.

b Ec. 5. 3.

c Ja. 3. 2.

* heart.

† of secreties

d Ge. 24. 35.

e Job 15. 21.

f Ps. 145. 19.

Mat. 5. 6.

1 Jno. 5. 14.

15.

g Ps. 37. 9-10.

h Ps. 49. 6, &c.

Lu. 12. 19, 20

i Ps. 15. 5.

Mat. 7. 24, 25

16. 18.

k Da. 4. 27.

l Ps. 10. 14.

34. 9, 10.

† or, the

wicked for

their wicked-

ness.

§ addeth.

m Ec. 7. 17.

n ch. 21. 5.

o Job 8. 13.

p Ps. 1. 6.

r Es. 7. 8.

Ps. 37. 22, 29.

t Ps. 9. 5, 6.

112. 6.

Ec. 8. 10.

|| a fool of

lips.

* or, be

beaten.

u Is. 33. 15, 16.

† froward-

nesses.

† or, be

beaten.

v Ps. 37. 30.

§ Balances

of deceit.

x Le. 19. 35, 36

y Ps. 107. 42.

|| a perfect

stone.

z Da. 4. 20, 31.

a 1 Co. 13. 4.

1 Pe. 4. 8.

b ch. 13. 6.

* heart.

c Eze. 7. 19.

Zep. 1. 18.

d Ge. 7. 1.

† rectify.

e Job 31. 24.

f Ti. 6. 17.

g Ec. 10. 8.

† or, causeth

to err.

and [†] he that uttereth a slander, is a fool

19 In [†] the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but [†] he that refraineth his lips is wise.

20 The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of [†] wisdom.

22 The [†] blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

23 It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

24 The [†] fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but [†] the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

25 As the whirlwind passeth, [†] so is the wicked no more: but [†] the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.

27 The fear of the LORD [§] prolongeth days: but [†] the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the [†] expectation of the wicked shall perish.

29 The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: [†] but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

30 The [†] righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.

32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked *speaketh* [†] frowardness.

CHAP. XI.

A [§] FALSE [†] balance is abomination to the LORD: but [†] a just weight is his delight.

2 When [†] pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

3 The [†] integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

4 Riches [†] profit not in the day of wrath: but [†] righteousness delivereth from death.

5 The righteousness of the perfect shall [†] direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but [†] transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness.

7 When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth.

8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

CHAP. X.—2. of wickedness, 'wickedly obtained,' delivereth, &c. i. e. causes a long and happy life.

4. with a slack hand, with great indolence. 5. summer —harvest, i. e. favourable seasons. 6. covereth, being condemned as malefactors. Esth. vii. 8.

8. commandments, 'precepts,' shall fall, 'will be offended.'—Boothroyd.

9. known, i. e. discovered, and so punished. 10. winketh, &c. descriptive of politeness, designing, disguised sinners. causeth sorrow, both to others and to himself.

11. a well of life, refreshing as a springing fountain. 12. covereth, 'pardoneth.'

13. a rod, i. e. punishment. void, &c. i. e. the vicious. 15. his strong city, that in which he places confidence. is their poverty, filling them with fear and despair.

16. to sin, and so to ruin. 17. erreth, 'goeth astray.'

19. words, must here mean: foolish words: see Matt. xii. 36. 20. little worth, mere dross.

21. feed, i. e. instruct and guide as a shepherd. 22. blessing, &c. i. e. on the hand of the diligent. no sorrow, &c. attended

with no regrets of conscience.

i. e. hath pleasure in wisdom. 24. fear, 'dread,' the desire, i. e. his leading desire, God's favour and eternal happiness.

25. but, &c. 'but the righteous shall be established for ever.'—Boothroyd.

26. As vinegar, &c. as unpleasant as the vinegar and smoke, is the loitering messenger. 28. shall be gladness, 'endeth in joy.'

29. The way, &c. 'A fortress to the upright in the way is Jehovah.'—Boothroyd.

31. cut out, punished, for this is an eastern punishment. 32. know, regard. acceptable, well-pleasing to God.—Ed.

CHAP. XI.—1. just weight, Heb. 'perfect stone,' for stones were the ancient weights.

2. guide them, to avoid danger. 4. riches profit not, &c. they sometimes did when fines would make recon-pense, but not for great crimes.

5. shall direct, his principles will influence his conduct. 7. wicked, 'righteous.'—Gr. shall perish, 'perisheth not.'—Syriac.

8. in his stead, retributive justice

9 An ^a hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

10 When ^c it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.

11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12 He that is ⁱ void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

13 ^a A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

14 Where ^e no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

15 He that is surety for a stranger shall ^g smart for it: and he that hateth ^h suretiship is sure.

16 A ^a gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches.

17 The ^a merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but ^m to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.

19 As righteousness ^{tendeth} to life: so he that pursueth evil ^{pursueth} it to his own death.

20 They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but ^{such} as are upright in their way are his delight.

21 ^{Though} hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but ^p the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which ^{tis} without discretion.

23 The desire of the righteous is only good: but the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

24 There is that ^{scattereth}, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it ^{tendeth} to poverty.

25 The ^{liberal} "soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

26 He ^{that} withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but ^{the} blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: ^{but} he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

28 He ^{that} trusteth in his riches shall

B. C. 1000.

a Job 8. 13.

b Je. 17. 8.

c Es. 8. 15.

d Da. 12. 3.

i Co. 9. 13.

&c.

Ja. 5. 20.

e taketh

f Pe. 4. 17. 13

g destitute of heart.

h He that walketh,

being a talebearer.

f Le. 19. 16.

g Ki. 12. 1.

&c.

s be sore broken.

h those that strike hands

ch. 31. 30.

i Co. 11. 7.

l Mar. 5. 7.

m 25. 34. &c.

n Ho. 10. 12.

o Ga. 6. 8. 9.

p Ja. 3. 18.

q Ps. 37. 36. 37.

r Mat. 7. 24.

s 27.

o l Sa. 25. 17.

* perverse of heart.

p Ps. 112. 2.

q De. 25. 4.

r departeth from.

s or, bowels.

t Ro. 2. 8. 9.

u Ps. 112. 9.

v or, fortress

h soul of blessing.

u 2Co. 9. 6. 10.

* snare of the wicked is in the.

v Mat. 5. 7.

x 2 Pe. 2. 9.

y Am. 8. 5. 6.

z Job 29. 13.

a Is. 3. 10. 11.

b Es. 7. 10.

Ps. 7. 15. 16.

57. 6.

c Lu. 18. 11.

d Mar. 10. 24.

Lu. 12. 21.

1 Ti. 6. 17.

fall: but ^b the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and ^d he that ^e winneth souls is wise.

31 Behold, ^e the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

CHAP. XII.

WHOSO loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

2 A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

4 A ^a virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

5 The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

6 The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

7 The ^b wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: ^c but he that is ^d of a perverse heart shall be despised.

9 He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.

10 A ^a righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the ^{tender} mercies of the wicked are cruel.

11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding.

12 The wicked desireth the ^{net} of evil men: but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.

13 The ^b wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: ^a but the just shall come out of trouble.

14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: ^c and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

15 The ^c way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

punishes the wicked. 9. hypocrite, 'infidel.'—A. Clarke, through knowledge, &c. wisdom teaches to avoid evil snares. 11. By the blessing, &c. By their prayers, counsels, and admonitions. by the mouth, &c. by their blasphemy, perverse opposition, and evil communications. 12. holdeth, &c. if he can say no good, he will say no harm. 13. A talebearer, 'The walking busy-body.'—A. Clarke. the matter, which is confided to him. 14. counsel, deliberation. 15. shall smart, not knowing the circumstances of a stranger. 16. A gracious, &c. i.e. she will retain her reputation as a strong man his wealth. 18. a deceitful work, 'he laboureth for a false recompense,' wealth gained by iniquity never profits. 20. froward heart, the original signifies double dealing. 21. hand join, an eastern method of swearing, not be unpunished, their confederacy will not save them. 22. As a jewel, &c. eastern women wear nose jewels; the proverb expresses that an indiscreet woman resembles a swine with a jewel in his nose, her ornaments leave her but debased still. 23. is wrath, ends in punishment. 24. scattereth, giveth liberally. increaseth, in worldly prosperity. 25. be

watered, have the dews of the Divine blessing. 26. withholdeth corn, hoards it up for profit in scarcity. 28. shall fall, be disappointed. 29. troubleth, by extravagance and ill-nature. inherit the wind, disappointment and vexation. the fool shall be, &c. the fool brought low by his folly, the other raised by his prudence. 30. winneth, 'catcheth.' 31. much more the wicked, i.e. If the righteous be chastised and punished for his sins, much more the wicked.

CHAP. XII.—4. a crown, an honour and ornament, alluding to the ancient custom of new-married persons wearing chaplets. as rottenness, as a gradually consuming disease. 5. are right, having in view justice to God and man. 6. to lie in wait, to corrupt and ruin men. shall deliver, by warnings and exhortations. 7. house, i.e. families shall be established. 9. hath a servant, rather, 'is servant to himself.' 10. are cruel, even their pretended kindnesses cover wicked designs. 11. vain, 'idle.' 12. the net, to ensnare. yieldeth fruit, as does a good tree. 13. his lips, often bring him into litigations, come out, by prudence. 14. A man, &c. A man of virtuous words and deeds meets with a correspond-

16 A fool's wrath is * presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame.

17 He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.

18 There is that speaketh like the piercing of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: * but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy.

21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

22 Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.

23 A * prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

24 The * hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the * slothful shall be under tribute.

25 Heaviness^m in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but * a good word maketh it glad.

26 The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.

27 The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.

28 In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

CHAP. XIII.

A WISE son heareth his father's instruction: * but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

2 A * man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

3 He * that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

4 The * soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

5 A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

B. C. 1000.

* in that day.

a ch. 11. 3, 5, 6.

† sin.

b ch. 12. 9.

c Ps. 52. 5.

d ch. 24. 20.

e Job 18. 5, 6.

f ch. 21. 17.

‡ or, candle.

g ch. 10. 2.

h ch. 20. 21.

§ with the

hand.

f Re. 22. 15.

g ch. 13. 16.

h ch. 15. 2.

i 2 Ch. 36. 16.

j ch. 10. 4.

|| or, in peace

* or, deceit-

ful.

k ch. 10. 11.

l ch. 14. 27.

m ch. 16. 22.

n 2 Sa. 22. 6.

o ch. 15. 13.

p Is. 50. 4.

† or, abund-

ant.

q ch. 12. 23.

‡ spreadeth.

§ an ambas-

sador of

faithful-

ness.

p ch. 25. 23.

q ch. 15. 5, 31.

r 1 Sa. 2. 25.

s ch. 12. 14.

|| broken.

v Ps. 32. 10.

w ch. 21. 23.

x Ps. 39. 1.

y Ja. 3. 2.

z ch. 24. 8.

Job 27. 16, 17.

Ec. 2. 26.

y ch. 10. 4.

z ch. 12. 11.

a ch. 19. 18.

29. 15, 17.

He. 12. 6. 8.

6 Righteousness^a keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth † the sinner.

7 There † is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

8 The ransom of a man's life are his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.

9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: † but the † lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

11 Wealth^b gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth † by labour shall increase.

12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

13 Whoso † despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be † rewarded.

14 The † law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from † the snares of death.

15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.

16 Every * prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.

17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but † faithful ambassador is health.

18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but † he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil.

20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be † destroyed.

21 Evil^c pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and * the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

23 Much^d food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.

24 He^e that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

ing reward. 16. A fool's wrath, &c. a prudent man will pause before he shows his anger. 18. health, or healing, promoting peace and love. 20. imagine, devise. is joy, after reflection. 21. no evil, no real evil, since all things work for their good. mischief, evil. 23. concealeth, makes no vain show. foolishness, i. e. their ignorance and folly. 24. bear rule, industry is the way to preferment. 25. maketh it stoop, boweth it down. a good word, especially God's promises. 26. The righteous, &c. this bears various renderings: G. Holden's is, 'The righteous explore their pastures,' i. e. examine their plans and practices. Boothroyd's to the like purport. 27. roasteth not, will not seize his own prey.—Boothroyd. Is too idle to follow up his pursuits. precious, made the best of. 28. life, temporal and eternal.

CHAP. XIII.—2. eat good, that is, enjoy it by the discreet use of speech. 3. keepeth his life, a guard upon the lips is a guard to the soul. 4. made fat, have abundance. chap. xi. 25: Psalm xcvi. 14. 5. loathsome, odious, by his profane and unprofitable jests. 6. Righteousness keepeth, &c. no temptations of Satan, or reproaches of men shall do him any real mischief. 7. rich, yet hath nothing, a common practice to gain credit among men. poor, to hide his wealth for safety; common under eastern despots. 8. The ransom, &c. the rich are troubled for their riches, which sometimes buy life, but the poor man's poverty protects him. 9. rejoiceth, shall shine with brightness.—Syr. lamp, &c. light and lamp frequently signify a prosperous or felicitous state,

Job xviii. 5, 6, 18; xxix. 3; Psalm xviii. 20; xevii. 11. 10. by pride, &c. this is the chief cause of quarrels in kingdoms, churches and families. is wisdom, in yielding and studying peace. 11. by vanity, by cheating, lying, &c. labour, i. e. honest industry. 12. cometh, i. e. is accomplished. a tree, &c. i. e. grateful and salutary. 13. the word, God's commands. 14. law, doctrine, instruction, a fountain, a well-spring of comfort. to depart, by turning men from. 15. Good understanding, 'The wise conduct of a good man obtaineth favour'—see Boothroyd. hard, fatiguing and dangerous. 16. desireth with, i. e. conducts himself with. 17. A wicked messenger, i. e. who is false to his trust. falleth into mischief, is discovered and punished. health, safety and benefit to himself and employer. 19. The desire, some read, 'An existing desire will become sweet to the soul; and it is an abomination for fools to depart from it, though evil.' The antithesis is best preserved by understanding it, 'The fulfilled holy desires of the godly are sweet, but the wicked hate to part from their sins'—Ed. 21. pursueth, and in the end shall overtake them. good—rejoice, the righteous shall at last reap their reward. 22. leaveth, &c. by a prudent and devout frugality. wealth of the sinner, &c. God often by his providence brings into pious hands what the wicked had laid up for themselves. 23. in the tillage of the poor, in their little, improved by industry, judgment, prudence and discretion. 24. spareth, i. e. if no other method will do. chasteneth him betimes, before ill habits are

25 The ^a righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

CHAP. XIV.

EVERY wise woman ^a buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: ^a but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.

3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: ^a but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

4 Where no oxen ^a are, the crib is clean: but much increase ^a is by the strength of the ox.

5 A ^a faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but ^a knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.

7 Go ^a from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.

8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.

9 Fools ^a make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.

10 The heart knoweth ^a his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

11 The ^a house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

12 There ^a is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but ^a the end thereof are the ways of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and ^a the end of that mirth is heaviness.

14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

16 A ^a wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

17 He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 The ^a poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but ^a the rich hath many friends.

B. C. 1000.

^a Ps. 34. 10.

^a 37. 3.

1 Ti. 4. 8.

He. 13. 5.

^b Ps. 41. 1.

112. 9.

^a Ru. 4. 11.

^a Job 12. 4.

Lu. 10. 16.

16. 14.

Ro. 2. 4, 5.

^c Ro. 10. 9, 10.

^f ch. 13. 14.

^g ch. 6. 19.

Ex. 23. 16.

23. 1.

^a ch. 8. 9.

17. 24.

ⁱ ch. 16. 32.

Ja. 1. 19.

^k 1 Co. 5. 11.

Ep. 5. 11.

^a short of spirit.

^l Ps. 112. 10.

^m ch. 17. 5.

Mat. 23. 40.

45.

ⁿ ch. 10. 23.

ⁱ the bitterness of his soul.

^o Job 19. 26.

Ps. 23. 4.

37. 37.

2 Co. 1. 9.

5. 8.

2 Ti. 4. 18.

^p Job 8. 15.

^r ch. 16. 25.

^t to nations.

^s Ro. 6. 21.

^t Mar. 24. 45, 47.

^u Ec. 2. 2.

^v ch. 1. 31.

12. 14.

^x Ju. 8. 1. 3.

^y 1 Sa. 25. 10.

1 Ki. 12. 13.

^z ch. 13. 16.

^b belcheth, or, bubbleth.

^a ch. 22. 3.

^b Job 34. 21.

He. 4. 13.

^h The healing of the tongue.

^c ch. 19. 7.

^a many are the lovers of the rich.

21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: ^b but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.

22 Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good.

23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

24 The crown of the wise is their riches: but the foolishness of fools is folly.

25 A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful witness speaketh lies.

26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people is the king's honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.

29 He ⁱ that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is ^a hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but ⁱ envy the rottenness of the bones.

31 He ^m that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but ^o the righteous hath hope in his death.

33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but that which is in the midst of fools is made known.

34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach ⁱ to any people.

35 The ⁱ king's favour is toward a wise servant: but his wrath is against him that causeth shame.

CHAP. XV.

A SOFT ^a answer turneth away wrath: but ^g grievous words stir up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: ^a but the mouth of fools ^g poureth out foolishness.

3 The ^b eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

4 ^h A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise disperse know-

contracted. 25. The righteous eateth, &c. The righteous know when they have enough; the insatiable wicked are always craving.

CHAP. XIV. — 1. buildeth, buildeth up — promotes the prosperity of her family. 3. rod of pride, insulting speech, which injures as a rod. 4. no oxen — crib is clean, a proverb denoting scarcity and want. The clean crib was no compensation for the want of oxen to plough. 6. findeth it not, because he does not seek with a right disposition. 8. understand his way, in other words, to know himself. is deceit, fools cannot form a right estimate of themselves. 9. make a mock at sin, looking upon it as trivial. favour, The righteous, says Henry, repent, and obtain the favour of God. 11. The house of the wicked, &c. sin is their ruin. shall flourish, righteousness is the rise and stability even of mean families. 13. Even in, rather, 'by laughter,' excessive mirth often produces sadness. heaviness, is the end of all vain pleasure. 14. from himself, from what God has wrought in him. 15. believeth every word, are easily imposed upon. his going, i.e. his proceedings. 16. feareth, &c. holy fear is a guard against sin. 19. The evil bow, &c. The wicked are constrained to

do homage to the upright. — Ed. 20. hated, i.e. not loved. friends, i.e. in appearance. 21. neighbour, i.e. poor neighbour: see next clause. 22. err, 'miss their aim,' and so are disappointed. 24. The crown of the wise is their riches, because they make a good use of them. the foolishness, 'the possession.' — Boothr. 25. delivereth souls, i.e. of the accused innocent. 26. his children, God's children. — Boothr. the good man's children. — Henry, Orton. 28. In the multitude — honour, 'glory,' &c. A naked kingdom is without revenue or defence; a reason against oppression and persecution. 30 A sound heart, a sound and proper state of mind. — Holden. 31. reproacheth, &c. as if God had formed them of another species, or made them only to be trampled upon. 32. driven away, dies reluctantly. hath hope, intimating a happy future state.

CHAP. XV. — 1. grievous, 'provoking.' 4. A wholesome, &c. 'A healing tongue is as the tree of life; But a perverse one like a destructive wind.' Boothr. nearly as Hodgson. 6. much treasure, though little wealth, there is con-

ledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

8 The ^a sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but he loveth him that ^c followeth after righteousness.

10 ^a Correction is ^f grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.

11 Hell ^a and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then ^b the hearts of the children of men?

12 A ^a scorper loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.

13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15 All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

16 Better ^a is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

19 The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is ^a made plain.

20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

21 Folly is joy to him that is ^a destitute of wisdom: ^b but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken ^a in due season, how good is it!

24 The ^a way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD: ^a but the words of the pure are ^a pleasant words.

27 He ^a that is greedy of gain troubleth

B. C. 1000.

^a Is. 1. 11.

^b Am. 5. 22.

^c 1 Pe. 3. 15.

^d Ps. 10. 1.

^e Ps. 145. 18.

^f 1 Ti. 6. 11.

^g or, In-

^h 1 Ki. 22. 8.

ⁱ Job 26. 6.

^j Ps. 139. 8.

^k Jno. 2. 24. 25.

^l Ac. 1. 24.

^m or, cor-

ⁿ or, obeyeth.

^o 2 Ti. 4. 3.

^p possesseth an heart.

^q or, dis-

^r posings.

^s Je. 10. 23.

^t Mat. 10. 19.

^u 20.

^v 1 Sa. 16. 7.

^w Ps. 37. 16.

^x 1 Ti. 6. 6.

^y Roll.

^z Mat. 6. 25.

^{aa} Lu. 12. 22.

^{ab} Phi. 4. 6.

^{ac} 1 Pe. 5. 7.

^{ad} Is. 43. 7.

^{ae} Ro. 11. 36.

^{af} Job 21. 30.

^{ag} held

^{ah} innocent.

^{ai} Lu. 11. 41.

^{aj} raised up

^{ak} as a

^{al} cause.

^{am} void of

^{an} heart.

^{ao} Ep. 5. 15.

^{ap} Je. 10. 23.

^{aq} Divination

^{ar} in his

^{as} season.

^{at} Le. 19. 26.

^{au} Phi. 3. 20.

^{av} Col. 3. 1. 2.

^{aw} stones.

^{ax} Ps. 37. 30.

^{ay} words of

^{az} pleasant-

^{ba} ness.

^{bb} Is. 5. 8.

^{bc} Je. 17. 11.

his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

28 The heart of the righteous ^b studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

29 The ^c LORD is far from the wicked: but ^d he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: and a good report maketh the bones fat.

31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

32 He that refuseth ^f instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that ^g heareth reproof ^g getteth understanding.

33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

CHAP. XVI.

THE ^h preparations ^k of the heart in man, ^l and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but ^m the LORD weigheth the spirits.

3 ^a Commit ^o thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

4 The ^p LORD hath made all things for himself: ^r yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be ^t unpunished.

6 By ^u mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

8 Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

9 A man's heart deviseth his way: "but the LORD directeth his steps.

10 ^h A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.

11 A ^v just weight and balance are the LORD's: all the ^l weights of the bag are his work.

12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

14 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.

tentment. 10. Correction is grievous, &c. ^a Grievous correction shall be to him, &c. the way, of righteousness.

11. Hell, ^b Hades, the region of departed souls.—G. Holden. destruction, things apparently destroyed are still in their elements and substance before the LORD. 15. evil, rather, 'grievous.'

17. herbs—ox, the usual repasts of the common people are here compared with the luxuries of the great. Among the Arabs oxen are reserved for entertainments.

18. stirreth up strife, sets people by the ears. 19. as an hedge, seems to him full of impediments. is made plain, is as the highway. 20. a glad father, who anticipates that he will be an honour to his family. despiseth his mother, who perhaps has spoiled him. 22. purposes are disappointed, ^a designs miscarry. 23. how good, to himself and others. 24. life—above, the way to attain life is to seek the things that are above. 25. border, landmark.—Boothr. God will protect the widow against the oppressor. 26. pleasant words, to God.

27. troubleth, &c. by leaving a curse on what he gets. gifts, 'bribes,' to pervert justice. shall live, enjoy happiness and reputation. 28. to answer, what may be useful. 29. heareth the prayer, &c. he draws near in mercy if we draw near in duty. 30.

The light, &c. as pleasures derived through the eye gladden the heart, so a good reputation gives satisfaction. 31. reproof of life, salutary reproof. among the wise, to become yet wiser. 33. the instruction of wisdom, what wisdom teacheth.

CHAP. XVI.—1. The preparation, &c. this verse has had various readings and constructions: Orton seems nearest the truth: 'It depends on the Lord whether we shall speak what we have deliberated.'

4. yea, even the wicked, &c. God did not make them wicked, but he makes the wicked instruments to accomplish his punishments of the guilty: Psalm xvii. 13, 14. though hand, see chap. xi. 21, note.

6. purged, expiated. Through the mercy and truth of God, iniquity can be atoned for and forgiven. 10. A divine sentence, &c. A wise king deliberates, and then pronounces judgment. 11. his work, his appointment: Lev. xix. 35; Deut. xxv. 13. 13. righteous lips are, 'should be the delight of kings.'—Boothr. 14. messengers of death. Eastern kings, when offended, often execute instant death on the offender: witness Haman. Sometimes distant offenders are despatched in a moment by messengers sent with the warrant, who execute the sentence on the spot where they find the unfortunate object.

15 In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is ^a as a cloud of the latter rain.

16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold? and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver?

17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso ^e trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.

21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

22 Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.

23 The heart of the wise ^f teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

24 Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

26 ^g He ⁱ that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth ^h craveth it of him.

27 ^{*} An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips ^j there is as a burning fire.

28 A froward man ^k soweth strife, and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

29 A violent man ^l enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good.

30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.

32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.

CHAP. XVII.

BETTER is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of ^m sacrifices with strife.

2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have

15. the latter rain, was that which filled the ears of corn. 16. understanding, 'prudence.' 18. Pride, &c. illustrated in Pharaoh, Sennacherib, Nebuchadnezzar, &c. 21. the sweetness, &c. eloquent men by diffusing knowledge increase their own stock.—Henry. 22. understanding, 'wisdom.' well-spring, yielding satisfaction, is folly, they can only teach what they know.—Ed. 24. as a honeycomb, &c. have a salutary effect on speaker and hearer. 27. diggeth up evil, as miners dig for metals; searches for matter for slander, a burning fire, 'a flaming torch,' his words are firebrands. 28. separateth, by carrying about misrepresentations. 29. A violent man, the original denotes one determined to do evil.—Davidson. 30. shutteth, &c. implies meditation. Dr. Newman's translation is:—

'He that winketh with his eyes mediteth treachery: He that muttereth with his lips hath perfected an evil design.'

31. The hoary head, &c. grace is the glory of old age. 33. lap, 'urn.'

CHAP. XVII.—1. sacrifices, i.e. sacrificial feasts. 4. giveth heed, listens willingly. 6. are the crown,

B. C. 1000.

a Job 29. 23.

Zec. 10. 1.

b Ps. 26. 2.

Je. 17. 10.

Mal. 3. 3.

c Job 31. 29.

Ob. 12.

* held

innocent.

d Ps. 137. 3.

128. 3.

† A lip of excellency.

‡ or, understandeth.

§ a lip of lying.

e Is. 30. 18.

Je. 17. 7.

|| a stone of grace.

* or, procureth.

† or, aveth

more a wise man,

than to strike a

fool an hundred

times.

f Mat. 12. 34.

‡ maketh

wise.

g Ho. 13. 8.

h Ps. 109. 4, 5.

Je. 18. 20.

Ro. 12. 17.

i Th. 5. 15.

l Pe. 3. 9.

§ The soul of him that.

k Ec. 6. 7.

l Th. 4. 11.

|| boweth unto him.

* A man of Belial.

† Ex. 23. 7.

Is. 5. 23.

† sendeth forth.

mch. 1. 10, &c.

n Ru. 1. 15.

‡ heart.

§ The froward of heart.

o Ja. 3. 8.

|| or, to a.

* or, good cheer.

p Ps. 22. 15.

part of the inheritance among the brethren.

3 The ^a fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and ^c he that is glad at calamities shall not be ^e unpunished.

6 Children's ^d children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

7 ^f Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do ^g lying lips a prince.

8 A gift is as ^h a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

9 He that covereth a transgression ⁱ seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth ^j very friends.

10 A reproof ^k entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool.

11 An evil man ^l seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

12 Let ^m a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.

13 Whoso ⁿ rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

14 The beginning of strife is ^o as when one letteth out water: therefore ^p leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

15 He ^q that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both ^r are abomination to the LORD.

16 Wherefore ^s there is a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it?

17 A ^t friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

18 A man void of ^u understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

20 ^v He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath ^w a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

21 He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

22 A merry heart doeth good ^x like a medicine: ^y but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

23 A wicked man ^z taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

i. e. if wise and good. are their fathers, if worthy men. 8. A gift, &c. the influence of gifts is great every where, but especially in the east. whithersoever it turneth, &c. alludes to the cut stone reflecting light on every side: so Davidson. 9. covereth a transgression, conceals the offences of friends to prevent strife.

seeketh love, 'gaineth love.' 11. An evil man, &c. 'A rebellious man seeketh only evil therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.'—G. Holden.

12. a bear robbed, &c. is the most furious of all animals. 14. as when, &c. 'as water bursteth forth,' &c. 16. Wherefore is there a price, &c. money will not make a man wise, if not used to advantage.—Ed. 18. striketh hands, chap. vi. 1, note. 19. exalteth his gate, &c. 'maketh high his gate.'

The richest orientals have mean entrances, for a noble gate subjects them to the notice of rapacious rulers, and insures destruction. The editor of the Pictorial Bible states, that a wealthy Moslem at Bagdad enlarged his gate, when shortly after he was dragged from his horse, near the writer's door, and killed by command of the pasha, who instantly seized his wealth. 23. the bosom, where the orientals deposit their purse. Bribery is no uncommon

24 Wisdom ^a is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.

25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

26 Also to punish the just is not good, nor to strike princes for equity.

27 He ^c that hath knowledge spareth his words: ^d and a man of understanding is of ^e an excellent spirit.

28 Even ^f a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: ^g and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

CHAP. XVIII.

THROUGH [†] desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddeth with all wisdom.

1 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

2 When the wicked cometh, then cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

3 The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, ⁴ and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook.

5 It ⁱ is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

7 A ² fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

8 The ⁱⁱⁱ words of a [§] talebearer are ^{||} as wounds, and they go down into the ^{*} innermost parts of the belly.

9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

10 The ⁿ name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is ¹ safe.

11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.

12 Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

13 He that ^{it} is answereh a matter ^p before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

16 A ^u man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

17 He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

B. C. 1000.

a Ec. 2. 14.

b Ec. 1. 8.

c Mat. 12. 37.

d Ja. 1. 19.

* or, a cool.

d ch. 19. 14.

31. 10.

e Job 13. 5.

f Ja. 2. 3.

g ch. 17. 17.

† or, He that

separateth

himself

seeketh ac-

cording to

his desire,

and inter-

meddeth

in every

business.

Jude 19.

h Ps. 78. 2.

i Le. 19. 15.

De. 1. 17.

16. 19.

j Ps. 37. 7.

k Ex. 23. 1.

De. 19. 16, 19.

† held inno-

cent.

l Ec. 10. 12.

m ch. 26. 22.

§ or, whis-

perer.

|| or, like as

when men

are

wounded.

* chambers.

† a man of

gifts

n 2 Sa. 22. 3.

51.

Ps. 27. 1.

o Ps. 38. 11.

† set aloft.

§ an heart.

|| returneth

a word.

p Jno. 7. 51.

r Ec. 10. 6, 7.

* or, pru-

dence.

s Col. 3. 12, 13.

Ja. 1. 19.

t Ho. 14. 5.

u Ge. 32. 20.

1 Sa. 25. 27.

v 2 Co. 12. 14.

w Ge. 24. 7.

Ja. 1. 17.

19 A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle.

20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 Death ^b and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

22 Whoso ^d findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

23 The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth ^f roughly.

24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: ^g and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

CHAP. XIX.

BETTER is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

2 Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.

3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: ^j and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

5 A ^k false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to [†] him that giveth gifts.

7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go ^o far from him? he pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.

8 He that getteth [§] wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.

10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less ^r for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 The ^{*} discretion ^o of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is ^u as dew upon the grass.

13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

14 House ^v and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and ^w a prudent wife is from the LORD.

practice in the east. 24. *Wisdom is before, &c.* 'In the countenance of the prudent is wisdom.'—Boothroyd. 'The wise course is before him that understandeth.'—Newman. in the ends. &c. i.e. as distant as possible from where they ought to be. 26. *to strike princes, &c.* 'to smite the upright for their integrity.'—Newman. for equity, for their uprightness.—Boothr. 27. *excellent spirit, literally, 'cool of spirit,' not easily provoked.*

CHAP. XVIII.—1. *Through desire, &c.* there are various opposite renderings to this passage. Dr. Newman's accords with the common one:

'He that secludeth himself will seek knowledge according to his desire:

With all kinds of knowledge he will mingle himself.' 2. *A fool, &c.* a fool hath no pleasure in wisdom, but in pouring out the frivolities of his own mind.—G. Holden. 3. *then cometh also contempt,* 'then cometh the scoffer.'—Newman. 4. *man's, i.e. wise man's.*—Ed. as deep, &c. profound and replete with knowledge. 8. *as wounds, they occasion inward pain and deeply*

rankling grief. innermost. &c. 'recesses of the breast.'—Boothr. 14. *The spirit of a man, &c.* outward grievances are tolerable as long as the mind is at ease. 16. *A man's gift, &c.* a present to the great is always essential to acceptance in the east.

18. *The lot, is a common method still of settling disputes among the orientals.* 20. *A man's belly, &c.* a man's peace of conscience will depend much upon his words.—Ed. 21. *Death, &c.* the tongue produces much good or evil, and those who use it freely must share in its products.—Ed. 24. *there is a friend, &c.* i.e. such a thing as a true friend.

CHAP. XIX.—1. *than he, &c.* 'than the rich, whose ways are perverse.'—Syr. 2. *he that hasteth, &c.* rashness and precipitation lead to error. 4. *separated from, 'deserted by.'* 10. *Delight, 'authority.'*—Boothr. Delight seems to be here put for its object.

12. *as the roaring, inspires terror, for the wrath of an eastern monarch was often followed by death.* 13. *a continual dropping, as annoying as*

15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

16 He ^b that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth his ways shall die.

17 He ^c that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and * that which he hath given will he pay him again.

18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare [§] for his crying.

19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver him, yet thou must ^{||} do it again.

20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise [^] in thy latter end.

21 There ^k are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

22 The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.

23 The ^l fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

24 A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

25 Smite a scorner, and the simple ^m will beware; and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.

26 He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.

28 ⁿ An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.

29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

CHAP. XX.

WINE ^v is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

2 The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: ^w whose provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul.

3 It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the ^x cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

6 Most ^y men will proclaim every one his own ^z goodness: but ^b a faithful man who can find?

7 The ^c just man walketh in his in-

rain penetrating a decayed roof. 16. the commandment, i. e. God's law. die, come to ruin. 17. He that hath pity, &c. almsgiving is likely to lead to thriving. 18. hope, i. e. of amendment. 22. than a liar, 'than a false rich one,' who raises expectations to blast them. 24. bosom, the Pictorial Bible would read dish. The easterns dip into the dish with their fingers, but the slothful man would plunge his hand into it, to avoid the decent trouble of often repeating the movement. 'The idle man is too lazy to feed himself.'—Dr. A. Clarke. 25. Smite a scorner, &c. the punishment of scorners will do good to others. 28. devoureth iniquity, rioteth in it as a delicious morsel.

CHAP. XX.—2. fear, 'wrath.' soul, 'life.' 6. who can find? i. e. he is rare. 8. A king, &c. an absolute eastern king and judge, whose subjects know his eyes are upon them. 16. Take his garment,

B. C. 1000.

a Ps. 37. 26.

b Lu. 10. 23.

c Mat. 10. 42.

d 2 Co. 9. 6. 8.

e He. 6. 10.

f 2 Ch. 6. 36.

g Job 14. 4.

h Ec. 7. 20.

i Co. 1. 4.

j 1 Jno. 1. 8.

k * or, his deed

l A stone and a stone.

m De. 25. 13.

n &c.

o Mi. 6. 10. 11.

p an ephah

q and an ephah.

r or, to his

s destruction: or,

t to cause

u him to die.

v f Mat. 7. 16.

w add.

x Ex. 4. 11.

y Ps. 37. 37.

z Ro. 12. 11.

a Ac. 5. 39.

b He. 6. 17.

c 1 Ti. 4. 8.

d * will be

e cunning.

f lying, or,

g falsehood.

h m De. 13. 11.

i n Lu. 14. 31.

j o Ro. 16. 18.

k p or, anticeth

l Ex. 21. 17.

m Mat. 15. 4.

n r Job 18. 5, 6.

o s or, candle.

p || A witness

q of Belial.

r s Hab. 2. 6.

t De. 32. 35.

u Ro. 12. 17, 19.

v 1 Th. 5. 15.

w 1 Pe. 3. 9.

x 2 Sa. 16. 12.

y Ge. 9. 21.

z Is. 28. 7.

a * balances of

b deceit.

c Je. 10. 23.

d Ec. 5. 4, 5.

e f or, winter.

f 1 Co. 2. 11.

g or, lamp.

h a Mat. 6. 2.

i Lu. 18. 11.

j s or, bounty.

k b Lu. 18. 8.

l c 2 Co. 1. 12.

tegrity: ^a his children are blessed after him.

8 A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

9 Who ^d can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

10 [†] Divers ^e weights, and [‡] divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD.

11 Even a child is ^f known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

12 The ^g hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

13 Love ^h not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

14 It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

16 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

17 Bread of [†] deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

18 Every purpose is established by counsel: [‡] and with good advice make war.

19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him ^o that [†] flattereth with his lips.

20 Whoso ^p curseth his father or his mother, ^q his [§] lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

21 An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; ^r but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

22 Say ^t not thou, I will recompense evil; but ^u wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.

23 Divers weights are an abomination unto the LORD; and ^v a false balance is not good.

24 Man's ^w goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?

25 It is a snare to the man who devour-eth that which is holy, and ^x after vows to make enquiry.

26 A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

27 The ^y spirit of man is the ^z candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upheld by mercy.

29 The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head.

&c.—and take a pledge, 'And his pledge for the debts of strangers.'—Booth. Do not trust that man without good security, who is ready to be bound for any one he does not know. 17. Bread of deceit, i. e. gain or pleasure procured by unlawful enjoyments. 20. Whoso curseth, &c.—his lamp, &c. rebellious children shall lose all their comfort and happiness. 21. hastily gotten, i. e. by injustice or oppression. 25. devoureth, or 'retaineth.'—Booth. holy, i. e. consecrated to God. 26. wheel, an allusion to eastern sledges with wheels, used in threshing corn by being driven over it. 27. The spirit, &c. conscience is God's light in man's bosom. 28. Mercy, &c. mercy and truth in a sovereign are the best guards of his person, and the best supports of his throne. 29. The glory, &c. The old should not despise the young, for they are valuable for action; the young should not despise the old, for they are

30 The blueness of a wound *cleanseth away evil: so do stripes the inward parts of the belly.

CHAP. XXI.

THE king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

3 To *do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

4 An high look, and a proud heart, and the § plowing of the wicked, is sin.

5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.

6 The § getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

7 The robbery of the wicked shall :destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.

8 The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right.

9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a *brawling woman in a wide house.

10 The " soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour :findeth no favour in his eyes.

11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise; and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

12 The righteous man wisely considereth the house of the wicked: but God overthroweth the wicked for their wickedness.

13 Whoso " stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.

15 It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17 He that loveth ¶ pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

19 It is better to dwell in the † wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

20 There * is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21 He " that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

22 A wise man scaleth the city of the

B. C. 1000.

* is purging medicine against.

a Ja. 3. 2.

† the wrath of pride.

b ch. 13. 4.

d Lu. 16. 15.

e 1 Sa. 15. 22.

f Ps. 50. 9.

‡ Haughtiness of eyes.

§ or, light.

|| in wickedness?

* witness of lies.

g 2 Pe. 2. 3.

† or, considereth.

h Je. 9. 23.

i Ac. 5. 39.

‡ saw, or, dwell with.

§ or, victory.

|| Ec. 7. 1.

|| or, favour is better than, &c.

* woman of contentions

† an house of society.

i 1 Co. 12. 21.

m Ja. 4. 5.

‡ is not favoured.

§ or, The reward of.

n Mat. 6. 33.

o 1 Jno. 5. 18.

p Mat. 7. 2.

q Ja. 2. 13.

† or, Calchise.

r Ep. 6. 4.

s Ti. 3. 15.

* in his way.

† man that lendeth.

‡ or, with the rod of his anger he shall be consumed.

§ Good of eye

i 2 Co. 9. 6.

u Ge. 21. 9, 10.

|| or, sport.

* or, and hath grace in his lips.

† land of the desert.

‡ or, the matters.

§ Mat. 23. 4.

p Mat. 5. 6.

mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

23 Whoso * keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

24 Proud and haughty scorner is his name, who dealeth in † proud wrath.

25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26 He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

27 The § sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it || with a wicked mind?

28 A * false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but as for the upright, he † directeth his way.

30 There " is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but § safety is of the LORD.

CHAP. XXII.

A : GOOD name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and ¶ loving favour rather than silver and gold.

2 The † rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.

3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

4 By " humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: " he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

6 Train " up a child * in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

7 The * rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the † lender.

8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and † the rod of his anger shall fail.

9 He † that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

10 Cast " out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

11 He that loveth pureness of heart, * for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth : the words of the transgressor.

13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

valuable for counsel. 30. blueness, 'suppuration.' —Parishurst. Chastisement is necessary to purify the wicked: so Holden and Davidson.

CHAP. XXI.—1. as the rivers—he turneth, as the oriental turns the rills into the garden, from the neighbouring stream. 4. and the plowing, &c. and the lights of the wicked show their sin.—Booth. 5. hasty, rash and inconsiderate. 6. is a vanity, &c. is a vanity dispelled by the messengers of death.—Dr. Newman. 7. to do judgment, 'to do what is right,' i.e. to make restitution.—Booth. 9. corner of the housetop, the Egyptians erect a kind of open closet on the housetop, to sleep on in summer, but quite unfit for a habitation: but hence probably the comparison. 11. When the scorner, &c. see ch. xix. 25. 12. but God overthroweth, &c. 'the overthrow of the wicked,' &c. 16. of the dead, 'of departed sinners.'—

Booth. 17. wine and oil, here put for luxuries. 18. The wicked, &c. wicked men often fall into the miseries they had prepared for the godly. 20. There is treasure, &c. the foolish spend what the wise had laid up. 22. the strength of the confidence, 'its strong defence.' 25. The desire, &c. the idle pine for want. 28. constantly, or convincingly. 29. directeth his way, 'considereth his steps.'

CHAP. XXII.—1. loving favour, the love and favour of our fellow-creatures. 2. The rich—meet together, are mutually dependent on each other in society. 4. By humility, &c. humility and godliness lead to honour and happiness. 5. Thorns and snares, vexations and temptations. 8. man—fark, tyrannic power be broken. 11. He that loveth, &c. piety will recommend us even to princes.—Ed. 12. preserve knowledge, 'are on such as keep knowledge.'

16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches*, and he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely come to want.

17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them [†] within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, [§] even to thee.

20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,

21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; [§] that thou mightest answer the words of truth ^{*} to them that send unto thee?

22 Rob[†] not the poor, because he is poor: ^{*} neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:

23 For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

26 Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands, ^{or} of them that are sureties for debts.

27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

28 Remove [†] not the ancient [†] landmark, which thy fathers have set.

29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before [§] mean men.

CHAP. XXIII.

WHEN thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee:

2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.

3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat.

4 Labour [†] not to be rich: cease [†] from thine own wisdom.

5 Wilt thou ^{*} set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

6 Eat ^{*} thou not the bread of him that hath [†] an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, [†] saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

8 The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

9 Speak ^{*} not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

10 Remove ^{*} not the old [§] landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:

11 For [†] their redeemer is mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.

12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

13 Withhold not ^{*} correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

B. C. 1060.

a 1 Co. 5. 5.

* or, even I

will rejoice

b Ps. 37. 1.

† in thy belly.

c ch. 28. 14.

d Ps. 37. 37.

Lu. 16. 25.

† or, reward.

s or, trust

thou also.

c Is. 5. 22.

Lu. 21. 34.

Ro. 13. 13.

Ep. 5. 18.

f Lu. 1. 3. 4.

|| their flesh.

g 1 Pe. 3. 15.

* or, to those

that send

thee.

h Ex. 23. 5.

Job 31. 16, 21.

i Ep. 6. 1. 2.

k Zec. 7. 10.

Mal. 3. 5.

l 1 Sa. 24. 12.

25. 39.

Je. 51. 36.

m Mat. 13. 44.

n De. 19. 14.

† or, bound.

o Ec. 7. 26.

† or, as a

robber.

§ obscure.

p Is. 5. 11, 22.

r Ge. 49. 12.

s Ep. 5. 18.

† Ps. 75. 8.

u 1 Ti. 6. 9, 10.

v Ro. 12. 16.

|| or, a cock-

atrice.

* cause thine

eyes to fly

upon.

x Ps. 141. 4.

† heart.

y De. 15. 9.

z Je. 5. 3.

a Ps. 12. 2.

b Ep. 4. 19.

† knew.

c De. 29. 19.

Is. 56. 12.

d Ps. 73. 3.

e Mat. 7. 6.

f Pr. 1. 15.

g Pr. 10. 7.

h De. 19. 14.

s or, bound.

i Job 31. 21.

k He. 12. 6. 8.

l Ec. 9. 16.

|| is in

strength.

* strength-

eneth might

m Lu. 14. 31.

14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and ^{*} shalt deliver his soul from hell.

15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, ^{*} even mine.

16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

17 Let [†] not thine heart envy sinners: but ^{*} be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

18 For [†] surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

20 Be ^{*} not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of [†] flesh:

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

22 Harken [†] unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

23 Buy [†] the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

27 For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit.

28 She ^{*} also lieth in wait [†] as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

29 Who [†] hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who [†] hath redness of eyes?

30 They ^{*} that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek [†] mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like [†] an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the [†] midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They ^{*} have stricken me, *saith thou*, and I am not sick; they have beaten me, and [†] I felt it not: ^{*} when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

CHAP. XXIV.

BE not thou [†] envious against evil men, [†] neither desire to be with them.

2 For [†] their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

3 Through wisdom is a house builded; and by understanding it is established:

4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A [†] wise man [†] is strong, yea, a man of knowledge ^{*} increaseth strength.

6 For [†] by wise counsel thou shalt make

—Boothr. 16. *giveth*, i. e. courts their favour by bribes. 21. *to them that send*, i. e. for instruction and advice. 22. *in the gate*, where causes are judged. 26. *strike*, &c. see chap. vi. 1. 28. *landmark*, see Deut. xix. 14. note. 29. *stand before*, i. e. wait upon.

CHAP. XXIII.—2. *put a knife*, an eastern expression for 'restrain the appetite.' 6. *evil eye*, sordid

and envious; in other words, not hospitable. 11. *For their redeemer*, &c. God will take the fatherless under his special protection. 18. *an end*, i. e. a certain future reward. 23. *Buy the truth*, &c. acquire truth and do not part with it. 30. *mixed*, i. e. made strong with spices.

CHAP. XXIV.—1. *envious*, i. e. when they prosper. 3—6. *Through wisdom*, &c. true godliness is the

thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.

7 Wisdom ^{is} too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

8 He that ^{is} deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.

9 The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.

10 If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

11 If ^{thou} forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain;

12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

13 My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet ^{to} thy taste:

14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

15 Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place:

16 For ^{if} a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: ^{but} the wicked shall fall into mischief.

17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

18 Lest the LORD see it, and it ^{shall} displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

19 ^{Be} not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked;

20 For there shall be no reward to the evil man; ^{the} candle of the wicked shall be put out.

21 My son, ^{be} not afraid of the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:

22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

23 These things also belong to the wise. ^{It} is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

24 He ^{that} saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

25 But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and ^{is} a good blessing shall come upon them.

26 Every man shall kiss his lips that ^{shall} give him a right answer.

27 Prepare ^{thy} work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

28 Be ^{not} a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.

B. C. 1000.

a Mat. 5. 39.

Ro. 12. 17, 19.

b Ps. 10. 5.

c Ro. 1. 30.

* narrow.

d Is. 58. 6, 7.

1 Jno. 3. 16.

† set my heart.

‡ a man of shield.

c Je. 32. 19.

Ro. 2. 6.

Re. 2. 23.

22. 12.

f Ca. 5. 1.

g 1 Ki. 4. 32.

§ upon thy palate.

h Ro. 11. 33.

i Job 29. 16.

|| there is no searching.

k 2 Ti. 2. 21.

l Job 5. 19.

Ps. 34. 19.

37. 24.

Mi. 7. 8.

m Es. 7. 10.

Re. 18. 21.

n Job 31. 29.

Ps. 35. 15, 19.

Ob. 12.

* Set not out thy glory.

† be evil in his eyes.

o Lu. 14. 8, 10.

† or, Keep not company with the wicked.

p Job 15. 5, 6.

21. 17.

§ or, lamp.

Mat. 5. 25.

Ro. 13. 7.

1 Pe. 2. 17.

|| changers.

† Mat. 18. 15.

* or, the secret of.

Le. 19. 15.

Jno. 7. 24.

Is. 50. 4.

† spoken upon his wheels.

z Is. 5. 23.

† a blessing of good.

§ answereth right words

y 1 Ki. 5. 17, 18.

Lu. 14. 28.

|| in a gift of falsehood.

z Jude 12.

a 1 Sa. 25. 24.

b Ep. 4. 25.

29 Say ^a not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

32 Then I saw, and [†] considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

33 [†] Let a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as [†] an armed man.

CHAP. XXV.

THESE ^{are} also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

2 [†] It ^{is} the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings ^{is} to search out a matter.

3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings ^{is} unsearchable.

4 Take [†] away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

5 Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

6 [†] Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men:

7 For [†] better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldst be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

8 Go [†] not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

9 Debate [†] thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not [†] a secret to another:

10 Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

11 A [†] word [†] fitly spoken ^{is} like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

12 [†] As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so ^{is} a wise reprove upon an obedient ear.

13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so ^{is} a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

14 Whoso boasteth himself [†] of a false gift ^{is} like [†] clouds and wind without rain.

15 By [†] a long forbearing ^{is} a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much

surest way to prosperity. 7. openeth not, &c. is not admitted to the council of magistracy. 9. The thought of foolishness, evil thoughts are sin. 11. If thou forbear, &c. rather, 'Deliver them that are hurried away unto death,' &c. He that sees a man unjustly condemned to die, and can save him by his evidence,—if he be silent, is guilty of blood. 13. eat thou honey, &c. sweet as honey to the mouth, is saving knowledge to the soul. 18. from him, Boothroyd adds, 'upon thee.' 21. given to change, i. e. are always dissatisfied. 26. kiss, i. e. reverence and esteem: Psalm ii. 12. 27. Prepare, &c. count the cost before you enter upon any enterprise. 34. as one that travelleth, constantly approaching. an armed man, an highwayman, to strip you of all.

CHAP. XXV.—2 It is the glory, &c. the glory

of the heavenly King consists in concealing his matters: that of earthly kings in searching matters out.—Ed. 3. and the heart of kings, &c. it is difficult to discover the policy of kings. 4, 5. Take away, &c. What dross is to silver, evil counsellers are to kings.—Boothroyd. 9. discover not, &c. never divulge confidence, for the sake of revenge.—Ed. 11. apples, &c. oranges or citrons. in pictures, 'among figures of silver.'—Boothroyd. 12. As an earring, &c. He who harkens to reproof with regard to as proper and beautiful as a golden pendant.—Boothroyd. 13. snow, supplied plentifully from Lebanon, and mixed in hot weather with the country wine. 14. Whoso boasteth, &c. Moral.—We should not promise without performing.—Ed. 15. long forbearing, 'patient gentleness.'—Dr. Newman. breaketh, &c. i. e. over-

as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

17 † Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be † weary of thee, and so hate thee.

18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

20 As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that † singeth songs to an heavy heart.

21 If † thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink;

22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

23 The † north wind † driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain and a corrupt spring.

27 It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory.

28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

CHAP. XXVI.

AS snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.

2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

5 Answer † a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own † conceit.

6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh † damage.

7 The legs of the lame are † not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

B. C. 700.

* or, putteth a precious stone in an heap of stones.

† or, Let thy foot be seldom in.

‡ full.

§ or, A great man grieveth all, and he hireth the fool, he hireth also transgressors.

a 2 Pe. 2. 22.

b Ex. 8. 15.

|| verateth his folly.

c Lu. 18. 11.

Ro. 12. 16.

Re. 3. 17.

d Ro. 12. 15.

e Mat. 5. 44.

Ro. 12. 20.

* or he is weary.

f Job 37. 22.

† or, bringeth forth rain: so doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

‡ or, is enraged.

§ flames, or, sparks.

|| Ex. 5. 4.

Without wood.

* or, whisperer.

† is silent.

‡ chambers.

§ or, is known.

|| maketh his voice gracious.

* or, in secret.

a Mat. 16. 1. 4

21. 24. 27

† eyes.

‡ or, violence

§ lifted up.

8 As he that * bindeth a stone in a sling, so is he that giveth honour to a fool.

9 As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

10 † The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.

11 As † a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool † returneth to his folly.

12 Seest † thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.

14 As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.

15 The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; * it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.

16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

17 He that passeth by, and † meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

18 As a mad man who casteth † firebrands, arrows, and death,

19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, † Am not I in sport?

20 † Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no † talebearer, the strife † ceaseth.

21 As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

22 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

23 Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.

24 He that hateth † dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

25 When he † speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

26 Whose hatred is covered * by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.

27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28 A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

cometh anger. 13. A man, &c. is a maul, or 'club.'

20. taketh—in cold, makes a man colder. vinegar upon nitre, produces fermentation. 22. heap coals, melt him into kindness, as ore is melted. 23. The north wind, &c. Moral.—'Slanders would not be so readily spoken, if they were not so readily heard.'—Henry. Some read, 'bringeth forth rain,' i. e. from the Mediterranean. 24. in a corner, &c. see chap. xxi. 9.

26. falling down, i. e. making a slip. corrupt, lost to all salutary influence. 27. so for men to search, &c. 'And is it glory for men to seek their own glory?'—Scott. 28. like a city—broken down, all that is good goes out, and all that is evil comes in.

CHAP. XXVI.—2. As the bird, &c. as birds fly here and there, without any particular intention, so imprecations uttered rashly shall have no effect. 3. the ass, the eastern ass is a spirited animal. 4. Answer not a fool, &c. If fools talk nonsense, do not talk nonsense with them. 5. Answer a fool, &c. If fools boast of victory over wisdom, then let wisdom expose their folly.—Ed. Holden interprets the clause in ver. 4, according to, 'with similar folly;' and in ver. 5, 'according as it deserves.'

6. He that sendeth, &c. 'As he that cutteth off, &c. so is he that sendeth,' &c.—Dr. Newman. We should not employ unfit instruments to execute our commands.—Ed. 7.

The legs of the lame, &c. A good proverb, when uttered by a fool, is as weak as lame legs.—Holden. 8. so, &c. the honour is thrown away.—Holden. 9. As a thorn, &c. 'As a thorn branch in the hand,' &c.—Booth. Fools should no more meddle with a wise speech, than a drunken man with thorns.—Bp. Hall.

10. The great, &c. this verse is difficult, and has many versions: perhaps it means, God will reward every man according to his work, the fool who sins through ignorance, and the transgressor who sins presumptuously: so Henry. 13. a lion, &c. old lions, that cannot traverse the forest, often find their food among the habitations of men; see ch. xxii. 13, note. 14. hinges, or 'pivots.' 15. hideth, &c. chap. xix. 24, note. 16. seven, many. The sluggard is too opinionated to regard admonition.—Holden. 17. taketh a dog by the ears, release the cur, and he bites; hold him, and you can do nothing else. 18. death, i. e. instruments of death. 19. deceiveth, leads him into sin, or imposes upon him. 22. The words, &c. chap. xviii. 8, note. 23. like a potsherd—silver dross, silvering as well as gilding was practised in very ancient times. Reverse the comparison, 'As a potsherd, &c. so are burning, &c. 25. seven, i. e. many. 26. deceit, or praise. 28. hateth, &c. a man generally hates those he has injured.

CHAP. XXVII.

BOAST not thyself of [†] to-morrow; ^a for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

3 A stone is [¶] heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.

4 Wrath is ^{*} cruel, and anger is outrageous; but ^c who is able to stand before [†] envy?

5 Open ^d rebuke is better than secret love.

6 Faithful [¶] are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are [§] deceitful.

7 The full soul [¶] loatheth an honey-comb; but [§] to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place.

9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend [†] by hearty counsel.

10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.

11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, [¶] that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

12 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

13 Take ^o his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

16 Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itself.

17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

18 Whoso ^{*} keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

19 As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man.

20 Hell ^{*} and destruction are [†] never full; so [¶] the eyes of man are never satisfied.

21 As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise.

22 Though thou shouldst bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

23 Be thou diligent to know the state

B. C. 700.

* set thy heart.

† to-morrow day.

a Lu. 12. 19, 20

† strength.

§ generation and generation.

b Ps. 104. 14.

¶ heaviness.

* cruelty, and anger an overflowing.

† life.

† 1 Jno. 3. 12.

† or jealousy ch. 6. 31.

d Ga. 2. 14.

e Le. 26. 17.

f Ps. 141. 5.

§ or, earnest, or, frequent.

|| or, by men of understanding and wisdom shall they likewise be.

* treadeth under foot.

g Job 6. 7.

h Mat. 18. 28.

† without.

i Ps. 10. 3.

Ro. 1. 32.

k Mat. 14. 4.

Ep. 5. 11.

† from the counsel of the soul.

l Jno. 7. 17.

1 Co. 2. 15.

1 Jno. 2. 23.

m Ps. 127. 5.

§ or, feedeth gluttons.

n Ec. 2. 26.

|| by increase

o Ex. 22. 26.

p Zec. 7. 11.

r Mat. 6. 33.

* his eyes.

† or, sought for.

s 1 Co. 9. 7. 13.

t Ps. 32. 3, 5.

1 Jno. 1. 8.

u Ps. 16. 8.

v Ro. 2. 5.

x Hab. 2. 5.

† not.

y Ec. 1. 8.

z 1 Pe. 5. 8.

a Mat. 2. 16.

of thy flocks, and ^{*} look well to thy herds.24 For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to [§] every generation?25 The ^b hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.

26 The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field.

27 And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the [†] maintenance for thy maidens.

CHAP. XXVIII.

THE ^{*} wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

2 For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but [†] by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.

3 A ^a poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain [†] which leaveth no food.

4 They [†] that forsake the law praise the wicked: [†] but such as keep the law contend with them.

5 Evil men understand not judgment: but [†] they that seek the LORD understand all things.

6 Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than ^{he} that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that [§] is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.

8 He ⁿ that by usury and [¶] unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

9 He ^p that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

10 Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: [†] but the upright shall have good things in possession.

11 The rich man is wise in ^{*} his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

12 When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is [†] hidden.

13 He [†] that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

14 Happy is the man ^a that feareth alway: [†] but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

15 As ^a a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; ^a so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

16 The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

17 A man that doeth violence to the

CHAP. XXVII.—4. *envy*, or *jealousy*. 8. *so is a man*, &c. he deserts his greatest comforts. 9. *Ointment*, &c. refreshing rose-water and perfumes are lavished in the east on guests, just before their departure.

10. *thy brother*, obviously one without fraternal feeling. 11. *that I may answer*, i. e. have a son qualified to vindicate my cause. 13. *Take*, &c. chap. xx. 16, note.

14. *blesseth*, compliments with adulation. *rising early*, administering unseasonable and constant praise. *a curse*, i. e. as generally understood, to the friend. 15. *A continual dropping*, &c. see chap. xix. 13. 17. *sharpeneth*, &c. may allude to the file. 18. *waiteth*, i. e. with fidelity. 21. *As the fining pot*, &c. 'He that can bear praise without injury, as precious metals bear

the fire, his character is sterling.'—T. Williams. 22. *bray—in a mortar*, an eastern punishment.

CHAP. XXVIII.—2. *many are the princes*, who depose and destroy each other. 3. *A poor man*, &c. A needy man raised to power, is often as bad as a desolation.—Ed. The rains in Judea are often tremendous.

5. *Evil men*, &c. 'Wicked men regard not what is right, but they who seek the Lord regard it in all things.' 8. *He that by usury*, &c. see ch. xiii. 22, note. 11. *searcheth*, &c. detects his ignorance and vanity. 12. *hidden*, 'stripped.'—Boothroyd. 17. *A man*, &c.

'A man oppressed with the guilt of blood, flieth to the pit lest men should seize him.'—Boothroyd.

blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

21 To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress.

22 He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

23 He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

CHAP. XXIX.

HE, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.

4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

5 A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

7 The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.

8 Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath.

9 If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.

10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

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a Ju. 16. 17.

* or, usurer.

b Mat. 5. 45.

c Ps. 72. 2, 13.

14.

d 1 Ti. 6. 9.

† or, unpunished.

e Eze. 13. 19.

† or, hath an evil eye hasteth to be rich.

f 1 Sa. 3. 1.

Am. 8. 11, 12

§ or, is made naked.

g Jno. 13. 17.

Ja. 1. 25.

h a man destroying.

i 1 Ti. 6. 6.

* or, matters.

j De. 15. 7.

&c.

k Is. 66. 2.

Da. 4. 30, &c

Lu. 13. 14.

Ac. 12. 23.

Ja. 4. 6, 10.

l Pe. 5. 5.

m Le. 5. 1.

† A man of reproofs.

n 1 Sa. 2. 25.

2 Ch. 36. 16.

o Ge. 12. 12.

Mat. 26. 69

. 75.

p Ga. 2. 11, 13

q Es. 8. 15.

† or, increased.

r § set on high.

s Ps. 20. 9.

|| the face of a ruler.

t Lu. 15. 13, 30

* a man of oblations.

u Ps. 73. 22.

v Job 29. 16.

w Ps. 41. 1.

† know.

z or, set a city on fire.

aa Jno. 3. 13.

ab Eze. 22. 30.

ac Is. 40. 12, &c

ad Mat. 11. 17.

ae § Men of blood.

af Ge. 4. 5, 8.

ag 1 Jno. 3. 12.

11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.

12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked.

13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: but the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.

14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established forever.

15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.

17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length.

22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewarcth it not.

25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

26 Many seek the ruler's favour; but every man's judgment cometh from the LORD.

27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

CHAP. XXX.

THE words of Agur the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal.

2 Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man.

3 I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

20. maketh haste, &c. hasty gains are usually unjust. 21. a piece of bread, a thing of trifling value. 22. an evil eye, a coveting eye. 25. a proud heart, 'a covetous soul.' but he that putteth, &c. 'but he that walketh wisely shall escape it.'—Boothr.

CHAP. XXIX.—1. hardeneth his neck, like the untractable ox with the yoke. Obstinacy in sin leads to certain ruin.—Ed. 4. gifts, i.e. bribes. 7. to know it, 'to attain the knowledge of it.' The unjust judge blinds himself to acts of injustice.—Ed. 9. there is no rest, 'he is not dismayed,' either by rebuke or irony. 10. seek his soul, 'study to preserve his life.'—Boothr. 12. hearken to lies, &c. those who like to hear lies, will be the dupes of liars.—Ed. 13. deceitful man, 'noble.'—Boothr. 'man of office.'—Gill. The rich and the poor have a mutual de-

pendence on each other.—Ed. 14. The king, &c. The just magistrate lays the most lasting foundation for his power.—Ed. 15. The rod, &c. see ch. xiii. 24. note. 17. Correct, &c. i.e. when needful. 18. vision, 'oracle.'—Newman. 'revelation.'—Boothr. perish, 'will be lawless.'—Boothr. 19. A servant, 'that servant,' &c. for though, &c. who understandeth, but will not answer.—Boothr. Those who are deaf to reproof, must undergo correction.—Ed. 21. delicately, 'tenderly.' 25. judgment, 'sentence.' God's favour is our best protection.—Ed. CHAP. XXX.—2. brutish, 'ignorant.' 3. the holy, 'holy things.' The writer had not belonged to the schools of the prophets.—Davidson. 4. his name—his son's name, &c. Moral.—We know little of God's works, much less of God himself.

5 Every ^a word of God is ^a pure: ^b he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

6 Add ^c thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

7 Two things have I required of thee; I deny me ^d them not before I die:

8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; ^d feed me with food ^e convenient for me:

9 Lest ^f I be full, and I deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

10 [†] Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

12 There is a generation ^g that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

13 There is a generation, O how ^h lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.

14 There ⁱ is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, ⁱ to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

15 The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, ^j It is enough:

16 The ^k grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, ^k It is enough.

17 The ^l eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the ^l valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not:

19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the ^m midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

21 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear:

22 For ⁿ a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat;

23 For an odious woman when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

24 There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are ^o exceeding wise:

B. C. 700.

^a Ps. 19. 8.

^b Ps. 119. 140.

^c purified.

^d Ps. 84. 11.

^e De. 4. 2.

^f 12. 32.

^g Re. 22. 18, 19.

^h gathered together.

ⁱ withhold not from me.

^j Mat. 6. 11.

^k of my al-
lousance.

^l De. 32. 15.

^m Ho. 13. 6.

ⁿ belie thee.

^o girl in the
loins, or,
horse.

^p Hurt not
with thy
tongue.

^q Job 40. 4.

^r Lu. 18. 11.

^s Ps. 131. 1.

^t ch. 30. 1.

^u Job 29. 17.

^v Ps. 52. 2.

^w 57. 4.

^x Ps. 14. 4.

^y Am. 8. 4.

^z ch. 5. 9.

^{aa} De. 17. 17.

^{ab} Wealth.

^{ac} Ho. 4. 11.

^{ad} Hab. 2. 5.

^{ae} alter.

^{af} of all the
sons of af-
fection.

^{ag} Ps. 104. 15.

^{ah} Ge. 9. 22.

^{ai} Le. 20. 9.

^{aj} bitter of
soul.

^{ak} 1 Sa. 1. 10.

^{al} or, brook.

^{am} Job 29. 15.

^{an} 16.

^{ao} 1 Sa. 19. 4.

^{ap} Es. 4. 16.

^{aq} the sons of
destruction.

^{ar} Le. 19. 15.

^{as} Je. 22. 16.

^{at} heart.

^{au} Ec. 10. 7.

^{av} Ro. 12. 11.

^{aw} Lu. 12. 42.

^{ax} wise, made
wise.

^{ay} taketh.

25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;

26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them ^b by bands;

28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

29 There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going:

30 A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;

31 A ^c greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up.

32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay ^d thine hand upon thy mouth.

33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

CHAP. XXXI.

THE words of king Lemuel, ^e the prophecy that his mother taught him.

2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?

3 Give ^f not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways ^g to that which destroyeth kings.

4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

5 Lest ^h they drink, and forget the law, and ^h pervert the judgment ^h of any of the afflicted.

6 Give ⁱ strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be ^j of heavy hearts.

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

8 Open ^k thy mouth for the dumb ^k in the cause of all; such as are appointed to destruction.

9 Open thy mouth, ^l judge righteously, and ^l plead the cause of the poor and needy.

10 ^m Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

15 She ⁿ riseth also while it is yet night, and ⁿ giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She considereth a field, and ^o buyeth

dignity and courage.—Ed. 32. If, &c. 'If through pride thou hast done foolishly.'—Booth. lay thine hand, i.e. let not thine evil thoughts escape thy lips.

CHAP. XXXI.—1. Lemuel, thought by some to have been Solomon, but by others a neighbouring prince married to a woman of Israel. 2. What, my son, What shall I say to thee? of my vows, prayed for. 4. to drink, i.e. to excess. 8. the dumb, those that cannot plead for themselves. 10. Who can find, &c. 'hath found a virtuous wife,' then let him value her. virtuous, prudent, good-natured, and religious. 11. in her, in her chastity, prudence, and fidelity. spoil, by robbing others to enrich himself. 13. worketh, so, in ancient times, did females of every rank. 14. food from afar, i.e. probably in exchange for her works. 15. yet night, the easterns rise with the dawn, and the women sooner than the men. 16. considereth a field, &c. in Palestine, an agricultural country, the women were much employed in the field. buyeth it, with the works of

6. Add thou not, &c. God will resent all corruptions of his word.—Ed. 7—9. Two things, &c. Moral.—Poverty has its cares, and riches its snares.—Ed. 10. Accuse not, i.e. unjustly. 11—14. There is a generation, &c. Moral.—The undutiful, the conceited, the haughty, and the cruel, are to be avoided. 15, 16. crying, Give, give, expresses their insatiable desire for blood. Moral.—Ambitious and covetous people are never satisfied. 17. The eye, &c. Moral.—If men do not punish undutiful children, God will.—Henry. 18—20. There be three, &c. Moral.—The more artfully temptation is managed, the more watchful ought we to be against it. 21. For three things the earth, &c. Society is greatly injured when persons obtain a rank they are not qualified to fill.—Ed. 24. There be four, &c.—26. conies, Arabian mice. We may learn wisdom and prudence even from the meanest animals and insects.—Ed. 29—31. a king, an eastern monarch in his state. Moral.—We should learn how to demean ourselves with true

it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18 She * perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She † stretcheth * out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with ‡ scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

23 Her * husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

B. C. 1015.

a Is. 61. 10.

1 Ti. 2. 10.

1 Pe. 5. 5, 6.

* tasteth.

b Ac. 18. 26.

Ep. 4. 29.

Col. 4. 5.

† spreadeth.

c Ep. 4. 28.

He. 13. 16.

† or, have

gotten

riches.

§ or, double

garments.

d 1 Pe. 3. 4, 5.

e ch. 12. 4.

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 Strength and honour * are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

26 She openeth her mouth † with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

29 Many daughters † have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but † a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

her industry. 17. *girdeth*. &c. that is, nerves her body for labour. 18. *candle*, or, 'lamp.' *not out*, expresses unceasing diligence in every waking hour. 19. *hands to the spindle*, ladies of the highest quality in the east were thus employed. 21. *scarlet*, rather, as margin, 'double garments.' 22. *tapestry—silk*, rather, 'fine linen' and purple, 'cotton

died purple.'—*Boothr.* No evidence exists that silk was known to Solomon. 23. *known*, by the excellent clothing of her hands. 24. *girdles*, a common article of traffic, and often valuable, in the east. Both sexes consider the girdle an important part of dress. 30. *Favour is deceitful*, 'gracefulness fades.'—*Boothr.* 31. *gates*, places of public concourse.

ECCLESIASTES; Or, The PREACHER.

A discourse on the way to attain true happiness.

CHAP. I.

THE words * of the Preacher, the son of David, king of Jerusalem.

2 Vanity † of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; * all is vanity.

3 What † profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: † but the earth abideth for ever.

5 The † sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and † hasteth to his place where he arose.

6 The † wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

7 All † the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they † return again.

8 All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: * the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 The † thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

11 There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.

B. C. 977.

a ch. 7. 27.

12. 8. 10.

2 Pe. 2. 5.

b Ps. 33. 5, 6.

c 2. 9.

144. 4.

c Ro. 8. 20.

d Ge. 3. 19.

e Is. 55. 2.

f Jno. 6. 27.

* or, to afflict them.

g Ps. 104. 5.

h Ps. 19. 5, 6.

i Is. 40. 4.

† panteth.

† defect.

† Jno. 3. 8.

k 1 Ki. 3. 12, 13.

4. 30.

10. 7, 23.

l Job 35. 10.

m Ps. 104. 8, 9.

§ seen much.

n ch. 7. 23, 25.

1 Th. 5. 21.

|| return to

go.

o Pr. 27. 20.

p ch. 12. 12.

q ch. 3. 15.

r Lu. 12. 19.

s Is. 50. 11.

t Pr. 14. 13.

u ch. 1. 17.

v draw my

flesh with

wine.

12 ¶ I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: † this sorrow hath God given to the sons of man * to be exercised therewith.

14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

15 That † which is crooked cannot be made straight: and † that which is wanting cannot be numbered.

16 I communed with mine own heart saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten † more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had † great experience of wisdom and knowledge.

17 And † I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

18 For * in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

CHAP. II.

I † SAID in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, * this also is vanity.

2 I † said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?

3 I † sought in mine heart to * give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good

14. seen, contemplated. *all is vanity*, studies, labours, pursuits, and speculations, do not produce happiness. *and vexation of spirit*, 'even a feeding on wind.'—*Boothr.* ends in disappointed hope. 15. *crooked*, &c. man's wit can never rectify every uneasy matter. 18. *wisdom*, means here that which is acquired by mere study.

CHAP. II.—1. *Go to now*, 'Come now'.

CHAP. I.—1. *Preacher*, 'Instructor.'—*Pye Smith.* 2. *Vanity of vanities*, means the greatest vanity. 3. *What profit*, of a durable kind. 4. *abideth for ever*, has permanent laws. 11. *no remembrance*, &c. the names of many inventions and inventors are lost, and yet shall be. 13. *gave my heart*, diligently applied my mind. *this sore travail*, &c.

This evil occupation hath God given to men, That they may weary themselves therein.'—*Boothr.*

or the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven *all the days of their life.
 4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:
 5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits:
 6 I made me pools of water, to water herewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:
 7 I got me servants and maidens, and I had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me:
 8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as § musical instruments, and that of all sorts.
 9 So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.
 10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and § this was my portion of all my labour.
 11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.
 12 ¶ And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do that cometh after the king? *I even that which hath been already done.*
 13 Then I saw § that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.
 14 The ^a wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that ° one event happeneth to them all.
 15 Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it [†] happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also is vanity.
 16 For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And ° how dieth the wise man? as the fool.
 17 Therefore ° I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.
 18 ¶ Yea, I hated all my labour which I had [†] taken under the sun: because ° I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.
 19 And who ^² knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed

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^a Lu. 16. 8.
 Ja. 1. 17.
 3. 17.
 * the number of the days.
^b 1 Co. 15. 19.
 † give.
 ‡ sons of my house.
^c ch. 1. 3.
^d 1 Ki. 9. 28.
 10. 10, 14.
 21. &c.
^e Job 5. 7.
 14. 1.
^f ch. 8. 15.
 § musical instrument and instrument.
 || or, delight his senses.
 * before him.
 Ge. 7. 1.
 Lu. 1. 6.
 § ch. 3. 22.
 5. 18.
 9. 9.
^h Job 27. 16, 17.
 Pr. 28. 8.
ⁱ ch. 1. 3, 14.
^k 2 Ki. 5. 26.
 2 Ch. 33. 12.
 Pr. 15. 23.
^l ch. 7. 25.
 † to bear.
^m He. 9. 27.
 ‡ or, in those things which have been already done.
 § that there is an excellency in wisdom more than in folly, &c.
ⁿ ch. 8. 1.
 Pr. 17. 24.
^o ch. 9. 2, 3, 11.
 Ps. 49. 10.
^p Joel 2. 16.
 1 Co. 7. 5.
 || to be far from.
 * or, seek.
 † happeneth to me, even to me.
^r Am. 5. 13.
^s Lu. 14. 26.
 ‡ ch. 1. 3.
^u He. 9. 27.
^v Phil. 23. 25.
^x Ro. 11. 33.
 ‡ laboured.
^y Ps. 49. 10.
^z 1 Ki. 12. 1.
 &c.

myself ^a wise under the sun. This is also vanity.
 20 Therefore I went about to cause my heart ^b to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun.
 21 For there is a man whose labour is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he [†] leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil.
 22 For ^c what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun?
 23 For all his days are ^e sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.
 24 ¶ There ^f is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should ^{||} make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.
 25 For who can eat, or who else can hasten *hereunto*, more than I?
 26 For God giveth to a man that is good ^{*} in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that ^h he may give to him that is good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

CHAP. III.

To every thing there is a season, and a ^k time to every purpose under the heaven:
 2 A time [†] to be born, and ^m a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and ^p a time ^{||} to refrain from embracing;
 6 A time to ^{*} get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; ^² a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
 8 A time to love, and a time to ^² hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.
 9 What [†] profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?
 10 I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.
 11 He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that ^a no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.
 12 I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life.
 13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.

6. pools, reservoirs. the wood that bringeth forth trees, 'the growing plantations.' 12. to behold, &c. 'to contemplate wisdom, and vain-glory, and folly.'—Booth, even that which hath been already done, 'he can form no other judgment than I have done.' 14. eyes in his head, he looks about him, and is quick-sighted. one event happeneth, their lot is vanity in this life. 15. Why—more wise, seeing it will stand me in so little stead. 18. hated, 'was disgusted with,' or perhaps it means, lost all relish of. leave it, he knew not to whom. 20. cause my heart to despair, i. e. abandon all hope. 24. nothing better, &c. he should sit down and contentedly enjoy what God has given him. it was from the hand, &c. i. e. God's

providential bounty. 25. Who can eat, &c. no one could have indulged more in pleasures. 26. For God giveth, &c. the wicked toil and heap up what God in his providence often bestows on the righteous. CHAP. III.—1. a season, a precise period in which every purpose of God and man must be accomplished. 3. to kill, by judicial sentence, and heal by tender treatment. 5. cast away stones, &c. to demolish the monument as well as to raise it. embrace—restrain, welcome friends, and leave them who desert us. 7. to rend, the garments in grief. in seed, in token it is past: see Gen. xxxvii. 29; Joel ii. 13. 11. set the world in their heart, the meaning of this is

14 I know that, whatsoever ^a God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is ^{*}past.

16 [†] And moreover ^d I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there.

17 I said in mine heart, ^e God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.

18 I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that [†] God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

19 For ^f that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity.

20 All go unto one place; ^g all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

21 Who ^h knoweth the spirit ^g of man that ^h goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?

22 Wherefore ⁱ I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that ⁱ is his portion: ^k for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

CHAP. IV.

SO I returned, and considered all the ⁿ oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the [†] side of their oppressors there was power; but ^o they had no comforter.

2 Wherefore ^q I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive.

3 Yea, ^r better is he than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

4 ^s Again, I considered all travail, and ^t every right work, that [†] for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This ^u is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

5 The ^v fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh.

6 Better ^w is a handful ^w with quietness, than both the hands full ^w with travail and vexation of spirit.

7 ^x Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun.

8 There is one ^y alone, and there is not

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a Ep. 3. 11.

Tit. 1. 2.

Ja. 1. 17.

b Pr. 27. 20.

c Jno. 2. 16.

d Ps. 39. 6.

e driven away.

f ch. 5. 8.

g Ro. 2. 6. & 8.

h 2 Co. 5. 10.

i 2 Th. 1. 6. 7.

† or, they might clear God, and see, &c

f Ps. 19. 12. 20.

73. 22.

† knoweth not to be admonished.

g Ge. 3. 19.

h ch. 12. 7.

i of the sons of man.

j is ascending.

k ch. 5. 18.

l 11. 9.

m ch. 10. 14.

n Ex. 3. 5.

o Is. 1. 12. &c.

p 1 Sa. 15. 22.

q Ps. 50. 8.

r Pr. 15. 8.

s 21. 27.

t Ho. 6. 6.

u ch. 5. 8.

v or, word.

w hand.

x Mat. 26. 56.

y 2 Ti. 4. 16. 17.

z Pr. 10. 19.

a Mat. 6. 7.

b Job 3. 17. &c.

c Pr. 10. 19.

d Job 3. 11. 16.

e Nu. 30. 2.

f De. 23. 21.

g 23.

h Ps. 50. 14.

i 76. 11.

j Ps. 66. 13. 14.

k Pr. 20. 25.

l Ac. 5. 4.

m all the righteousness of work.

n this is the envy of a man from.

o Pr. 6. 10.

p 24. 33.

q 1 Co. 11. 10.

r Pr. 15. 16. 17.

s 16. 8.

t ch. 12. 13.

a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet ^u there no end of all his labour; neither is his ^v eye satisfied with riches; ^w neither saith he, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yea, it is a sore travail.

9 ^x Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for ^y he hath not another to help him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13 ^z Better is a poor and a wise child, than an old and foolish king, who [†] will no more be admonished.

14 For out of prison he cometh to reign; whereas also [†] he that is born in his kingdom becometh poor.

15 I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead.

16 There is no end of all the people even of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

CHAP. V.

KEEP [†] thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, ^m than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any ⁿ thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words ⁿ be few.

3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and [†] a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.

4 When [†] thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for ^y he hath no pleasure in fools: [†] pay that which thou hast vowed.

5 Better ^z is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; ^z neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but [†] fear thou God.

8 [†] If thou seest the oppression of the

variously construed, and is very difficult: *Boothroyd's* rendering is, agreeably to several interpreters, 'And hath put in their heart to survey the world.' 15. requireth, recalleth, bringeth back: his providence is uniform in successive ages. 18. manifest, 'prove.' 19. no pre-eminence, as to the body. 21. the spirit—that goeth upward—downward, the Vulgate renders this, 'Who knoweth if the spirit of the sons of Adam ascend upward; and if the spirit of the beasts descend downward?' so Luther. The passage clearly means that beasts and men seem to die alike together.—Ed.

CHAP. IV.—1. So, &c. the argument here is, that vanity is increased unto men by oppression. 4. travail, 'labour,' right, rather, 'prosperous.' This shows the vanity of prosperity. 5. eateth, &c. consumes it by folly and vexation. 6. Better, &c. moderate pains and moderate gains will do best. 8. not a second, no son to inherit. The

miser here described. 9. Two, &c. this verse shows the benefit of friendship. 12. a threefold, &c. a proverbial expression of the benefits of union. 13. child, or young man. 14. out of prison he cometh, he often rises from the most hopeless condition. 15. With the second child, &c. paraphrased, All ranks of people I saw attending the king's heir. There is no end to their number, to all of whom he becomes the leader, &c. i. e. they worship the rising sun. So Davidson.

CHAP. V.—1. Keep, &c. this transition of the subject may teach us that worship without the heart is vanity. thy foot, alludes to standing without sandals, as a token of reverence, Ex. iii. 5, &c. 2. Be not rash, &c. In devotion speak with deliberation and reverence. 4. a vow, believers now need make no vow, for they are consecrated to the service of Christ. 6. angel, 'priest,' called angel, or messenger, Mal.

poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the * matter: for ^a he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they.

⁹ Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field.

¹⁰ He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.

¹¹ When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?

¹² The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

¹³ There ^d is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.

¹⁴ But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand.

¹⁵ As ^e he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.

¹⁶ And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he ^f that hath laboured for the wind?

¹⁷ All his days also ^h he eateth in darkness, and he hath much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.

¹⁸ Behold that which I have seen: ⁱ it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun ^{* all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.}

¹⁹ Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

²⁰ For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

CHAP. VI.

THERE is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men:

² A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, ^g so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, ^h yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.

11. 7: comp. Lev. v. 4. 8. marvel not, for a day of reckoning will come. 12. not suffer him to sleep, the easterns in general have no banks, and the jewels and gold of the rich are anxiously watched by them night and day: so Roberts. 14. evil travail, 'misfortune.' 17. eateth in darkness, lives in a state of care and perplexity. and he hath, &c. 'with much sorrow, pain, and vexation.' 18. his portion, upon earth. 20. the days of his life, i.e. of his sorrow. because, &c. balances his labour with joy.

CHAP. VI.—2. to eat, i.e. to enjoy his property. 3. an husband, i.e. many not allied, have no enjoyment. no burial, no funeral attendants, for want of friends, or no hearse sepulchre prepared from avarice, but a grave among the 'mixed multitude;' both of which would be grief to the exalted Asiatic. 4. For he, 'it' cometh, &c. that is, the untimely birth. 5. Moreover he, 'it' this, i.e. the untimely birth, hath more rest, &c. 6. one place, i.e. the grave. 7. for his mouth for his own gratification. 8. that

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* will, or, purpose.

a Ps. 12. 5.

58. 11.

82. 1.

b 2 Ki. 9. 35.

Is. 14. 19. 20.

Je. 22. 19.

c Pr. 16. 26.

† soul.

d ch. 6. 1.

‡ walking of the soul.

e Job 1. 21.

Ps. 49. 17.

1 Ti. 6. 7.

f Job 9. 32.

Is. 45. 9.

Je. 49. 19.

§ the number of the days of the life of his vanity.

¶ Pr. 11. 29.

h Ps. 102. 11.

109. 23.

144. 4.

Ja. 4. 14.

i Ps. 39. 6.

k Ps. 127. 2.

l Pr. 15. 30.

22. 1.

|| there is a good which is comely, &c.

m ch. 9. 7.

11. 9.

1 Ti. 6. 17.

n the number of the days.

† or. Anger.

n 2 Co. 7. 10.

† or, Though he give not much, yet he remembereth, &c.

o Ps. 141. 5.

Pr. 13. 18.

15. 31. 32.

p Ps. 118. 12.

§ sound.

p Ps. 17. 14.

73. 7.

s Ex. 23. 8.

De. 16. 19.

t Lu. 12. 20.

u Pr. 14. 29.

³ If a man beget an hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and ^b also that he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he.

⁴ For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.

⁵ Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known any thing: this hath more rest than the other.

⁶ Yea, though he live a thousand years twice told, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?

⁷ All ^c the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the [†] appetite is not filled.

⁸ For what hath the wise more than the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living?

⁹ Better is the sight of the eyes than the [‡] wandering of the desire: this is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

¹⁰ That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it is man: [†] neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he.

¹¹ Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what is man the better?

¹² For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, [§] all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as ^h a shadow? for [†] who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

CHAP. VII.

A ¹ GOOD name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

² It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.

³ Sorrow is better than laughter: ^h for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

⁴ The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

⁵ It ^e is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

⁶ For ^p as the [‡] crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity.

⁷ Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; ^{*} and a gift destroyeth the heart.

⁸ Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and ^h the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

knoweth to walk, conducts himself with propriety. 9. the sight, &c. pleasure in contemplating God's works open to all. wandering, &c. ever-craving, restless spirit. 10. That which, &c. Boothroyd thus reads.—

'He that formerly existed received a name, And it is known that it was Adam (of the earth).' God is greater than man, and the rich as well as the poor must yield to his fate in death. 11. the better, for all his toil.

CHAP. VII.—1. precious ointment, or valuable perfumes, highly esteemed in the east. the day of death, is better to the good man, &c. 2. better, will make better impressions on us. 3. Sorrow, a serious spirit, &c. 4. in the house of mourning, indulges serious thoughts. 5. is the laughter, momentary. 7. maketh a wise man mad, Clarke has, 'shall give lustre to a wise man,' i.e. on account of the magnanimity with which he shall bear it. destroyeth, i.e. corrupts. 8. end of a thing, i.e. of oppression: the

9 Be ^a not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

10 Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire [†] wisely concerning this.

11 [¶] Wisdom is [†] good with an inheritance: and by [†] it there is profit to them that see the sun.

12 For wisdom is a [§] defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

13 Consider the work of God: for ^{*} who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked?

14 In ^f the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath ^{*} set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

15 All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that longeth his life in his wickedness.

16 Be [‡] not righteous over much; [‡] neither make thyself over wise: why shouldest thou [†] destroy thyself?

17 Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: [°] why shouldest thou die [‡] before thy time?

18 It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.

19 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city.

20 For [¶] there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

21 Also [†] take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee:

22 For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.

23 [¶] All this have I proved by wisdom: [¶] I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me.

24 That ^{*} which is far off, and [¶] exceeding deep, who can find it out?

25 [†] I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness:

26 And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: [§] whoso

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^a Ja. 1. 19.
[°] or, weighing one thing after another, to find out the reason.

[†] out of wisdom.

[‡] or, as good as an inheritance, yea, better too.

^b Job 33. 23.

[§] shadow.

^c Ge. 1. 27.

^d Ge. 3. 6, 7.

^e Is. 14. 27.

^f De. 28. 47.

^g Ac. 6. 15.

^h De. 28. 50.

ⁱ strength.

[‡] made.

ⁱ Ch. 29. 24.

^k Ro. 13. 5.

^l Pr. 25. 16.

^m Job 31. 18.

ⁿ Ro. 12. 3.

[°] be desolate.

^o Mat. 22. 21.

^p Ro. 13. 5, 7.

^q 1 Pe. 3. 13, 14.

[†] know.

^r Job 15. 32.

^s not in thy time.

^t ch. 3. 1.

^u Pr. 24. 22.

^v or, how it shall be?

^w Ps. 49. 6, 7.

^x Job 14. 5.

^y Ro. 3. 23.

^z 1 Jno. 1. 8.

^{*} or, casting off weapons

[†] give not thine heart.

^v Ro. 1. 22.

^v 1 Ti. 6. 16.

^y Ro. 11. 33.

^z Ps. 50. 21.

^z Is. 26. 10.

[†] I and my heart compassed.

^a Is. 65. 20.

^b Ro. 2. 5.

^b Is. 3. 10, 11.

^c Mat. 25. 34.

[§] he that is good before God.

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pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.

27 Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, ^{*} counting one by one, to find out the account:

28 Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: ^b one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found.

29 Lo, this only have I found, ^c that God hath made man upright; but ^d they have sought out many inventions.

CHAP. VIII.

WHO is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? ^e a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and ^f the boldness of his face shall be changed.

2 I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, [†] and that in regard of the oath of God.

3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.

4 Where the word of a king is, there is power: and [†] who may say unto him, What doest thou?

5 Whoso [°] keepeth the commandment shall I feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

6 [¶] Because [¶] to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him.

7 For [†] he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him? when it shall be?

8 There [¶] is no man that hath power [†] over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no [°] discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: there is a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt.

10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity.

11 Because [¶] sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

12 [¶] Though ^a a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that ^b it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

13 But it shall not be well with the

CHAP. VIII.—1. who knoweth, i. e. 'who like him knoweth.' and the boldness, &c. 'and restoreth boldness to his countenance.'—Booth. 2. in regard, &c. so to obey the king as not to disobey God.—Henry. or on account of the oath of allegiance, 1 Chron. xi. 3; xxix. 24, &c.—Boothroyd; or Jehovah's commandment on account of his gracious oath to Abraham's seed.—Hobien. 3. Be not hasty to go out of his sight, &c.

^c Depart not confounded from his presence, Nor persist in an evil matter; For he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.'

5. time and judgment, for the performance of his duties. 6, 7. Because, &c. the argument here is, that man's wisdom is yet deficient, and he cannot foresee all contingencies. 8. spirit, Wemyss and Boothroyd read, 'wind.' neither shall wickedness, &c. wickedness often: evades justice, but never death.

9. to his own hurt, by oppression he is dethroned. 10. place of the holy, i. e. of the Holy One, the seat of justice. 11. fully set, alludes to a ship borne along

oppressor may at first seem to have the best, but it shall not always be so. 10. Say not—former days—better, &c. this is to repine at God's providence. 13. Consider, &c. we cannot alter God's course. 14. find nothing after him, probably means, find no defect in God's providence. 16. Be not righteous over much, not too rigorous in justice or austere in religion. over wise, wasting thyself with study, or assuming the office of counsellor, provoking envy.—Ed. 17. over much wicked, to provoke the vengeance of the law. die before thy time, bring on premature death by wickedness. 18. It is good, &c. Hold fast this precept, 'Fear God,' and so escape both evils. 21, 22. take no heed, &c. here is a strong proof of depravity, and an argument for long-suffering and gentleness. 23. by wisdom, i. e. experience. far from me, after all his intellectual efforts, he was deficient. 27. counting one by one, 'comparing one with another.' 28. one man, 'one wise man.' a woman—not found, his concubines were selected for beauty, but not for wisdom. 29. inventions, corrupt schemes of happiness.

wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there be just men, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity.

15 Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.

16 When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth: (for also there is that neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes:)

17 Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labour to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea farther; though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it.

CHAP. IX.

FOR all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred by all that is before them.

2 All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath.

3 This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

4 For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.

8 Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.

by a powerful blast. 13. neither shall he prolong, though his days may be prolonged, ver. 12, beyond what was expected, yet he shall soon come to his end. 14. There is a vanity, &c. an objection is here urged against Solomon's arguments for wisdom: just men suffered hard things, as if they were punished for wickedness; and bad men prospered, as if rewarded for goodness. 16, 17. When I applied, &c. Solomon grants the premises of the objector, but denies the conclusion; and he admits that the most diligent will never be able fully to explore God's works.

CHAP. IX.—1. love or hatred, whether God loves or hates him. 2. All things, this verse to verse 10 inclusive, as some think, expresses the language of an objector; others take them for Solomon's opinion of the present life. 8. Let thy garments, &c. white

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* See, or, enjoy life.

a ch. 2. 14.

7. 15.

9. 1. 3.

Ps. 73. 14.

b Jno. 4. 34.

Ro. 12. 11.

c ch. 2. 24.

3. 12, 22.

5. 18.

9. 7.

d Am. 2. 14, 15.

Je. 9. 23.

e ch. 8. 7.

f Pr. 29. 6.

Lu. 12. 20, 39.

17. 25, &c.

1 Th. 5. 3.

g ch. 3. 11.

Job 5. 9.

Ro. 11. 33.

h 2 Sa. 20. 16.

.. 22.

i Ps. 73. 16.

+ I gave, or, set to my heart.

k ch. 7. 19.

Pr. 21. 22.

24. 5.

l Mar. 6. 2, 3.

m Job 21. 7, &c.

Ps. 73. 3, 12,

13.

Mal. 3. 15.

n Jos. 7. 1, 11,

12.

o Mat. 15. 19,

20.

Ro. 1. 29. 31.

Tit. 3. 3.

+ Flies of death.

P He. 9. 27.

§ heart.

q Job 14. 21.

Is. 63. 16.

r Pr. 13. 16.

18. 2.

s Job 7. 8, 10.

Is. 26. 14.

t ch. 8. 3.

u 1 Sa. 25. 24,

&c.

Pr. 25. 15.

v Mat. 2. 20.

|| from before.

w ch. 8. 15.

x Es. 3. 1.

y in great heights.

y Pr. 19. 10.

30. 22.

9 * Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.

10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

12 For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

13 This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me:

14 There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it:

15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.

16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

17 The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.

18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.

CHAP. X.

DEAD flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour.

2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left.

3 Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, his wisdom faileth him, and he saith to every one that he is a fool.

4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for yielding pacifieth great offences.

5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceedeth from the ruler:

6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.

garments and perfumes symbolized joy and triumph, and were used at festivals: see Rev. iv. 5: vii. 9. 11. time and chance, the same apparent accidents and casualties. 13. This wisdom, &c. Solomon nevertheless shows that true wisdom is valuable, and gives an instance of it, though wisdom does not always here receive its reward.

CHAP. X. contains a collection of wise sayings and observations, still recommending wisdom. 1. Dead flies, &c. the acid volatile salt in insects, mixed with the alkaline substances in perfumes, cause fermentation and putrescence. 2. heart is at his right, the ancients called wise things the right hand, and foolish the left. 4. spirit, 'anger,' leave not thy place, forget not the duty of a subject. 6, 7. Folly is set, &c. worthless men often become favourites. This,

8 He ^a that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whose breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

9 Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby.

10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength; but wisdom is profitable to direct.

11 Surely the serpent will bite ^d without enchantment; and ^a a babler is no better.

12 The words of a wise man's mouth are [†] gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of [§] his talk is mischievous madness.

14 A fool also ^{||} is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?

15 The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

16 [†] Woe ^f to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning!

17 Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and [†] thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

18 ^{||} By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

19 [†] A feast is made for laughter, and [†] wine maketh [†] merry: but money answereth all things.

20 [†] Curse ^p not the king, no not in thy [†] thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

CHAP. XI.

CAST thy bread ^r upon the [§] waters: ^a for thou shalt find it after many days.

2 Give ^a a portion to seven, and also to eight; ^a for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty [†] themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north,

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a Ps. 7. 15.

Pr. 26. 27.

b Jno. 3. 8.

c Ps. 139. 14, 15.

d Ps. 58. 4, 5.

Je. 8. 17.

^a the master

of the

tongue.

† grace.

† be right.

§ mouth.

c ch. 7. 11.

|| multiplieth

words.

f Is. 3. 4, 5, 12.

5. 11.

g Nu. 15. 39.

h Ro. 2. 6. 11.

i Pr. 31. 4.

^a or, anger.

k 2 Co. 7. 1.

2 Ti. 2. 22.

l Ps. 39. 5.

m Pr. 22. 6.

La. 3. 27.

n Ps. 104. 15.

† glad the

life.

o 2 Sa. 19. 35.

p Ex. 22. 28.

Ac. 23. 5.

† or, con-

science,

figure like,

Lu. 19. 40.

r Is. 32. 20.

§ face of the

waters.

|| or, fail,

because

they grind

little.

s De. 15. 10.

Mat. 10. 42.

2 Co. 9. 8.

Ga. 6. 9, 10.

He. 6. 10.

t Ps. 112. 9.

Lu. 6. 30.

1 Ti. 6. 18.

u Ep. 5. 16.

v 2 Sa. 19. 35.

in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.

4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

5 As ^b thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, ^c nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.

6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

7 [†] Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes ^a to behold the sun:

8 But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.

9 [†] Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, [§] and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things ^a God will bring thee into judgment.

10 Therefore remove ^a sorrow from thy heart, and [†] put away evil from thy flesh: [†] for childhood and youth are vanity.

CHAP. XII.

REMEMBER ^a now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, ^a when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders ^{||} cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all [†] the daughters of musick shall be brought low;

5 Also when they shall be afraid of that

though common in all, is especially so in eastern courts.—Ed. 8, 9. He that diggeth, &c. proverbial meaning. Evil generally returns on the heads of its authors.

10. If the iron, &c. proper means are necessary to accomplish intended ends. 11. without enchantment, the orientals have always believed in enchanting serpents. This means, skillfully manage the evil-tongued. 12. are gracious, 'procure favour.'—Boothr. swallow up, i. e. become destructive to.

14. A fool, &c. you learn nothing useful from him respecting past, present, or future. 15. knoweth not, &c. proverbially, he is ignorant of the plainest matters. 16. a child, in years or disposition. eat in the morning, as the orientals do in a carouse to last the day. 17. son of nobles, and not an usurper wading through blood to the throne.

18. By much slothfulness, &c. Through indolence every thing goes to ruin.—Holden. droppeth through, eastern houses soon admit rain, if not carefully preserved. 19. answereth all things, 'supplieth all these things.'—Boothr. 20. Curse not the king, &c. the moral is, Be ever cautious how you think and speak.—Ed.

CHAP. XI.—Cast thy bread, &c. Sow the seeds of charity, say some, even where you expect not to reap. The better interpretation seems to be, 'Sow, and in due time you shall reap.' Rice is commonly cast on the water in Egypt, when the grounds are inundated. 2. to seven—eight, a definite number is specified for an indefinite: seven implies perfection; eight, therefore, denotes more than sufficiency; sug-

gesting we should give out of necessities, as well as superfluities: comp. 2 Cor. viii. 2, 3. So Davidson. thou knowest not what evil, &c. and put thee out of a capacity to do good. 3. they empty, &c. so should charity be diffused. where the tree falleth, &c. a man should benefit his fellow-creatures while he has life, for he cannot after death. 4. He that observeth the wind, &c. he that will do no kind action till every thing suits his mind, will never do it.—Boothr. 5, 6. As thou knowest not, &c. Moral.—Use the means, and leave God to accomplish the end. 6. In the morning, &c. in other words, 'Be not weary in well-doing.'

7, 8. Truly the light, &c. life and comforts are agreeable, but they will not last always. 9. Rejoice, &c. let the gay and thoughtless despise the lessons of wisdom, but it is at their peril. 10. remove sorrow, &c. live not so in youth, as to bring sorrow in old age. vanity, transient as a vapour.

CHAP. XII.—2. While the sun, &c. in life's prime, and while the faculties are unimpaired. nor the clouds, &c. before the succession of pains and griefs. 3. keepers, &c. hands and arms, keepers of the body, become paralytic. strong men, legs become feeble. grinders, teeth. those that look out, &c. optic nerves become darkened. windows, eyes. 4. doors, lips. the doors of the mouth. sound—low, none made by mastication. rise up at the voice of the bird, lose their rest with the least noise, even the twitter of 'a sparrow.' daughters, &c. voice and ear, &c. 5. that which is high, or high places, to which they

which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to ^a his long home, and ^b the mourners go about the streets:

6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

7 Then ^c shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God ^d who gave it.

8 ^e Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.

9 And ^f moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.

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* words of delight.

a Job 17. 13.

b Je. 9. 17.

c Ge. 3. 19.

† or, reading.

d Zec. 12. 1.

e or, The end

of the matter, even

all that

hath been

heard, is.

§ or, the

more wise

the preacher

was, &c.

e Mat. 12. 36.

2 Co. 5. 10.

10 The preacher sought to find out * acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.

11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.

12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

13 [†] Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

14 For [†] God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

cannot ascend. fears—in the way, being unable to escape from common dangers. almond, &c. this tree resembles an old man with white locks. shall flourish, grey hairs prevail. grasshopper, rather, 'locust.' be a burden, the least thing sink them down. desire—fail, pleasures of sense tasteless. because, rather, 'when.' man goeth—the mourners go, &c. the singing women celebrating in elegiac strains the virtues of the dead, accompanied with music. 6. silver cord, spinal marrow. golden bowl, skull. pitcher, the heart. wheel, lungs; the vital motion of the heart and lungs, so necessary to life, shall cease. 10. and that, &c. 'and what is written are right words of truth.'—Boothroyd. 11.

The words of the wise, &c. Orton's paraphrase is excellent: 'The words of the preacher are not only true, but affecting, like goads, quickening us to duty, or like nails, that take fast hold, and leave an abiding impression upon the mind, when driven by the masters of the assemblies, the preachers of truth; which are given from one shepherd, an allusion to the master shepherd, who gives a goad to him who drives the plough, or a nail to him that is to repair a building. 12. by these, i.e. what has been said. of making many books, &c. I could easily write large volumes on these matters, but that is needless, and wasting to the strength. 13. the conclusion, the summary of religion is this, Fear God, &c.'

The SONG of SOLOMON.

An allegorical poem.

CHAP. I.

THE ^a song of songs, which is Solomon's. 2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: ^b for [†] thy love is better than wine.

3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

4 Draw ^d me, ^e we will run after thee: the king ^f hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: [†] the upright love thee.

5 I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

6 Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

7 Tell me, [†] O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou

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a 1 Ki. 4. 32.

* or, is

velled.

b ch. 4. 10.

† thy loves.

c ch. 6. 1.

d Jno. 6. 44.

12. 32.

e Phi. 3. 12.

14.

f Jno. 15. 14.

g Jno. 14. 2.

Ep. 2. 6.

h Eze. 16. 11

..13.

† or, they

love thee

uprightly.

§ or, cypress.

ch. 4. 13.

i Jno. 21. 17.

1 Pe. 1. 8.

or, com-

panion.

makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that * turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?

8 [†] If thou know not, ^e O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

9 I have compared thee, ^f O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.

10 Thy ^h cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold.

11 We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.

12 [†] While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.

13 A bundle of myrrh is my wellbeloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

14 My beloved is unto me as a cluster of [§] camphire in the vineyards of En-gedi.

15 Behold, thou art fair, my [†] love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes.

CHAP. I.—1. song of songs, i.e. most excellent song. 2. SPOUSE—kiss, &c. be reconciled to me, show me favour. 3. ointments, signify graces. thy name is as ointment poured forth, is a parenthesis. virgins, the pure in heart. 4. we will, i.e. the VIRGINS, who now speak. 5. S.—I am black—as the tents of Kedar, such are the Arabs' tents. curtains, or rich tapestries. Dr. Clarke says, 'Asiatic females, though black or brown, are exquisitely beautiful.' 6. Look not, i.e. look not down. sun hath looked upon, or discoloured. my mother's children, who was the spouse's, that is, the church's mother? she was of the world: hence these children describe the ungodly. —Ed. made me keeper, &c. a drudge in their service, to her own personal injury: keeping vineyards was servile work. 7. feedest, thy flock. 8. V.—If,

&c. fairest, means perfection of beauty. 9. KING.—I have compared—to a company of horses, 'to one of the steeds.'—Boothr. rather, 'to my mare,' the most valuable possession of an Arab, and dearer to him than his fortune: so Greenfield. 10. rows of jewels, &c. 'the graces, gifts, and comforts of the Spirit are the adorning of every believing soul.' 12. S.—While the king, &c. spikenard, an Indian plant whose aroma perfumes the air: Mat. xiv. 3. 13. A bundle, or casket. of myrrh, a precious perfume, suspended from the neck. betwixt my breasts, 'in my bosom.' 14. camphire, the Latin cypress, or henna of the Arabians. The flowers grow in dense clusters, the grateful fragrance of which makes them still a popular perfume: the women always have them in the hand, bosom, or apartment. 15. K.—Behold, &c. doves,

16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green.

17 The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir.

CHAP. II.

I AM the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

2 As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.

3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. 1 I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

5 Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I am sick of love.

6 His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.

7 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roses, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.

8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.

16 My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies.

eyes, large and beautiful. 16. S. Behold, &c. bed is green, couch is flowery, i. e. the bower or arbour in which they reposed. 17. cedar—fir, their house was a magnificent grove.

CHAP. II.—1. I am, 'I am only,' the rose, &c. the bride's modest description of herself: roses in the east far exceed in beauty and perfume every thing that we possess. 2. K. As the lily, &c. 3. As the apple, rather, 'citron.' This is the delight of oriental ladies, exhales a powerful fragrance, is ever green, and is seen, in its season, with snow-white blossoms and golden fruit at the same time. under his shadow, the citron is large, and affords a pleasant shade. 4. He brought, 'O bring me.'—Septuagint, banner, refers to the luminous standard carried before marriage processions.—Parkhurst. 5. Stay, &c. 'Support me with cordials.'—Booth. apples, 'citrons,' sick, fainting. 7. by—by, 'before.'—Williams. 8. The voice, &c. the figure is drawn from the gambols of shepherds. 9. like a roe, reckoned graceful, fleet, and gentle. wall, may allude to the garden arbour, or chiosk. 14. dove, the emblem of innocence. stairs, 'precipices,' let me hear thy voice, come from thy winter hiding-places. 15. Take us the foxes, Let thy servants catch the 'jackals,' that spoil the vines. These are very de-

B. C. 1014.

* or, galleries.

† or, division

a Is. 26. 9.

b Is. 55. 6.

Lu. 13. 24.

c Mat. 25. 40.

41.

Ro. 13. 11.

1 Co. 15. 34.

Ep. 5. 14.

† I delighted and sat down, &c.

d Re. 22. 1, 2.

ch. 5. 7.

Is. 62. 6.

Eze. 3. 17.

He. 13. 17.

§ palate.

|| house of wine.

f Is. 45. 19.

55. 6. 7.

Je. 29. 13.

Mat. 7. 7.

* straw me.

g Ho. 12. 3. 4.

Mat. 28. 9.

h ch. 8. 3.

† adjure.

i ch. 8. 4.

k ch. 8. 5.

l 2 Co. 2. 14.

16.

Phi. 4. 18.

† flourishing

m Mar. 1. 16.

20.

2. 14.

2 Co. 6. 17.

18.

11. 2.

n 1 Th. 5. 6. 8.

§ or, a bed.

o Is. 62. 5.

Je. 2. 2.

Jno. 3. 29.

Re. 19. 7.

p ch. 8. 13.

q Ps. 80. 13.

Eze. 13. 4.

Lu. 13. 32.

s ch. 6. 5.

|| or, that eat of, &c.

17 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of † Bethel.

CHAP. III.

BY a night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: b I sought him, but I found him not.

2 I will c rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

3 The e watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?

4 It was f but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: g I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

5 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roses, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.

6 h Who i is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, j perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?

7 Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; threescore valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel.

8 They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh k because of fear in the night.

9 King Solomon made himself l a chariot of the wood of Lebanon.

10 He made the pillars thereof of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, the midst thereof being paved with love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.

11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him m in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

CHAP. IV.

BEHOLD, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair is as a n flock of goats, o that appear from mount Gilead.

structive in Judea. 16. feedeth among the lilies, some think alluding to the odour of his breath; but if the spouse be compared to the lily, it intimates his association with her. 17. be thou like a roe, haste with the fleetness of the roe or hart.

CHAP. III.—1. S. By night, &c. the spouse here relates a dream. 4. mother's house, Henry considers the bride as descriptive of the believer, and the mother's house as the church. More probably the bride signifies the church, and the mother's house the world: the church, anxious for the world to know Christ, introduces him accordingly.—Ed. 5. by—by, see chap. ii. 7. 6. pillars, &c. alluding to the smoking perfumes of the silver-gilt pots carried in the marriage procession. 7. V. Behold, &c. bed, 'palanquin.' 8. all hold swords, being the king's guard, armed for defence and attack. 10. paved with love, adorned perhaps with descriptive scenes of the event, painted by the eastern women, or adorned with their embroidery. 11. crowned him, &c. the nuptial crown of the bridegroom used to be of gold or silver, or else a chaplet of roses, myrtle, or olives; and the bride's crown was of gold or silver. They were usually in the form of a tower.

CHAP. IV.—1. K. Behold, &c. as a flock of goats, the hair of the oriental goat is of a delicate silky

2 Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among them.

3 Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: ^b thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

4 Thy ^d neck is like the tower of David builded ^f for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

5 Thy ^g two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.

6 Until the day [†] break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

7 Thou ^h art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee.

8 [¶] Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir ⁱ and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

9 Thou hast [†] ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

10 How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! [¶] how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!

11 Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb: [¶] honey and milk are under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments is [†] like the smell of Lebanon.

12 A garden [†] inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

13 Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; [¶] scamphire, with spikenard,

14 Spikenard and saffron: calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

15 A fountain of gardens, a well of [†] living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

16 [¶] Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

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a ch. 4. 11.

b ch. 6. 7.

c Lu. 15. 7, 10.

Jno. 3. 29.

15. 14.

* or, and be drunken with loves.

d ch. 7. 4.

e Re. 3. 20.

f Ne. 3. 19.

g Pr. 5. 19.

† breathe.

† or, (as some read) in me

h Ep. 5. 27.

§ passing, or, running about.

i De. 3. 9.

k ch. 3. 1.

|| or, taken away my heart.

l Jno. 16. 2.

Ac. 26. 9, 10.

Phil. 3. 6.

m ch. 1. 2.

n 1Pe. 4. 14, 16

* what.

o Pr. 24. 13, 14.

p ch. 1. 8.

r Ge. 27. 27.

Ho. 14. 6, 7.

† barred.

‡ a standard bearer.

s Ro. 9. 5.

Phil. 2. 9, 11.

Col. 1. 18.

He. 2. 10.

§ or, cypress.

ch. 1. 14.

|| or, curled.

* sitting in fulness,

that is, [¶] filly placed, and set as a precious stone in the soil of a ring.

† or, towers of perfumes

t Jno. 4. 10.

7. 38.

CHAP. V.

I AM come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; ^a I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O ^c friends; drink, ^e yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

2 [¶] I sleep, but my heart waketh: [†] it is the voice of my beloved ^{*} that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved [†] for him.

5 I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped ^{with} myrrh, and my fingers ^{with} [§] sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.

6 I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: ^{*} I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

7 The watchmen that went about the city found me, [†] they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls [¶] took away my veil from me.

8 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, ^{*} that ye tell him, that I am sick of love.

9 [¶] What is thy beloved more than another beloved, [¶] O thou fairest among women? what is thy beloved more than another beloved, that thou dost so charge us?

10 My beloved is white and ruddy, [†] the ^{*} chiefest among ten thousand.

11 His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are [¶] bushy, and black as a raven.

12 His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and ^{*} filly set.

13 His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as [†] sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.

14 His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires.

15 His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

softness. 2. Thy teeth, 'Thy teeth are like a flock of even-sized ewes, which ascend from the washpool, which go all of them in pairs, and no one among them is bereaved of her fellow.'—Fry. This expresses uniform neatness.—Davidson. 3. lips—scarlet, red lips are comely, and a sign of health. thy temples, &c. [¶] Like the flower of the pomegranate.

Are thy cheeks behind thy veil.—Williams. 4. Thy neck, &c. tower of David, this elegant building was on Mount Zion, and probably built with white stone or marble. 5. like two young roes, elegant in form. 6. to the mountain of myrrh, &c. to procure perfumes for the fair one. 8. Amana—Shenir—Hermon, all different mountains of the Lebanon chain. Their summits were the resort of wild beasts, and the bride is invited to the King's arms as a place of safety. 9. with one, &c. 'at once with thine eyes.'—Kennicott. 11. drop, &c. descriptive of sweet and eloquent words. 12. garden inclosed—fountain sealed, pure and uncorrupted: fountains were sometimes sealed up for royal use. 13. Thy plants, &c. Thy 'productions,' thy works and actions, are like delicious perfumes. 14. calamus, sweet-scented cane. 15. A fountain, &c.

^c The well of this garden is a fount of living water, And its streams flow from Lebanon.'

16. S.—Awake, &c.

CHAP. V.—1. K.—I am come, &c. eat, O friends, an invitation to them to rejoice with him in his felicity. 2. I sleep, or 'was sleeping.' This relates another dream. dew, night dew in hot countries are profuse and injurious. 3. washed my feet, the orientals wearing only sandals, wash their feet before going to bed. 4. by the hole, eastern locks may be opened even by the fingers; in this case the door was barred, and so the effort was unavailing. 5. hands dropped, &c. with essences. 7. took away my veil, a great indignity. 8. sick of, or languish with. 9. V.—What is thy beloved, &c. 10. white and ruddy, beautiful and healthful. the chiefest, the most comely. 11. black, &c. still admired among orientals. 12. washed with milk, i. e. milk-white. 13. cheeks—bed of spices, may allude to the perfumed beard. lilies, i. e. ruby-lilies, much esteemed in Syria. dropping, &c. refers to the excellence of his conversation. 14. His hands, &c. this describes beauty and grace. belly, body, the blue veins appearing through the white skin.—Bp. Percy. 15. legs—pillars, strong and firm. sockets of fine gold, indicate the magnificence of his sandals. as Lebanon, &c. that is, majestic.

16 His *mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

CHAP. VI.

WHITHER is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee.

2 My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

3 I *am* my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

4 *Thou art* beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners.

5 Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have *overcome me*: thy hair is *as* a flock of goats that appear from Gilead.

6 Thy teeth *are* as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and there is not one barren among them.

7 As a piece of a pomegranate *are* thy temples within thy locks.

8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.

9 My dove, my undefiled is *but one*; she is the *only one* of her mother, she is the choice *one* of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

10 *Who is she that* looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?

11 I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and *to* see whether the vine flourished, and the pomegranates budded.

12 *For ever* I was aware, my soul *made me like* the chariots of Amminadib.

13 Return, return, O Shulamite: return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company *of* two armies.

CHAP. VII.

HOW beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O prince's daughter! *as* the joints of thy

B. C. 1014.

* palate.

† mixture.

^a ch. 4. 5.

^b ch. 2. 16.

^c 7. 10.

^d Ep. 1. 22.

^e Col. 1. 18.

† or, crimson

§ bound.

^d Ep. 4. 13.

|| or, puffed me up.

^e ch. 4. 1. 3.

^f 2 Co. 2. 14.

^g Is. 57. 19.

Ho. 14. 2.

Ep. 4. 29.

Col. 3. 16, 17.

4. 6.

He. 13. 15.

* straightly.

† or, of the ancient.

^h ch. 2. 16.

6. 3.

ⁱ Ps. 45. 11.

^k ch. 6. 11.

† open.

^l Ge. 30. 14.

^m Mat. 13. 52.

ⁿ ch. 7. 12.

§ I knew not.

|| or, set me on the chariots of my willing people.

* they should not despise me.

† or, of Mahanaim.

Ge. 32. 2.

^p Pr. 9. 2.

^q Lu. 15. 22.

Ep. 6. 15.

^r Ps. 45. 13.

Je. 31. 9.

2 Co. 6. 18.

Re. 21. 7.

^s Ep. 4. 15, 16.

Col. 2. 13.

^t ch. 2. 6.

thighs *are* like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman.

2 Thy navel *is like* a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor: thy belly *is like* an heap of wheat set about with lilies.

3 Thy *two breasts are* like two young roes that are twins.

4 Thy neck *is* as a tower of ivory; thine eyes *like* the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim: thy nose *is* as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus.

5 Thine *head upon thee is* like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king *is* held in the galleries.

6 How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!

7 This *thy stature is* like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters of grapes.

8 I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and *the* smell of thy nose like apples;

9 And *the* roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth down sweetly, causing the lips *of* those that are asleep to speak.

10 *I am* my beloved's, and *his* desire is toward me.

11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

12 Let us get up early to the vineyards; and let us *see* if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape *appear*, and the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.

13 The *mandrakes* give a smell, and at our gates *are* all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

CHAP. VIII.

THAT thou wert as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! when I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, *I* should not be despised.

2 I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother's house, who would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

3 His left hand should be under my head,

CHAP. VI.—1. *Whither*, &c. 2. *My beloved*, &c. 4. *Thou art beautiful*, &c. the bridegroom here returns. as Tirzah, the name implies, 'a delightful city;' this spot was chosen by Jeroboam for the seat of his kingdom. Jerusalem, called 'the perfection of beauty,' Ps. xlviii. 2, 3. terrible, dazzling, or awe-striking. 5. *thy hair*, see chap. iv. 1, note. 6. *Thy teeth*, chap. iv. 2, note. 7. *As*, &c. ch. iv. 3, note. 8. *threescore queens*, &c. perhaps a definite is here used for an indefinite number. Solomon's establishment was on a larger scale, 1 Kings xi. 3. Not one of his thousand wives deserved this praise: see Eccles. vii. 27, 28. Henry's exposition is to this effect: 'There are, it may be, threescore queens that, like Esther, have by their beauty attained to the royal state and dignity, and fourscore concubines, that kings have preferred before their own queens, as more charming, and these attended by their maids of honour, virgins without number, dazzling by their beauty; but my undefiled is but one, an holy one.' 9. *but one*, mine alone. 10. *fair as the moon*, &c. these are standing figures in the east to describe striking beauty. 11. *I went down*, &c. 12. *chariots of Amminadib*, literally, 'the chariots of my people pouring out of the city;' meaning, perhaps, before I was aware, my soul hurried me away with anxious thoughts of my beloved.—G. Holden. 13. *Return*, &c. O Shulamite, i. e. 'O bride of Solomon:' the word is 'Solomon,' with a feminine termi-

nation. S.—What will ye see, &c. V.—As—of two armies, beauty as dazzling as squadrons of two opposing armies.

CHAP. VII.—1. *with shoes*, 'within thy sandals.'—*joints of thy thighs*, 'mouldings of thy limbs.' 2. *navel*, 'waist.' *belly*, 'bosom.' *an heap*, 'twain heaps,' thought here to allude to the custom of strewing flowers upon the stacks of wheat, when celebrating harvest-home. 3. *Thy two breasts*, &c. see iv. 5, note. 4. *Thy neck is as a tower of ivory*, high, white, and ornamented with jewellery. *like the fish-pools*, &c. clear as were these fine springs. *as the tower of Lebanon*, of admirable symmetry and elegance. 5. *like Carmel*, erect. *like purple*, shining. The ancients called any strong and vivid colour purple, that colour being richest. *the king is held*, &c. 'the king is held captive in the ringlets.'—Booth. 6. *K.—How fair*, &c. 7. *grapes*, 'dates.' 8. *and the smell*, &c. 'and the odour of thy breath as citrons.' 9. *the roof of thy mouth*, 'thy speech,' the expression being figurative. 10. *S.—I am my beloved's*. 13. *mandrakes*, a kind of highly-flavoured melon. *at our gates*, above the doors, where the easterns lay up their stores.

CHAP. VIII.—1. *O—as my brother*, signifies, if he were an infant, she could delicately load him with public caresses. *not be despised*, for the act. 2. *I would lead*, &c. Boothroyd reads:—

and his right hand should embrace me.

4 I^a charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, * that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he please.

5 Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth *that* bare thee.

6 I^a set^c me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is ^c cruel as the grave: the coals thereof *are* coals of fire, *which* hath a most vehement flame.

7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: ^d if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

8 I^a We^f have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?

B. C. 1014.

^a ch. 3. 5.

* *why should ye stir up, or why awake, &c.*

† *peace.*

^b Mat. 21. 33.

^c Is. 49. 16.

^d Je. 22. 24.

^e Hag. 2. 23.

† *hard.*

^f Pr. 6. 35.

^g ch. 2. 14.

^h Eze. 23. 33.

ⁱ Jno. 10. 16.

^j Ac. 15. 14.

^k Ro. 15. 9. 12

^l Ep. 2. 12.

^m *Fee away.*

ⁿ Re. 22. 17, 20

9 If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.

10 I am a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes as one that found [†] favour.

11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; ^b he let out the vineyard unto keepers; every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand *pieces* of silver.

12 My vineyard, which *is* mine, *is* before me: thou, O Solomon, *must* have a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

13 Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: ^c cause me to hear it.

14 I^a Make^f haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices.

7. K. *Many waters, &c.* 8. S. *We have a little sister, &c. no breasts, i. e. not yet formed.* 9. K. *If she be a wall, &c.* signifying she should be enriched and honoured. 10. S. *I am a wall, &c.* the bride seizes the metaphor, and applies it to herself. 11. keepers, tenants. 12. *My vineyard, &c.* 'This vineyard, which before was mine, [now brings] a thousand pieces to thee, O Solomon, and two hundred [are given] to those that keep its fruit.'—G. Holden. 13. K. *Thou that dwellest, &c.* 14. S. *make haste, &c.* the expressions of these verses show mutual delight.

The Book of the Prophet ISAIAH.

Isaiah prophesied about sixty years. His prophecies were against the enemies of the Jews, as well as themselves. Much of this book also relates to the coming and kingdom of the Messiah.

CHAP. I.

THE vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 Hear, ^b O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, ^c I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel^d doth not know, my people doth not consider.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, ^f a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are ^g gone away backward.

5 I^a Why^f should ye be stricken any more? ye will^h revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores:

B. C. 760.

* or, oil.

^a De. 28. 51, 52.

^b De. 32. 1.

^c Je. 2. 12.

† *the overthrow of.*

^d ch. 5. 1, 2.

^e Ro. 9. 29.

^f Je. 9. 3, 6.

† *of heaviness.*

^g Mat. 3. 7.

^h Eze. 16. 46.

ⁱ *alienated, or, separated.*

^j Ps. 58. 3.

^k ch. 66. 3.

^l 1 Sa. 15. 22.

^m Ps. 50. 8, 9.

ⁿ Je. 5. 3.

|| *increase revolt.*

* *great he goats.*

† *be seen.*

they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ^a ointment.

7 Your^a country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as [†] overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

9 Except ^d the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

10 I^a Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers^e of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

11 To what purpose is the multitude of your^a sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of ^a he goats.

12 When ye come to [†] appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

CHAP. I.—1. *vision*, or supernatural revelation. 2. *Hear, &c.* a splendid instance of poetical apostrophe. 3. *crib*, manger. 4. *Holy One of Israel*, i. e. the sacred object of their veneration and love: relationship, says Dr. Henderson, is here intended, and not strictly that of subject. *gone away backward*, designates apostasy from God. 5. *head is sick—heart faint*, the two noblest parts of the human body are here selected to represent the body politic, and its extreme danger is set forth under the image of universal sickness and languor.—*Hand*. 6. *not been closed, &c.* in eastern surgery, their materia medica is extremely simple; oil making the principal part of it. So the good Samaritan poured oil

and wine on the wounds of the distressed Jew; wine, cleansing and somewhat astringent, proper for a fresh wound; oil, mollifying and healing: Luke x. 34.—*Bp. Louth*. 7. *country—desolate*, the state of Judea overrun by Israelites and Syrians, Edomites and Philistines: 2 Kings xvi. 5, 6: 2 Chron. xxviii. 5—8, 17, 18; Isa. vii. 1, 2. 8. *daughter of Zion*, a poetic Hebraism for Zion herself. *lodge*, or 'shed.' Cucumbers, melons, and the like, are not enclosed: and to protect them from beasts and robbers, a frail hut is erected on a slight artificial mound, and here a person is kept as a watchman. 10. *ruins of Sodom*, like them in character. 12. *to tread*, a term of contempt, purposely borrowed from the action of the

13 Bring no more ^a vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; ^b it is ^c iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14 Your ^d new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of ^e blood.

16 ^f Wash ^g you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; ^h cease to do evil;

17 Learn to do well; ⁱ seek judgment, ^j relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and ^k let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, ^l they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: ^m for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

21 ⁿ How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

22 Thy ^o silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:

23 Thy ^p princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they ^q judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, ^r I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:

25 ^s And I will turn my hand upon thee, and ^t purely ^u purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:

26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward ^v thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and ^w her converts with righteousness.

28 ^x And the ^y destruction ^z of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

31 And the strong shall be as tow, and ^{aa} the maker of it as a spark, and they shall

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^a Mat. 15. 9.^b Joel 1. 14.^c or, grief.^d Nu. 28. 11.^e Mi. 4. 1, &c.^f Ps. 68. 15, 16.^g or, prepared.^h Job 27. 9.ⁱ Ps. 131. 2.^j Pr. 1. 28.^k ch. 27. 13.^l Ps. 72. 8.^m multiplyⁿ prayer.^o bloods.^p Je. 4. 14.^q Je. 31. 6.^r 50. 5.^s Zec. 8. 21, 23.^t Ro. 12. 9.^u 1 Pe. 3. 11.^v Je. 22. 3, 16.^w Lu. 24. 47.^x or, righteous.^y ch. 43. 26.^z Mi. 6. 2.^{aa} Ps. 46. 9.^{ab} Ho. 2. 18.^{ac} Zec. 9. 10.^{ad} Ps. 51. 7.^{ae} Re. 7. 14.^{af} or, scythes.^{ag} Ps. 72. 3, 7.^{ah} Ep. 5. 8.^{ai} Nu. 23. 19.^{aj} Tit. 1. 2.^{ak} or, more^{al} than.^{am} Ps. 106. 35.^{an} Je. 10. 2.^{ao} or, abound^{ap} with the^{aq} children,^{ar} &c.^{as} Je. 6. 28, 30.^{at} Ho. 9. 15.^{au} Pr. 29. 24.^{av} Je. 5. 28.^{aw} Zec. 7. 10.^{ax} Je. 2. 28.^{ay} De. 28. 63.^{az} Eze. 5. 13.^{ba} Re. 6. 15.^{bb} according^{bc} to purity.^{bd} Mal. 3. 3.^{be} Zec. 8. 3.^{bf} Je. 30. 7, 8.^{bg} Eze. 38. 14.^{bh} 19.^{bi} or, they^{bj} that return^{bk} of her.^{bl} breaking.^{bm} Job 31. 3.^{bn} Ps. 1. 6.^{bo} Eze. 31. 3.^{bp} pictures of^{bq} desire.^{br} or, his work

both burn together, and none shall quench them.

CHAP. II.

THE word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 And ^a it shall come to pass in the last days, ^b that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be ^c established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; ^d and all nations shall flow unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, ^e Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: ^f for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and ^g they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into ^h pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, ⁱ neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us ^j walk in the light of the LORD.

6 ^k Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished ^l from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, ^m and they ⁿ please themselves in the children of strangers.

7 Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots:

8 Their ^o land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:

9 And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive me not.

10 ^p Enter ^q into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted ^r in that day.

12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

13 And upon all ^s the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

14 And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up,

15 And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,

16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all ^t pleasant pictures.

17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men

cattle brought into the outer court for sacrifice.—

Hend. 15. spread—hands, i.e. in prayer: 1 Kings viii. 38, 54; 1 Tim. ii. 8. 16. Wash, alludes to the commanded washings, Lev. xiv. 8, 9, 47. 18. scarlet, the original is thought to mean, double-dyed. 21. an harlot, or idolatrous. 22. mixed, 'weakened.' 23. gifts, 'a bribe.' 24. oaks, or turpentine trees, which formed the groves devoted to idol worship. 30. garden—no water, imagine what an eastern garden would be in its burning summer, having no rain, had it not rains to water it. 31. And the strong, &c. wicked great men and their deeds should both perish together.

CHAP. II.—2. last days, times of Messiah. mountain—established, mountain prophetically denotes

governing powers, and here indicates the ultimate superiority of the position of God's church. 3. the law, instruction or doctrine, i.e. of the gospel. 4. beat, &c. live in peace and harmony. 6. be replenished from, 'are full of.'—Hend. 7. horses, the multiplication of these prohibited, Deut. xvii. 16, 17, prophetically indicates their propensity to indulge in that which alienated from God. 9. boweth, &c. the terms here used express acts of idolatry, and with great propriety express also their punishment in verses 11, 12, 17.—Hend. 11. that day, the time of vengeance, described verse 12, &c. 13. cedars—oaks, prophetically kings, princes, &c. 14. mountains—hills, i.e. kingdoms. 15. tower—fenced wall, that is, protectors. 16. pictures, or 'vessels.'—

shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

18 And the idols ^ahe shall utterly abolish.

19 And they shall go into the ^bholes of the rocks, and into the caves of ^cthe earth, ^dfor fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth ^eto shake terribly the earth.

20 In that day a man shall cast ^fhis idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made ^geach one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

22 Cease ^hye from man, whose ⁱbreath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

CHAP. III.

FOR, behold, the LORD, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah ^jthe stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,

2 The ^kmighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,

3 The captain of fifty, and ^lthe honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the ^meloquent orator.

4 And I will give ⁿchildren to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand:

7 In that day shall he ^oswear, saying, I will not be an ^phealer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

8 For ^qJerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

9 ^rThe shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as ^sSodom, they hide ^tit not. Woe

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^a or, shall utterly pass away.

^b Ec. 8. 12. Lu. 23. 30. Re. 6. 16. 9. 6.

^c the dust. 2 Th. 1. 9. Ps. 11. 6.

^d Hag. 2. 6, 21. He. 12. 26.

^e done to him the idols of his silver, &c.

^f or, for him. or, call thee blessed.

^g swallow up. or, burn. ch. 5. 7.

^h Mar. 21. 33. Ps. 146. 3. Je. 17. 5.

ⁱ Job 27. 3. Le. 26. 26.

^j deceiving with their eyes.

^k 2 Ki. 24. 14. or, tripping nicely.

^l a man eminent in countenance.

^m De. 28. 27. or, skilful of speech.

ⁿ make naked Ec. 10. 16.

^o or, net-works.

^p Ju. 8. 21. or, sweet balls.

^q or, spangled ornaments.

^r houses of the soul.

^s lift up the hand. Ge. 14. 22.

^t binder up. Mi. 3. 12.

^u Ge. 13. 13. or, might.

unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

10 Say ye to the righteous, ^vthat it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

11 Woe unto the wicked! ^wit shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be ^xgiven him.

12 ^yAs for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which ^zlead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

15 What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the LORD God of hosts.

16 ^{aa}Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and swanton eyes, walking and ^{ab}mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

17 Therefore the LORD will smite with ^{ac}a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will ^{ad}discover their secret parts.

18 In that day the LORD will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their ^{ae}cauls, and their ^{af}round tires like the moon.

19 The ^{ag}chains, and the bracelets, and the ^{ah}mufflers,

20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the ^{ai}tablets, and the earrings,

21 The rings, and nose jewels,

22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the ^{aj}crisping pins,

23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails.

24 And it shall come to pass, ^{ak}that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy ^{al}mighty in the war.

Hend. 1. e. merchants, or men enriched by commerce: see *Bp. Louth.* 18. utterly abolish, *Dr. Henderson* notices the expressive brevity of this verse. 20. moles—bats, the fondness of these for darkness rendered them fit companions for idols consigned to oblivion.—*Hend.*

CHAP. III.—1. stay—staff, provisions and mighty men. 2, 3. see 2 Kings xxiv. 14. 4. children—babes, childish persons. 7. not be a healer, i. e. to heal and repair your ruinous state, neither bread nor clothing, princes and great men in the east are obliged to have a stock of furniture and clothes, ready for presents on all occasions: without these a man was unfit to undertake the government. 12. thy paths, thy travellers.—*Hend.* 14. eaten, &c. a charge of oppression. 16. Moreover, &c. the following eight verses are a complete description of oriental female attire. 17. secret parts, nakedness.—*Louth, Boothr.* 18. shame.—*Hend.* 19. tinkling, &c. the gold and silver anklets of some eastern ladies by knocking together in walking, make a ringing noise. cauls—round tires, the net-work and the crescents.—*Louth, Boothr.* 20. tasselled tresses, crescents.—*Hend.* 19. chains, literally, 'drops,' or pendants. mufflers, intends a sort of veil. 20. bonnets, head-dress or turban. ornaments of the legs, anklets simply understood, without their tink-

ling. headbands, zones or girdles. tablets, small ornamented boxes or bottles containing rich perfumes. earrings, 'boxes of amulets,' or charms: so the Arabic, and so now understood. 22. changeable suits, &c. rich dress-vestments. wimples, a sort of hood or veil, covering head and body; the same word used for Ruth's veil. *Henderson* renders the word, 'cloak,' as do *Louth* and *Boothroyd*. crisping pins, 'purses'; translated 'bags,' 2 Kings v. 23; rendered 'purses' by *Louth, Boothroyd*, and *Henderson*. 23. glasses, portable metallic mirrors; *Louth* understands it, a transparent silken dress. fine linen vests.—*Louth, Boothr.* 'linen shifts.'—*Hend.* hoods, a double veil, covering the head, and falling down behind and before.—*Jahn.* turbans.—*Louth, Boothr.* 'ribands.'—*Hend.* vails, head-veils; mantles.—*Louth, Boothr.* 'large veils.'—*Hend.* 24. instead of sweet, &c. 'instead of perfume a putrid ulcer.'—*Louth.* a rent, 'a rope.'—*Hend.* 'a girdle of sackcloth.'—*Boothr.* 'and instead of well-girt raiment, rags.'—*Louth.* 24. a stomacher, 'a zone.'—*Louth, Boothr.* 'the wide-flowing mantle.'—*Hend.* It may mean a zone, but different from that in verse 20: it implies width, and perhaps is the shawl tied round the waist of Asiatic women.—*Pictorial Bible.* 24. burning, 'a sun-burnt skin.'—*Louth.* 'a branded skin.'—*Boothr.* 'a brand.'—*Hend.*

26 And ^a her gates shall lament and mourn; and she *being* ^b desolate shall sit upon the ground.

CHAP. IV.

AND in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will ^b eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: let them be called by thy name, ^c to take away ^d our reproach.

2 In that day shall ^d the branch of the LORD be ^e beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for ^f them that are escaped of Israel.

3 And it shall come to pass, *that he that is* left in Zion, and *he that remaineth in* Jerusalem, ^g shall be called holy, even every one that is ^h written ⁱ among the living in Jerusalem:

4 When ^j the LORD shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, ^k a cloud and smoke by day, and ^l the shining of a flaming fire by night: for ^m upon all the glory shall be a ⁿ defence.

6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and ^o for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

CHAP. V.

NOW will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching ^p his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in ^q a very fruitful hill:

2 And he ^r fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine and built a tower in the midst of it, and also ^s made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, ^t judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.

4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should

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^a La. 1. 4.^b cleansed, or, emptied ^c for a treading.^d 2 Th. 3. 12.^e thy name be called upon us.^f or, take thou away.^g Lu. 1. 25.^h Je. 23. 5.ⁱ beauty and glory.^j the escap-^k ing of Israel.^l plant of his pleasures.^m a scab.ⁿ ch. 60. 21.^o Mi. 2. 2.^p Phi. 4. 3.^q Re. 3. 5.^r or, to life.^s ye.^t Mal. 3. 2, 3.^u or, This is in mine ears, saith.^v If not, &c.^w Eze. 45. 11.^x Ex. 13. 21.^y Pr. 23. 29, 30.^z Zec. 2. 5.^{aa} or, above.^{ab} covering.^{ac} or, pursue.^{ad} ch. 25. 4.^{ae} Ho. 4. 6.^{af} Lu. 19. 44.^{ag} Ps. 80. 8.^{ah} glory are men of famine.^{ai} the horn of the son of oil.^{aj} or, made a wall about it.^{ak} hewed.^{al} Ro. 3. 4.^{am} the God the holy, or, the holy God.

bring forth grapes, brought it forth will grapes?

5 And now go to; I will tell you what will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be ^t trodden down:

6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it:

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah ^u his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

8 ^v Woe unto them that join ^w house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that ^x they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!

9 ^y In mine ears said the LORD of hosts: Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant.

10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one ^z bath, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.

11 ^{aa} Woe ^{ab} unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night till wine ^{ac} inflame them!

12 And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.

13 ^{ad} Therefore ^{ae} my people are gone into captivity, ^{af} because they have no knowledge: and their ^{ag} honourable men are famished, and their multitude dries up with thirst.

14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself and opened her mouth without measure and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

15 And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:

16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and ^{ah} God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17 Then shall the lambs feed after their

26. shall sit, in the Roman medals to commemorate her captivity, she is so represented.

CHAP. IV.—1. And, &c. various critics join this verse to the preceding chapter. seven women, celibacy was a reproach, and as so many men were slain in battle, seven women are represented as modestly importuning one man to marry them. 2. branch, the Messiah: Jer. xxiii. 5; Ezek. xvii. 22—24; Zech. iii. 8; vi. 12. fruit of the earth, denotes the humanity, as the former clause the divinity of Messiah: so Jackson and Hend. 4. spirit of judgment—of burning, severe judgments: comp. Mal. iii. 1—4. 5. a cloud, allusion to the fiery pillar and cloud: Exod. xiii. 21; xl. 38. a defence, a protecting care. 6. a tabernacle, alluding to the portable tents of travellers to screen from tempests and heats: see Psalm xxvii. 5; Ezek. xi. 16.

CHAP. V. is a parabolic reprehension of the Jews for their irreligious and wicked conduct. 1. hill, Judea was a mountainous country, and vines were generally placed on sunny hills. 2. fenced it, the land of Judea had excellent natural fences,—west, Mediterranean; east, Jordan, sea of Galilee, and Dead sea; south, deserts of Arabia, and mountains of Idumea; north, the mountains Anti-libanus; but Jehovah himself was also a wall of fire round about them, protecting them by his providence. stones, would spoil the growth of vines; this may denote the

expulsion of idolatrous nations. choicest vine, ha vines are labour lost: the allusion here is to the stock of Abraham. built a tower, towers are built for defence: Jerusalem was their strength and beauty, and here God put his name and dwelt. winepress, for extracting the wine from the grapes, may allude to the temple, in which the fruits of faith, righteousness, and obedience were, in a measure, collected and expressed in the sacrifices.—McCulloch. 6. the clouds that they rain no rain, they shall have no teachers to instruct them.—Jackson. 8. Woe, &c. the monopoly of houses and lands was opposed to the spirit of the Jewish law. 10. one bath, i.e. 'but one bath,' &c. not eight gallons. ephah, about six pecks. 11. Woe, &c. the sensual Jews in the time of the prophet, appear to have employed musicians, and all kinds of merry-makers, as dancers, mimics, buffoons, &c. such as are still common all over the east. 13. dried up with thirst, may mean the straits they should be brought into, when besieged by the Babylonians.—Jackson. 14. hell, or the grave: it is here described as an enormous monster, extended and enlarged with insatiable mouth. 16. shall be sanctified, God is said to be sanctified when the holiness of his character is displayed, acknowledged, or proclaimed. 17. after their manner, 'without restraint.'—Lotch. 'wherever they are driven.'—Hend. This may be understood literally, neither enclosure

manner, and the waste place of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope:

19 That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

25 Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcases were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth; and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:

27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:

28 Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind:

29 Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it.

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* or distress.

† or, when it is light, it shall be

dark in the destructions thereof.

a 2 Pe. 3. 3, 4.

b 2 Ki. 15. 7.

c Jno. 12. 41.

† say concerning evil, It is

good, &c.

§ or, the skirts thereof.

d Ro. 1. 22.

12. 16.

|| before their face.

* this cried to this.

e Re. 4. 8.

† his glory is the fulness of the whole earth.

‡ thresholds.

§ tongue of

fire.

|| cut off.

f Job 18. 16.

* and in his hand a live coal.

† caused it to touch.

‡ or, as dung.

§ Le. 26. 14.

h Ge. 1. 26.

§ Behold me.

i Mat. 13. 14.

Ro. 11. 8.

|| in hearing,

&c. or,

without ceasing, &c.

* in seeing.

† desolate with desolation.

‡ or, when it is returned,

and hath been

broused.

30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

CHAP. VI.

IN the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

12 And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

13 But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a

gor bands restraining them; but many expositors understand it figuratively of God's people.—Jackson.

15. iniquity with cords of vanity, calamity with cords of iniquity.—Hend. The image seems to be taken from a yoke or wain: viz. Woe to those that drag along the burden of iniquity as if yoked to it 'with cords of vanity,' or vice.—G. Holden.

22. to mingle strong drink, with spices and drugs, to render it more potent. 24. As—the flame, images to show the suddenness and completeness of their destruction.

25. tremble, may refer to the earthquakes in Uzziah's days.—Lowth. See Amos 1. 1; Zech. xiv. 5. their carcases, &c. as a plague scene, or that of a siege.

26. lift up an ensign, as a pole is planted with a flag on a high mountain, as a signal of rendezvous, or to point out the way for the army.

hiss, alluding to the mode of calling back bees to their hives by the blast of a whistle. Jackson thinks the reference here is to the invasion of Judea by the Chaldeans in the time of Zedekiah.

27. None shall, &c. none shall ungrind himself to sleep, or unloose his shoe-latchet: they should find no impediment nor hindrance.

28. hoofs-like flint, horses were not then shod, and means were used to harden the hoof, which was a valuable acquisition. wheels, &c. the Babylonians were noted for their power in horses and chariots.

29. roar—lions, 30. roaring of the sea, these figures strikingly describe the horror and

gloom of the political horizon of the Jews, on the Assyrian invasion.

CHAP. VI.—The vision of the Divine majesty and glory here described, is thought to have occurred on Isaiah's inauguration to office.

1. train, the long flowing skirts of his royal robe, alluding to the ample robes of state in which oriental monarchs appeared on great occasions.—Hend.

2. seraphims, the holy orders are here described by their attributes: the word signifies 'burning,' expressive of love, zeal, and purity.

wings, express their expedition in their divine services. covered his face, showing profound reverence. covered his feet, a custom in the east on entering into the presence of a monarch.

3. Holy, &c. thought by some to express a trinity; by others, transcendent purity. full of his glory, proclaiming the Divine perfections.

6, 7. a live coal, &c. fire in Scripture is the symbol of moral purification: Mal. iii. 2, 3; Mat. iii. 11.

9. Go, and tell, &c. predicts the obstinacy of the Jews: the Hebrew prophets often represented a person as saying or doing what he merely announced would take place: so Hend.

10. Make—fat, i. e. stupid. 12. removed—far evidently alludes to the Babylonian captivity.

13. eaten, this remnant shall be again wasted. Boethroyd renders it, 'Even this shall undergo repeated destruction': and Henderson, 'Even it shall again be burnt up.' The sense of all is the same.

tell tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

CHAP. VII.

AND it came to pass in the days of Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

2 And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;

4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying,

6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeal:

7 Thus saith the LORD GOD, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people.

9 And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

10 Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying,

11 Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.

13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

14 Therefore the LORD himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

B. C. 758.

* or, stock, or, stem.

a Ezr. 9. 2.

Mal. 2. 15.

Ro. 11. 5.

b 2 Ki. 16. 5.

c 2 Ki. 15. 30.

16. 9.

d 2 Ch. 28. 19.

1 Ki. 12. 16.

† resteth on.

‡ i.e. the remnant shall return.

ch. 10. 21.

§ or, causeway.

|| or, commendable trees.

* let not thy heart be tender.

† or, waken.

‡ midst of the land.

f Pr. 21. 30.

§ from a people.

|| or, Do ye not believe?

it is because ye are not stable.

g 2 Ch. 20. 20.

* And the LORD added to speak.

h Ju. 6. 36, &c.

Mat. 12. 38.

† or, make thy petition deep.

i Hab. 2. 2.

‡ in making speed to the spoil he hasteneth the prey, or, make speed, &c.

k 2 Ki. 16. 10.

§ approached unto.

l Mat. 1. 23.

Lu. 1. 31, 34.

|| or, thou, O Virgin, shall.

15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, that land that thou abhorrest shall be forsake of both her kings.

17 The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father house, days that have not come, from this day that Ephraim departed from Judah, even the king of Assyria.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day that the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

19 And they shall come, and shall reel all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorn and upon all bushes.

20 In the same day shall the LORD shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by the king of Assyria the head, and the hair of the feet: and shall also consume the beard.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep;

22 And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give, that he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land.

23 And it shall come to pass in that day that every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverings, it shall even be for briers and thorns.

24 With arrows and with bows shall men come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

25 And on all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen and for the treading of lesser cattle.

CHAP. VIII.

MOREOVER the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

2 And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jehreichiah.

3 And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

the holy seed, these few should still be a preserving principle for the church.

CHAP. VII.—2. Ephraim, put for the ten tribes. 4. the two tails, &c. expressive of contempt; they resembled two pieces of wood so burnt out as only to emit smoke. 8. For the head, &c. the threatening powers should be confined within their own limits. 12. tempt, i. e. put to the proof. 14. Behold, a virgin, &c. this passage has had various interpretations;—as a fact then occurring; as figurative language; and as prophetic of Christ. No intimation is given of the remoteness or proximity of the event, and its uncertainty had a salutary influence on believers. The verb is in the future tense. It obviously refers to the miraculous birth of Christ. So Henderson, to whose admirable translation of Isaiah refer for a lengthened notice of the subject.

15. that he may know, 'when he shall know.'—Louth, and others. to refuse the evil, &c. 'butter,' &c.—G. Holden observes, this proved Immanuel's real human nature. Henderson remarks, that the text implies his early and natural moral discrimination and

hatred of evil. Butter and honey are the substantial diet of many children in the east. 16. For before the child, &c. meaning in less time than this child should be able to distinguish between good and evil.—G. Holden. 18. hiss, 'whistle.' fly, see on Jos. xiv. 12: flies and bees denote numerous and dangerous enemies: comp. Deut. i. 44; Psalm cxviii. 12.

19. and shall rest, &c. i. e. overrun the country. 20. shave, &c. these parabolical expressions denote utter devastation. 21. a young cow, &c. denoting scarcity of cattle. 22. abundance of milk, &c. denotes the scarcity of population, for which there should be enough for abundance. 23. silverings, or 'pieces of silver.' 24. with arrows, &c. employed in hunting wild beasts there, as some think; but Henderson says, for self-protection.

CHAP. VIII.—1. roll, 'tablet,' in it, 'upon it,' with a man's pen, engraver's instrument, or 'style,' concerning, 'for.' Maher-shalal-hash-baz, see margin. 3. prophetess, the wife of the prophet, who derived her name from the office of her husband.

4 For^a before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, * the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

5^b The LORD spake also unto me again, saying,

6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of^c Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son;

7 Now therefore, behold, the LORD bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:

8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over,^d he shall reach even to the neck; and the^e stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

9^f Associate^g yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

10 Take^h counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: ⁱ for God is with us.

11^j For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; ^k neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

13 Sanctify^l the LORD of hosts himself; and ^m let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but forⁿ a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall^o stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

17 And I will wait upon the LORD, that he bideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

18 Behold, ^p I and the children whom

B. C. 742.

^a ch. 7. 16.

^b Zec. 3. 8.

^c or, he that is before

^d the king of Assyria

^e shall take away the riches, &c.

^f Juno. 9. 7.

^g Lu. 16. 29.

^h Mi. 3. 6.

ⁱ morning.

^j Re. 16. 11.

^k ch. 30. 28.

^l fulness of the breadth of thy land shall be the stretchings out of his wings.

^m Joel 3. 9, 11.

ⁿ or, yet.

^o 2 Ki. 15. 29.

^p 2 Ki. 17. 5, 6.

^q Job 5. 12.

^r or, populous.

^s Ro. 8. 13.

^t Mat. 4. 16.

^u Ep. 5. 8, 14.

^v in strength of hand.

^w or, to him.

^x 1 Pe. 3. 14.

^y Ju. 5. 30.

^z or, When thou brakest.

^{aa} Nu. 20. 12.

^{ab} ch. 10. 5.

^{ac} Lu. 12. 5.

^{ad} or, When the whole battle of the warrior was, &c.

^{ae} Ro. 9. 33.

^{af} 1 Pe. 2. 8.

^{ag} or, and it was, &c.

^{ah} ch. 66. 15, 16.

^{ai} meat.

^{aj} Ro. 11. 25.

^{ak} Mat. 28. 18.

^{al} Tit. 2. 13.

^{am} He. 1. 8.

^{an} Ep. 2. 14.

^{ao} He. 2. 13.

the LORD hath given me^b are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

19^c And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

20 To^d the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because^e there is no light in them.

21 And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and^f curse their king and their God, and look upward.

22 And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.

CHAP. IX.

NEVERTHELESS the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the^k first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and^l afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

2 The^m people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, andⁿ not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice^o when they divide the spoil.

4^p For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and^q the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

5^r For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; ^s but^t this shall be with burning and^u fuel of fire.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and^v the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, ^w The mighty God, The everlasting Father, ^x The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with

4. For before, &c. this was fulfilled within three years: 2 Kings xvi. 9; xv. 29; 1 Chron. v. 26. before the king, &c. alluding to the custom of carrying the spoils in triumph before the victor. 6. waters of Shiloah, i.e. the kingdom of Judah, of which Shiloah, a small brook close by Jerusalem, is the emblem.

7. waters of the river, Euphrates. pass through Judah, fulfilled in Sennacherib's invasion. O Immanuel, prophetically addressed to the Messiah.

9. Associate, &c. an abrupt transition to Judah's enemies, predicting their destruction. 11. with a strong hand, 'with a mighty impulse.'—Hend.

12. Say ye not, &c. Do not join in the cry respecting a confederacy of Judah's enemies. 14. a sanctuary, or asylum. stone, rock—gin—snare, i.e. the occasion of their ruin. 16. Bind, &c. carefully preserve the prophetic testimonies. 18. children—given me, the words are those of the Messiah: see Heb. ii. 13.

19. for the living, 'should they seek unto the dead concerning the living, i.e. have recourse to necromancy.'—G. Holden.

20. law—testimony, God's 'revealed will. there is no light in them,' 'there shall be no dawn to them.'—Hend. 'to them shall be nothing but darkness.'—Booth.

21. their king, Messiah.—M'Culloch. look upward, with bold defiance and desperation.

CHAP. IX.—1. Nevertheless, &c. this verse properly belongs to the preceding chapter. The prediction here is, that the contemners of Immanuel and his testimony were to be involved in far greater calamities than those which befel the Jews in their first and second captivities. 2. The people, &c. these words represent the happy change which was to be introduced by the promised Messiah, at the time to which this prophecy refers. 3. not increased the joy, Lowth and others read, 'hast increased their joy.' Henderson reads, 'whose joy thou didst not increase.' 4. broken, alludes to deliverance from the Babylonish captivity, but especially redemption by Christ. staff, &c. the staff wherewith their shoulders were beaten. rod, tyrannical rule. day of Midian, see Judg. vii. 5. this shall be with burning, &c. the heathens were accustomed to burn armour on the battle-field as an offering to their deity in token of victory by him; and the Romans used this practice as an emblem of peace. 6. For unto us, &c. the ancient Rabbins applied this verse to Messiah. the government, as King of the church. on his shoulder, alluding to the custom of carrying a sceptre on the shoulder as the sign of regal power. Wonderful, in the union of his two natures, &c. Counsellor, revealing truth. everlasting Father, 'Father of eternity.'—G. Holden and others. 'Father of the future age,' others.

judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

8 The LORD sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.

9 And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart,

10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars.

11 Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together;

12 The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel * with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

13 For ^f the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.

14 Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, ^h in one day.

15 The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.

16 For ^t the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are [†] led of them are [§] destroyed.

17 Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh [¶] folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

18 For wickedness ^{||} burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up ^{||} like the lifting up of smoke.

19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the [§] fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother.

20 And he shall ^{||} snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, ^{||} and they shall not be satisfied: [†] they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm:

21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

CHAP. X.

WOE unto them that [†] decree unrighteous decrees, and [†] that write grievousness which they have prescribed;

2 To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their

B. C. 741.

^a Job 31. 14.

^b Ho. 9. 7.

^c Lu. 19. 14.

* or, Woe to the Assyrian.

[†] Asshur.

^c Je. 51. 20.

[†] of, though.

[§] mingle.

[§] Je. 34. 22.

^{||} to lay them

^{||} a treading.

* with whole

^{||} mouth.

[†] Ge. 50. 20.

[†] Mi. 4. 12.

[†] Je. 5. 3.

[†] Ho. 7. 10.

[§] 2 Ki. 18. 24.

^{||} 33, &c.

^{||} Re. 18. 8.

[†] 2 Ch. 35. 20.

[†] 2 Ki. 16. 9.

[†] or, they

^{||} that call

^{||} them

^{||} blessed.

[†] or, called

^{||} blessed.

[§] swallowed

^{||} up.

[†] Mi. 7. 2.

^{||} or, villany.

[†] Je. 50. 18.

[†] visit upon.

[†] greatness

^{||} of the

^{||} heart.

[†] Mal. 4. 1.

[†] Is. 37. 24.

^{||} Eze. 28. 4.

^{||} &c.

^{||} Da. 4. 30.

[†] or, many

^{||} people.

[†] Job 31. 25.

^{||} meat.

^{||} cut.

[†] Le. 26. 26.

[†] ch. 49. 26.

[†] Je. 19. 9.

* or, a rod

^{||} should

^{||} shake them

^{||} that.

[†] or, that

^{||} which is

^{||} not wood.

[†] Ps. 58. 2.

^{||} 91. 20.

^{||} Jno. 9. 22.

^{||} 19. 6.

[†] or, to the

^{||} writers

^{||} that write

^{||} grievous-

^{||} ness.

prey, and that they may rob the fatherless.

3 And ^a what will ye do in [†] the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?

4 Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under thine slay. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

5 [†] O [†] Assyrian, [†] the rod of mine anger; [†] and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I [†] give him a charge, to take the spoil and to take the prey, and ^{||} to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7 Howbeit [†] he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

8 For [§] he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings?

9 Is not Calno [†] as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria [†] a Damascus?

10 As my hand hath found the kingdom of the idols, and whose graven images excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria

11 Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, ^{||} that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem ^{||} I will [†] punish the fruit of the [†] stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

13 For [†] he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like [†] a valiant man:

14 And [†] my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.

15 Shall the ax boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if [†] the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up [†] itself, as if it were no wood.

16 Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

10. The bricks, &c. in haughty contempt of the prophet's predictions. For brick buildings we will have lasting stone; and for those of sycamore, cedar. 11. adversaries of Rezin, the king of Syria, were the Assyrians. 12. For all this, &c. their crimes had not yet been fully punished. 14. head—tail, all ranks. branch and rush, i. e. strong and weak. 18. wickedness, means here idolatry, compared to the raging forest fire, and the idolaters to thorns, &c.: so *Hend. lifting up of smoke*, they shall speedily disappear. 20. eat—his own arm, i. e. destroy one another.

CHAP. X.—4. Without me, &c. [†] except they crouch among the prisoners, they shall fall, &c. 7. he meaneth not, that he is my instrument to punish my

people. 8. he saith, &c. this is a boast of his conquests. kings, satraps or viceroys. 9. Is not Calno, &c. all had been subdued, one as well as the other. Calno, an ancient city, Gen. x. 10. Carchemish, a town on the Euphrates, 2 Chron. xxxv. 20. Hamath, west of Damascus. Arpad, a royal city, north of Damascus. 12. the fruit, &c. i. e. the daring expedition against Jerusalem. 14. as a nest, &c. this allusion expresses the rapacity of the conqueror and the weakness of the conquered. 15. Shall the ax, &c. the monarch is rebuked for boasting when he was a mere instrument. 16. his glory, i. e. his nobles, under his nobility shall be kindle a burning.—Hend. 17. light of Israel, God who appeared in

18 And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, * both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standard-bearer faintheeth.

19 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

20 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

21 The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

22 For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: * the consumption decreed shall overflow * with righteousness.

23 For the LORD God of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.

24 ¶ Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, † and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of * Egypt.

25 For yet a very little while, * and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.

26 And the LORD of hosts shall stir up * a scourge for him according to the slaughter of * Midian at the rock of Oreb: and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.

27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of † the anointing.

28 He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages:

29 They are gone over * the passage: they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul is fled.

30 * Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim: cause it to be heard unto Laish, O poor Anathoth.

31 Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.

32 As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall * shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts,

B. C. 713.

a Am. 2. 9.

b * from the soul, and even to the flesh.

† number.

‡ or, mightily

2 Ki. 16. 7.

2 Ch. 28. 20.

c ch. 53. 2.

Zec. 6. 12.

Re. 5. 5.

d Ac. 13. 23.

e Jc. 23. 5.

f ch. 61. 1.

Mat. 3. 16.

Jno. 1. 32, 33.

3. 34.

g Ro. 9. 27.

§ in, or,

among,

h ch. 28. 22.

|| scent, or,

smell.

* or, in.

i Da. 9. 27.

Ro. 9. 28.

k Ps. 72. 2, 4.

Re. 19. 11.

† or, argue.

‡ or, but he

shall lift up

his staff

for thee.

i Job 4. 9.

Mal. 4. 6.

2 Th. 2. 3.

Re. 1. 16.

2. 16.

19. 15.

m Ex. xlv.

n Da. 11. 36.

o Ep. 6. 14.

p ch. 65. 25.

Eze. 34. 25.

Ho. 2. 18.

r 2 Ki. 19. 35.

s Ju. 7. 25.

§ remove.

¶ Ps. 105. 15.

1 Jno. 2. 20.

|| or, adder's.

u 1 Sa. 13. 23.

v Hab. 2. 14.

* Cry shrill

with.

x Ro. 15. 12.

y He. 4. 1, &c.

† glory.

‡ ch. 13. 2.

a Zec. 10. 10.

shall lop the bough with terror: and * the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled.

34 And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

CHAP. XI.

AND * there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of ^a Jesse, and ^a a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 And ^f the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

3 And shall make him of ^{||} quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4 But [‡] with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and [†] reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall [†] smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And ^o righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6 The [†] wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the ^{||} cockatrice' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the ^v earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

10 ¶ And in that day * there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and [†] his rest shall be [†] glorious.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, ^a from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from

the fiery pillar. 18. consume—forest, nobles, rulers, commanders, &c. 20. in that day, or after that day.

21. unto the mighty God, i. e. the Messiah, chap. ix. 5.

22. yet, 'only.' 26. a scourge, figuratively denotes any hostile invader, or awful plague, or calamity.

27. because of the anointing, thought by some to allude to Hezekiah, the Lord's anointed king; by others, to the Messiah. 28, &c. He is come, &c. a description of the Assyrian expedition. Aiath, Ai, a royal Canaanitish city. Migron, a famous city of Gibeah, 1 Sam. xiv. 5. Michmash, a strongly fortified place near mount Bethel, mentioned 1 Sam. xiv. 5.

29. Geba, a city of the priests. Ramah, also near Bethel. Gibeah, where Saul resided, 1 Sam. x. 26.

30. Gallim, mentioned 1 Sam. xxv. 44, obviously in the neighbourhood of Ramah and Gibeah. Laish, not that in Judg. xviii.; this seems to have been between Gallim and Anathoth. O poor, is translated by Henderson, 'Aniyah,' meaning a place which he conjectures to be Bethany. Anathoth, a city of Benjamin, Jer. i. 1. 31. Madmenah—Gebim, probably places north-west of Jerusalem. 32. As yet, &c. 'a day more to halt at Nob.'—Hend. Nob, a city of Benjamin. 33, 34. Behold, &c. here are the

consequences of the invasion by the Assyrian, like cutting down a wood; the most lofty and dignified persons should be laid low.

CHAP. XI. foretells the nativity of Christ. 1. rod, 'shoot.'—Hend. 3. after the sight, by specious appearances. 4. poor—meek, Christ's subjects.

the earth, i. e. its inhabitants. rod of his mouth, his word. 5. the girdle, to be girded denotes strength and readiness for action. 6—9. The wolf, &c. here denote the tranquillity, security, and happiness of Messiah's kingdom. asp, the Coluber Beten, an asp whose poison kills almost instantaneously. cockatrice, thought by some to be the Cerast or horned serpent, a small and venomous viper about a foot in length. 10. there shall be a root, &c. Henderson's rendering is better:—'It shall come to pass, &c.'

* That to the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people, Shall the nations repair.'

11. the second time, some consider the first to be deliverance from Egypt, and the second from Babylon: others take the first to be from Egypt, and the second the spiritual deliverance of Christ. Pathros, a province and city of Egypt. Cush, Ethiopia. Elam,

Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together ^c the dispersed of Judah from the four [†] corners of the earth.

13 The ^d envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil [†] them of the east together: [§] they [§] shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon ^{*} shall obey them.

15 And the LORD ^h shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, ^h and make men go over [†] dryshod.

16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

CHAP. XII.

AND in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest me.

2 Behold, God ^{is} my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD ^o JEHOVAH ^{is} my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

3 Therefore with joy shall ye ^p draw water out of the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, ^{*} call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his ^h name is exalted.

5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

6 Cry ^v out and shout, thou [†] inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

CHAP. XIII.

THE ^{*} burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3 I have commanded my sanctified ones,

B. C. 713:

^a Joel 3. 11.

^b Ps. 149. 2, 5, 6.

^c Jno. 7. 35.

^d Ja. 1. 1.

^e the likeness of.

^f wings.

^g Je. 3. 18.

^h Eze. 37. 16,

17, 22.

ⁱ Ho. 1. 11.

^j Zep. 1. 7.

^k Re. 6. 17.

^l the children of.

^m Job 31. 23.

ⁿ Joel 1. 15.

^o Edom and Moab shall be the laying on of their hand.

^p Da. 11. 41.

^q or, fall down.

^r their obedience.

^s Zec. 10. 11.

^t Ps. 48. 6.

^u wonder.

^v every man at his neighbour.

^w Re. 16. 12.

^x faces of the flames.

^y in shoes.

^z Mal. 4. 1.

^{aa} Ps. 104. 35.

^{ab} Pr. 2. 22.

^{ac} Eze. 32. 7.

^{ad} Joel 2. 31.

^{ae} 3. 15.

^{af} Mat. 24. 29.

^{ag} Ps. 83. 18.

^{ah} Jno. 4. 10, 14.

^{ai} 7. 37, 38.

^{aj} Hag. 2. 6.

^{ak} or, proclaim.

^{al} Ps. 34. 3.

^{am} Ps. 110. 5.

^{an} La. 1. 12.

^{ao} Je. 50. 16.

^{ap} 51. 9.

^{aq} ch. 54. 1.

^{ar} Zec. 3. 14.

^{as} inhabitress.

^{at} ch. XXI.

^{au} XLVII.

^{av} Je. L. LI.

^{aw} Da. 5. 28, 31.

I have also called ^a my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that ^b rejoice in my highness.

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, ^c like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.

5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6 Howl ye; ^c for the day of the LORD is at hand; ^f it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore shall all hands ^h be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8 And they shall be afraid: ⁱ pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed [†] one at another: their faces shall be as [§] flames.

9 Behold, [†] the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy [†] the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be [†] darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 Therefore [†] I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in [†] the day of his fierce anger.

14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: [†] they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.

15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword.

16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

17 Behold, [†] I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

18 Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no

Persia. *Shinar*, Babylonia and Mesopotamia. *Hamath*, a city and province of Syria, and may here denote the whole land. *the islands*, the maritime countries of the Mediterranean, Greece, &c. 13. *The envy*, &c. the animosities of the tribes shall cease. 14. *Ay upon*, 'invade.'—*Louth*, 'pounce upon.'—*Hend*, *Philistines*, Edom, &c. ancient foes of Israel, and to 'the east' of Canaan were the Syrians, Arabians, and Amalekites. Commentators consider this as descriptive of Israel's spiritual conquests in Messiah's day of triumph. 15. *the tongue*, *G. Holden* considers this as implying the removal of all opposition to the restoration of Israel, as easily as the opening of the passage of the sea for ancient Israel.

river, usually denotes the Euphrates. *seven streams*, denoting perfection or completeness. 16. *And there shall be*, &c. deliverance from Babylon is here described, but commentators view it as having a further reference to the triumphs of Messiah.

CHAP. XII.—1. *day*, i.e. the day of the church's restoration from Babylonian captivity, and more fully in the day of the fulness of the Gentiles, when all Israel shall be saved.—*M'Culloch*. 3. *draw water*,

alluding to the celebration of the miraculous supply of water in the wilderness, when golden vessels full of water were brought to the temple from the pool of Siloam, on the last day of the feast of tabernacles.

CHAP. XIII.—1. *The burden*, 'The oracle concerning.'—*Louth*, 'the sentence.'—*Hend*, 'It foretells BABYLON'S destruction by the Medes and Persians 200 years before its accomplishment. 3. *sanctified*, not holy, but set apart for this service. *for mine anger*, 'to execute mine anger.' 10. *the stars*, prophetically signify kings and potentates; and the darkening of them, the subversion of states and princes. 12. *more precious*, 'scarcer.'—*Hend*. 13. *shake the heavens*, gods, kings, princes, and nobles. *the earth*, &c. nations under the dominion of Babylon. 14. *as the chased roe*, expressing timidity and flight. *and as a sheep*, &c. 'and like sheep without any one to collect them.'—*Hend*. *into his own land*, Babylon had a large conflux of people from other nations. 16. *Their children*, &c. as they had done to Israel, it should be done to them. So Cyrus put to death all that were found without the palace. 17. *not regard silver*, &c. the Medes were agriculturists, and cared

pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

19 * And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as ^t when God overthrew ^a Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

21 But ⁱ wild ^s beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of ^s doleful creatures; and ^s howls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

22 And ^s the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their ^t desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

CHAP. XIV.

FOR the LORD ^s will have mercy on Jacob, and ⁱ will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: ^s and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, ^s whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,

4 * That thou shalt take up this ^s proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the ^s golden city ceased!

5 The LORD hath broken ^s the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers.

6 He who smote the people in wrath with a ^t continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth.

7 The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.

8 Yea, ^s the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

9 ^t Heil ^s from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, ^s even all the ^s chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?

11 The pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm

B. C. 712.

* or, O day

star.

† the over-

throwing.

a Ge. 19. 24, 25.

De. 29. 23.

Je. 49. 18.

50. 40.

b Mat. 11. 23.

c Da. 8. 10.

d Ps. 48. 2.

e Zim.

f Re. 18. 2.

g ch. 47. 8.

h 2 Th. 2. 4.

i Ochim.

j daughters

of the owl,

or, ostriches

s Ac. 12. 22, 23.

t im.

† or, palaces.

‡ or, did not

let his pri-

soners loose

homeuvas

h Ps. 102. 13.

i Zec. 1. 17.

2. 12.

k ch. 69. 4, 5, 19

Ep. 2. 12, &c.

s that had

taken them

captives.

i Job 18. 19.

Ps. 21. 10.

37. 23.

109. 13.

m Ex. 20. 5.

Mat. 23. 35.

n or, taunt-

ing speech.

p Pr. 10. 7.

Je. 51. 62.

o i Ki. 14. 10.

p Job 18. 19.

s or, exact-

ness of

gold.

r Ps. 125. 3.

ch. 34. 11.

Zep. 2. 14.

† strokewith-

out remov-

ing.

t ch. 55. 12.

Eze. 31. 16.

‡ or, The

grave.

u Eze. 32. 21.

s leaders, or,

great goats

v 2 Ch. 29. 6.

Job 9. 12.

23. 17.

Ps. 33. 11.

Da. 4. 31, 35.

Ro. 8. 26, 31.

is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, * O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, ^b I will ascend into heaven, ^c I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, ^d in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; ^f I will be like the most High.

15 Yet ^s thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that ^t opened not the house of his prisoners?

18 All the kings of the nations, ^s even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: ^t the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

21 Prepare slaughter for his children ^m for the iniquity of their fathers: that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

22 For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon ⁿ the name, and ^o remnant, ^p and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

23 I ^s will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

24 ^s The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

25 That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

26 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

27 For the LORD of hosts hath ^s purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

28 In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.

not for money, as do mercantile nations. 20. shall never be inhabited, its desolation continues to this day. The whole face of the country is covered with vestiges of building and rubbish, so placed as to show it was originally disposed in streets. 21. satyrs, 'wild goats.' 22. dragons, 'wolves.'

CHAP. XIV. describes the happy deliverance of God's people as the result of Babylon's fall. 2. them, that is, the strangers. their place, their inheritance, to share in its benefits. 8. Yea, the fir, &c. 'Even the yppress trees exult over thee.'—Hend. i. e. persons of conspicuous dignity participate in the common joy. 9. Heil, the regions of the dead are represented as rousing the shades of departed no-

narchs to meet the king of Babylon, and insult him in his fallen condition. 12. fallen from heaven, denotes a sudden political overthrow. 13. For thou hast said, &c. his ambition led him to claim equality with Deity. 18. in his own house, or sepulchre. The oriental monarchs had and have splendid mausoleums. 19. But thou art cut, &c. the king of Babylon fell unnoticed among the heaps of slain. 20. renowned, 'named': no monument should perpetuate his memory. 21. Prepare slaughter, &c. the whole royal family should be routed out of the earth. 23. bittern, 'partridge'—Louth, and others. 28. year that king Ahaz died, here begins a second PROPHETICAL DISCOURSE, and it

29 [†] Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, ^a because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a ^{*} cockatrice, ^b and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.

30 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and [§] none shall be alone in his ^{||} appointed times.

32 What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and ^c the poor of his people shall ^{*} trust in it.

CHAP. XV.

THE ^f burden of Moab. Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and ^g brought to silence; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence;

2 He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep: Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba: ^h on all their heads shall be baldness, and every beard cut off.

3 In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth: ⁱ on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, every one shall howl, [§] weeping abundantly.

4 And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh: their voice shall be heard *even* unto Jahaz: therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his life shall be grievous unto him.

5 My heart shall cry out for Moab; ^{||} his fugitives shall flee unto Zoar, an heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of [†] destruction.

6 For the waters of Nimrim shall be [†] desolate: for the hay is withered away,

B. C. 726.

a 2 Ch. 26. 6.

b ^{*} or, adder.

c 2 Ki. 18. 8.

† or, valley

of the Ara-

bians.

‡ additions.

§ or, he shall

not be.

|| or, assem-

blies.

c Zec. 11. 11.

d 2 Ki. 3. 4.

e ^{*} or, betake

themselves

into it.

f 2 Ki. 14. 7.

g a rock, or,

Petra.

h Je. 48. 1, &c.

i or, a nest

forsaken.

k Nu. 21. 13.

l or, cut off.

m Bring.

n Le. 21. 5.

o wringer.

p treaders

down.

q Je. 48. 38.

r Lu. 1. 33.

s or, pre-

pared.

t descending

into weep-

ing, or,

coming

down with

weeping.

u Ps. 72. 2.

v or, to the

borders

thereof,

even to

Zoar, as

an heifer.

w or, mutter.

x breaking.

y desolations

the grass faileth, there is no green thing.

7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to the [†] brook of the willows.

8 For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer-elim.

9 For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood: for I will bring [†] more upon Dimon, lions upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

CHAP. XVI.

SEND ^d ye the lamb to the ruler of the land ^e from [†] Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it shall be, *that*, as a wandering bird [†] cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of [§] Arnon.

3 ^{||} Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray not him that wandereth.

4 Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the ^{*} extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the [†] oppressors are consumed out of the land.

5 And in mercy [†] shall the throne be [†] established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, [†] judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.

6 ^{||} We have heard of the pride of Moab; *he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: but his lies shall not be so.*

7 Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, every one shall howl: for the foundations of Kir-hareseth shall ye ^{*} mourn; surely they are stricken.

8 For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah: the lords of the

relates to the PHILISTINES. 29. rod, Judah's power. *him that smote, Uzziah. broken, in the days of Ahaz. cockatrice, 'basilisk.' a fiery flying serpent, if such serpents existed as the ancients relate, they are now extinct; but it may mean a serpent which springs from one tree to another, and which the modern Arabs call flying. The meaning seems to be, that from Uzziah should spring another prince, Hezekiah, whose wounds should be more severe than those inflicted by his predecessor.*—*M'Culloch.* 30. first-born of the poor, i.e. the most abject. *root*, means here whatever constituted the strength and support of the nation. 31. O gate, the place of their meeting is named for the judges and magistrates. *from the north, M'Culloch* and others take this to signify the Assyrian army; but *Henderson*, that of the Jews under Hezekiah. *smoke*, expresses the clouds of dust produced by its march. *and none, &c.*, 'and there shall not be a straggler among his levies.'—*Louth.* 32. answer the messengers, usually sent by foreign powers to friendly states, to ascertain their success against any enemy. *the Lord hath founded, and this afforded them the surest defence; they were under his special care. the poor, 'the afflicted.'*

CHAP. XV.—1. *The burden, &c.* this is the THIRD PROPHETIC DISCOURSE, and relates to the MOABITES. *Because, 'indeed, or 'truly.' in the night, when the inhabitants slept in seeming security. Ar of Moab, its metropolis. Kir of Moab, another considerable city, so called to distinguish it from Kir of Assyria. 2. He, the king of Moab. high places, where probably were altars to the god Chemosh. Nebo—Medeba, other two cities. baldness, &c.* the custom in sorrow was to tear off the hair, and cut off the beard. 3. *sackcloth*, made of the coarsest materials. *on the tops of their houses, being flat-roofed. 4. Heshbon, a famous city. Elealeh, another city. Jahaz, a*

frontier town. 5. *Zoar, Lot's place of refuge, Gen. xix. 20, &c. situated beyond the frontiers of Moab, near the southern extremity of the Dead sea, an heifer, &c. Henderson* considers this a place, and retains the original as its name, 'Eglath-Shelishiyah.' *mounting up, 'ascend.' Luhith, a rock, city, or fortress. Horonaim, signifies caverns, this way abounding with caves. 6. waters of Nimrim, near the source of which was the city Nimrah, Num. xxii. 3. withered, &c. on the desiccation of the waters by the enemy, sterility ensued. 8. Eglaim—Beer-elim, places south and north of the Moabitish territory. 9. Dimon, a river which should be mingled with the blood of the slain. lions, figuratively, destructive warriors.*

CHAP. XVI.—1. *Send ye the lamb, Moab was tributary to Judah, and paid an hundred thousand lambs, &c. After Ahab's death, it revolted, 2 Kings iii. 4, 5. The prophet here warns it to pay the tribute. Sela, signifying a rock, means Petra, a city then in the possession of Moab. 2. as a wandering bird, flying about, not knowing where to shelter. 3. execute judgment, 'give decision.' This and the two following verses are hortatory to the Moabites to treat well the Jews who should flee to them in intervening calamities.—*Hend. make thy shadow as the night, which excludes the burning heat of the sun, i.e. screen the exiles from their persecutors. 4. mine outcasts, those expelled from Judah when it was invaded. the extortioner, &c. the power of Assyria was brought down. 5. the throne, the Davidic throne should prosper. 6. We have heard, &c. these verses show why the preceding advice should be rejected by the Moabites. but his lies, 'vain are his lies.'—Louth. 'false are his pretensions.'—*Hend. 7. foundations, 'ruins.' Kir-hareseth, another name for Kir-Moab. 8. Heshbon, a***

heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come even unto Jazer, they wandered through the wilderness: her branches are * stretched out, they are gone over the sea.

9 ⁵ Therefore ⁶ I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sionmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for the † shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy harvest is fallen.

10 And † gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in their presses; I have made their vintage shouting to cease.

11 Wherefore * my bowels shall sound like an harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-jareah.

12 * And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.

13 This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning Moab since that time.

14 But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, ⁴ as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and † feeble.

CHAP. XVII.

THE ¹ burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and ² none shall make them afraid.

3 The ³ fortress also shall cease from Damascus, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

5 And ⁵ it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim.

6 ⁶ Yet * gleanings grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the upper-

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* or, plucked up.

^a Mi. 7. 7.

^b Je. 48. 32, 33.

† or, alarm is fallen upon, &c.

‡ or, sun images.

^c ch. 24. 8.

^d Ps. 68. 19.

^e ch. 15. 5.

63. 15.

§ or, removed in the day of inheritance, and there shall be deadly sorrow.

^f Ro. 2. 5, 6, 9.

|| or, noise.

^g Je. 6. 23.

^h ch. 21. 16.

* or, many.

† or, not many.

ⁱ Ps. 9. 5.

^k Je. 49. 23.

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2 Ki. 16. 9.

Am. 1. 3.

Zec. 9. 1.

^l Ho. 13. 3.

‡ or, thistle-down.

^m Je. 7. 33.

ⁿ ch. 7. 16.

^o Eze. 30. 4, 5, 9.

^p ch. 10. 16.

^q Je. 51. 33.

§ or, outspread and polished.

|| of line, and line, and treading under foot, or, that meteth out, and treadeth down.

* or, despise.

^r ch. 24. 13.

Ro. 9. 27.

11. 4. 6.

26.

most bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel.

7 At that day shall a man ^a look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.

8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images.

9 ⁹ In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel: and there shall be desolation.

10 Because thou hast forgotten ² the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips:

11 In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: but the harvest shall be ³ a heap ^f in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

12 ² Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise ^g like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of ³ mighty waters!

13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but God shall ⁴ rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and ⁵ shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like ⁶ a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

14 And behold at eveningtide trouble; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

CHAP. XVIII.

WOE to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:

2 That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation ⁵ scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation ⁶ meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers ⁷ have spoiled!

3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.

city of Moab, surrounded with fruitful lands. 9. Sionmah, renewed for its vines. 11. like an harp, in plaintive strains. 12. come to thy sanctuary, at Jerusalem. 13. since that time, or long ago. 14. the years of an hireling, which are exactly reckoned.

CHAP. XVII.—1. of Damascus, this FOURTH PROPHETIC DISCOURSE regards the SYRIANS: Damascus was their metropolis. from being a city, fulfilled 2 Kings xvi. 9. 2. Aroer, a considerable city on the river Arnon; its 'cities' mean the lesser surrounding cities. 3. fortress, &c. Samaria was properly the fortress of Ephraim, being their best fortified city. they shall be as the glory, &c. both cities should share the like fate. 4. Jacob, used here for the ten tribes: comp. Hos. xii. 2; Mic. i. 5. 5. as when the harvestman, &c. a small gleanings of the inferior people should be left. Rephaim, a fruitful plain south-west of Jerusalem. 7. look to his Maker, be converted from dumb idols to God, as happened to the residue of Ephraim, after their country was desolated by the Assyrians. 9. forsaken bough, stripped of its leaves. So it happened in the sixth year of Hezekiah's reign, when Sennacherib overthrew Israel. 10. strange slips, aim to restore its beauty by foreign productions. 11. shall be a heap, &c. for its fulfilment see 2 Kings xv. 29, 30.

and xvii. 3. 12. Woe, &c. A new subject here, the future fortunes of the Assyrian army which would assault Judah. the multitude, &c. describes the great army of Sennacherib, composed of many nations, Assyrians, Syrians, Babylonians, &c.

CHAP. XVIII.—1. Woe, 'Ho,' it being a call summoning attention, and the passage speaking of mercy, and not of judgment. the land, some suppose Egypt is meant, but others Ethiopia. shadowing, so called perhaps from its mountains, which seemed its protection. Henderson has, 'this land of rustling wings;' and refers it to the vast armies then existing in Ethiopia. 2. sendeth ambassadors by the sea, from their proximity to the Red sea, the Ethiopians probably carried on much maritime intercourse with the opposite coast of Arabia. vessels, &c. of papyrus, or Egyptian reed; these were used on the interior 'waters.' swift, so called from the rapid progress they made singly in a light skiff, which if it met with any obstruction, was landed, and carried onward on the shoulder. to a nation scattered, &c. this is variously rendered: some read it, 'stretched out and smoothed,' referring to a large flat surface smoothed by its waters. meted out, 'powerful and victorious,' whose country the rivers divide.—Hend. 3. when he lifteth up an ensign, i. e. the Assyrian army.

4 For so the LORD said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will * consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat † upon herbs, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

5 For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches.

6 They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

7 † In that time † shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people * scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

CHAP. XIX.

THE ⁵ burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD ⁴ rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and † the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

2 And I will † set † the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

3 And the spirit of Egypt shall † fail in the midst thereof; and I will * destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall ^m seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

4 And the Egyptians will I † give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the LORD of hosts.

5 And † the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up.

6 And they shall turn the rivers far away; and the brooks * of defence shall be emptied and dried up: the reeds and flags shall wither.

7 The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and † be no more.

8 The fishers also shall mourn, and all

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* or, regard my set dwelling.

† or, after rain.

† 1 Ki. 10. 28.

Pr. 7. 16.

† or, while works.

§ foundations.

|| of living things.

b Nu. 13. 22.

† 1 Co. 1. 20.

d Ps. 68. 31.

Zep. 3. 10.

Mal. 1. 11.

* or, out-spread and polished.

ver. 2.

c Je. 2. 16.

† corners, or, governors.

f 1 Ki. 22. 22.

z a spirit of perverseness.

g Je. 46. 13.

Eze. xxix.

xxx.

A Ps. 18. 10.

101. 3.

i Ex. 12. 12.

Je. 43. 12.

k Na. 3. 13.

l Ju. 7. 23.

1 Sa. 14. 16.

2 Ch. 20. 23.

|| be emptied.

swallow up.

m ch. 47. 12.

n Zep. 3. 9.

† the tip.

† or, Heres,

or, the sun.

§ or, shut up.

o Ge. 28. 18.

Ex. 24. 4.

Jos. 22. 10.

26. 27.

p Je. 51. 36.

Jos. 4. 20.

q 2 Ki. 19. 24.

r Lu. 2. 11.

Tit. 2. 13.

u Mal. 1. 11.

|| shall not be.

they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.

9 Moreover they that work in a fine flax, and they that weave † networks, shall be confounded.

10 And they shall be broken in the § purposes thereof, all that make sluices and ponds || for fish.

11 † Surely the princes of ^b Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?

12 Where ^c are they? where are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now, and let them know what the LORD of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.

13 The princes of Zoan are become fools, ^e the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, even † they that are the stay of the tribes thereof.

14 The LORD hath mingled †; a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.

15 Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.

16 In that day shall Egypt ^k be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.

17 And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined against it.

18 † In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt ^m speak † the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

19 In that day ⁿ shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD.

20 And ^r it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and ^t he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

21 And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and ^u shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform it.

4. Like a clear heat—like a cloud, &c. reviving and refreshing; such should be the Divine interposition.

5. For afore the harvest, &c. Assyria is here compared to a prosperous vine, destroyed just as it promised a plentiful harvest. 7. present, evidently by the same nation mentioned in ver. 2; may be understood literally, 2 Chron. xxxii. 23.

CHAP. XIX.—THE FIFTH PROPHETIC DISCOURSE, and relates to EGYPT. 2. set the Egyptians, &c. verified in the days of Manasseh, and during and after the dodecachy, when twelve principal noblemen divided the kingdom. 4. cruel lord, supposed, in general, to mean Psammetichus, who was most rapacious and violent: but Henderson prefers Cambyses: see Prideaux, pt. i. b. 3. 5. waters fail, the Nile should not overflow as usual, and so produce a drought. 6. And they shall turn, &c. rendered by Loxth, 'And the streams shall become putrid:' so also by Boothr. and Hend. 9. in fine flax, &c. which were withered, there should be none to work. 10. And they shall be broken in the purposes thereof, variously rendered: 'her stores shall be broken up,'—Loxth. 'her weavers shall be greatly distressed,'—

Boothr. 'her foundations shall be broken.'—Holden.

'Her pillars are broken down, And all the hired labourers are grieved in mind.'—Hend.

11. Zoan, one of the principal cities in Lower Egypt, whose chiefs were counsellors in difficult cases, and at this time would show their folly in their counsels.

13. Noph, Memphis, the second capital. stay, chief.

15. Neither, &c. predicts a total stagnation of business. 17. Judah—terror to Egypt, perhaps the conquests of the former should alarm the latter: comp. Jer. xliii. 8—13; Ezek. xxix. 17—20. 18. five, put for an indefinite number. speak the language of Canaan, perhaps means, accede to the service of the true God, and adopt a holy conversation. city of destruction, or rather, as margin, of the sun. and swear, &c. means, to profess allegiance. 19. altar—pillar, express the worship of the true God. comp. Gen. xxviii. 18, 19; 1 Sam. vii. 12. 20. a saviour, generally thought to refer to Alexander the Great, who delivered Egypt from the Persians. 21. And the Lord shall be known to Egypt, &c. by those deliverances. The conversion of multitudes to the Jewish

22 And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.

23 * In that day ^b shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.

24 In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land:

25 Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria / the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

CHAP. XX.

IN the year that ^a Tartan came unto Ashdod, (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him,) and fought against Ashdod, and took it;

2 At the same time spake the LORD ^b by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, ^c and walking naked and barefoot.

3 And the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years ^m for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia:

4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away the ^t Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, ^p even with their buttocks uncovered, to the ^t shame of Egypt.

5 And ^q they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.

6 And the inhabitant of this ^r isle shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

CHAP. XXI.

THE burden of the desert of the sea. As ^s whirlwinds in the south pass through;

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* *hord.*

^a ch. 33. 1.

^b ch. 11. 16.

^c ch. 13. 17.

Je. 49. 34.

^d ch. 13. 8.

1 Th. 5. 3.

^e or, *mind*.

^f *wandered.*

^g De. 28. 67.

^h Ps. 109. 3.

Ho. 2. 23.

Ep. 2. 10.

ⁱ *put.*

^j Da. 5. 5.

^k 2 Ki. 18. 17.

^l *by the hand of.*

^m Zec. 13. 4.

ⁿ or, *cried as a lion.*

^o 1 Sa. 19. 24.

Mi. 1. 8. 11.

^p Hab. 2. 1.

^q or, *every night.*

^r ch. 8. 18.

^s Je. 51. 8.

Re. 14. 8.

Is. 2.

^t *captivity of Egypt.*

^u ch. 46. 1.

Je. 50. 2.

^v 2 Sa. 10. 4.

^w *nakedness.*

^x *son.*

^y ch. 30. 3, 5, 7.

36. 6.

2 Ki. 18. 21.

^z or, *country.*

Je. 47. 4.

^{aa} 1 Ch. 1. 30.

Je. 49. 7, 8.

Eze. 35. 2.

Ob. 1.

^{ab} Je. 49. 25.

^{ac} Zec. 9. 14.

^{ad} 1 Ch. 1. 9, 32.

so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.

2 A ^a grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. ^b Go up, O Elam; besiege, O Media; all the signing thereof have I made to cease.

3 Therefore are my loins filled with pain: ^c d pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it.

4 My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: ^d the night of my pleasure hath he ^e turned into fear unto me.

5 Prepare ^f the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield.

6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.

7 And he saw a chariot ^g with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed:

8 And he ^h cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the ⁱ watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward ^j whole nights:

9 And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, ^k with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, ^l Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and ^m all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

10 O my threshing, and the ⁿ corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

11 ^o The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

12 The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come.

13 ^p The ^q burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies ^r of Dedanim.

faith under the Ptolemies, paved the way for the introduction of the gospel. 23. *highway*, expresses mutual peace. *serve with the Assyrians*, Syria is here intended: the Jews being transported to Antioch its capital, as colonists, proselyted large numbers to their faith. 24. *Israel be the third*, the land of Israel, between Egypt and Assyria, shall be the centre of union to the three nations. 25. *shall bless, saying*, &c. God shall join all in a blessing. The gospel was planted among them, and flourishing churches sprang up.—Orton.

CHAP. XX.—Written to show the Jews the folly of trusting in Egypt and Ethiopia as protectors against Assyria, seeing they would easily be overcome. 1. *In the year*, a year between the seventh and fourteenth of Hezekiah. *Tartan*, the Assyrian general. *Ashdod*, a strong city of the Philistines, 1 Sam. v. 5. 2. *the sackcloth*, or cloak of hair-cloth, worn by prophets as a badge of office. *naked*, not in our sense, but without his usual prophet's cloak: being partially dirobed was called naked: see 1 Sam. xix. 24, &c. 3. *three years*, appearing without a cloak, whenever he went out. *a sign*, 'a sign and a type in reference to Egypt and Cush.' This victory of the Assyrians is alluded to Nah. iii. 8.—10. 4. *to the shame of Egypt*, the Egyptians were fond of dress. 6. *this isle*, sea-coast or maritime country, that is, Palestine.

CHAP. XXI.—1. *the desert of the sea*, Babylon is here again introduced to confirm the faith of God's people. Its appellation is taken from its site, being in the midst of sterile sandy regions. *pass*, suddenly. 2. *the treacherous*, &c. 'the plunderer is plundered, and the destroyer destroyed.'—*Louth*. *Blam*, the

Persians. *Medio*, the Medes, united under Cyrus, *sighing—cease*, arising from Babylon's conquests. 3. *my loins are filled*, &c. extreme anguish is here described, and Babylon is personified speaking.—*Hend*. This interpretation seems preferable to that of some who consider the prophet as expressing his own feelings in view of God's judgments on his enemies. 4. *night of my pleasure*, when Belshazzar was enjoying his revels, Dan. v. 5. *Prepare*, &c. 'The table is prepared, the watch is set; they eat, they drink.'—*Louth*. Descriptive of the feast. *anoint*, &c. the leathern shield was smeared with oil before a battle to preserve it from rain, and cause the enemy's weapons to slide off it. 6. *set a watchman*, &c. this is transacted in vision.—*Hend*. 7. *And he saw*, &c.

^a And he saw troops of horse by pairs, Troops of asses, troops of camels.' He describes the Persian cavalry advancing in double ranks.—*Hend*. 8. *And he cried, A lion*, 'like a lion.' 9. *a chariot of men*, &c. 'troops of men, horse by pairs.' 10. *O my threshing*, &c. as corn threshed on the floor and separated from the chaff, so had God's church been threshed; and they are now addressed, and assured the message is correct. 11. *Dumah*, understood to mean Idumea, and predict some new calamities. *Seir*, mountain ranges in Idumea. *night*, expresses calamities. The Idumeans are represented as mocking at their approach, the prophet as urging to repentance, (12) *return—come*. 13. *forest*, 'thickets.' *O ye travelling*, &c. 'Ye caravans of Dedanites' inhabitants of the island Dedan, in the Persian gulf, great traders with the Phoenicians, Ezek. xxvii. 15, &c. These mercantile travellers

14 The inhabitants of the land of Tema * brought water to him that was thirsty; they prevented with their bread him that fled.

15 For they fled † from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war

16 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, † according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of † Kedar shall fail:

17 And the residue of the number of † archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for † the LORD God of Israel hath spoken it.

CHAP. XXII.

THE burden of the valley of vision. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the house-tops?

2 Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, † a joyous city: thy slain men are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.

3 All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound * by the archers: all that are found in thee are bound together, which have fled from far.

4 Therefore said I, Look away from me; * I will † weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people.

5 For † it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity † by the Lord God of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.

6 And Elam bare the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, and * Kir † uncovered the shield.

7 And it shall come to pass, that * thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in array † at the gate.

8 † And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the armour † of the house of the forest.

9 Ye † have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many: and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

10 And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall.

11 Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool:

should flee to the thickets from the enemy, but to what invasion reference is made, is uncertain. 14. The inhabitants, &c. some read it imperatively: 'Bring forth water, ye inhabitants,' &c. 16. glory of Kedar, the stout and brave men, and the numerous flocks which were their wealth. Kedar, the Kedarites among the Arabians were descended from Kedar the son of Ishmael.

CHAP. XXII.—1. valley of vision, Jerusalem, the place of prophecy, lying surrounded by mountains. to the house-tops, to escape danger without. 2. tumultuous—joyous, a busy lively city. not slain, intimating a death by terror and famine: see 2 Kin. xxv. 3 by the archers, the Chaldean archers pursued the rulers, and captured them. 6. Elam, Persia. Kir, probably a city belonging to the Medes; Persia seemed now subject to Babylon: comp. 2 Kin. xviii. 11. 7. chariots, of warriors. 8. covering of Judah, i.e. the fortified places. look—to the armour, to see if that would be sufficient for defence. 9. city of David, this was the strong hold of Zion, which should be inspected for repairs. gathered—waters, from the fountain of Siloam the waters were conveyed into two pools or reservoirs; it would be necessary to secure these for their own use, and to

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a ch. 37. 26.

* or, bring

ye.

† from the

face, or

for fear.

b Joel 1. 13.

c Ezr. 9. 3.

d ch. 16. 14.

e Ps. 120. 5.

f 1 Co. 15. 32

† bows.

g 1 Sa. 3. 14.

h Mat. 24. 35.

i 2 Ki. 18. 37.

k 1 Ki. 4. 6.

l ch. 32. 13.

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n 2 Sa. 18. 18.

o Mat. 27. 60.

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q Lu. 1. 5.

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s ch. 15. 1.

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t Mat. 16. 18.

u Re. 3. 7.

v 1 Ki. 7. 2.

x 2 Ki. 20. 20.

y Ezr. 9. 8.

z Lu. 22. 29.

a Mat. 28. 18.

b Jno. 5. 22.

c 27.

† or, instru-

ments of

viols.

but ye have not looked unto † the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.

12 And in that day did the Lord God of hosts † call to weeping, and to mourning, and † to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth:

13 And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: † let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we shall die.

14 And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity † shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the LORD God of hosts.

15 † Thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto † Shebna, † which is over the house, and say,

16 What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, † as he that † heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock?

17 Behold, the LORD † will carry thee away with † a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee.

18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house.

19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down.

20 † And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant † Eliakim the son of Hilkiah:

21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

22 And † the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall † open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

23 And I will fasten him as † a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for † a glorious throne to his father's house.

24 And they shall † hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the † vessels of flacons.

25 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts,

deprive the enemy from enjoying them, turning their course. 11. but ye, &c.

But ye look not to him who doeth this, Neither do ye regard him who long since devised it. They forgo God, whose purpose brought on their calamity, Amos iii. 6: so *Hend.* 12. baldness, shaving the head was a token of intense grief. 13. And behold, &c. they were regardless of the Divine warnings, and given up to sensual pleasures. 15. Go, &c. the prophet has next a message to Shebna, steward of the royal house. 16. a sepulchre—in a rock, such splendid mausoleums were prepared for great personages, and cut out in the rocks. 17. cover thee, 'lay hold on thee.'—Booth. 18. a large country, Assyria. 20. Eliakim, he should fill his place. girdle, a badge of office. 22. key—shoulder, the key is a symbol of authority, resembling in shape a sickle, with the crooked part suspended on the shoulder or round the neck. 23. as a nail, &c. the Asiatics fix the nails in the brickwork when building: they have large square heads, and are made to bend like cram-irons. for a glorious throne, the basis of the honour of his father's house. 24. And they shall hang, i.e. all belonging to him would be bettered in their stations by his elevation.

shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

CHAP. XXIII.

THE ^aburden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.

2 Be [†]still, ye inhabitants of the isle; thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished.

3 And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river, is her revenue; and ^c she is a mart of nations.

4 Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins.

5 As ^e at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

6 Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle.

7 Is this your ^fjoyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn.

8 Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, ^hthe crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth?

9 The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to [†]stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.

10 Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: there is no more [†]strength.

11 He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the LORD hath given a commandment [†]against ^{*}the merchant city, to destroy the [†]strong holds thereof.

12 And he said, "Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest.

13 Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, [†]till the Assyrian founded it: for [†]them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; and he brought it to ruin.

14 Howl, [‡]ye ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste.

B. C. 715.

* it shall be unto Tyre as the song of an harlot.

^a Je. 25. 22. 47. 4.

Eze. xxvi. xxviii.

Am. 1. 9. Zec. 9. 2, 4.

[†] silent.

^b Re. 17. 2.

^c Eze. 27. 3.

^d Zec. 14. 20, 21.

[‡] old.

^e ch. 19. 16.

[§] perverteth the face thereof.

^f ch. 22. 2.

^{||} from afar off.

[§] Ho. 4. 9.

^h or, prince.

ⁱ Eze. 28. 2, 12.

[†] Eze. 7. 12, 13.

[‡] pollute.

[‡] girdle.

[§] height of the people.

^k Ge. 3. 17.

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15 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years ^{*}shall Tyre sing as an harlot.

16 Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.

17 [†] And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and [†] shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

18 And her merchandise and her hire [‡] shall be holiness to the LORD: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for [†] durable clothing.

CHAP. XXIV.

BEHOLD, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and [§] turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with [§] the ^{*}priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; [†] as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.

4 The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the [†]haughty people of the earth do languish.

5 The [‡] earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed [†] the ordinance, broken [†] the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore hath ^e the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

7 The [†] new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh.

8 The mirth [§] of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth.

9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.

25. *nail.* 'nag.' This predicts the fall of Shebna.

CHAP. XXIII.—1. *Tyre*, a renowned maritime city of Phœnicia on the Mediterranean coast. *Tarshish*, Tartessus, the ancient and celebrated emporium of the Phœnicians, on the south-west coast of Spain, who conveyed the produce of the east to this port. *Chittim*, the islands on the coast of Greece, and the *Ægean* sea and its vicinity: comp. 1 Mac. i. 1. *revealed to them*, the fall of Tyre would be made known at any of the ports at which the ships of Tarshish might touch. 2. *Be still*, 'Be astonished.' *isle*, thought by many to mean the maritime coast, but *Henderson* confines it to Tyre itself. *Zidon*, a famous city in Phœnicia. 3. *Sihor*, a name for the Nile: see Jer. ii. 13. The word means 'black,' in reference to the turbid appearance of that river: so *Louth*, *Holden*, and *Hend.* The allusion here is to the trade in Egyptian grain carried on in Phœnician vessels. 4. *strength*, 'fortress.' Tyre is here called the sea, because surrounded by it, and its fortress, from its strength. *I travail not*, &c. expresses depopulation. 6. *Pass*, &c. *Escape*. 10. *as a river*, with velocity. 11. *the kingdoms*, in the

vicinity. 13. *Assyrian*, &c. 'Assyria assigned it to the inhabitants of the desert.'—*Hend.* they set up, &c.

'They raise up their towers against Tyre;

They make an assault on her palaces;

They make her an utter desolation.'—*Booth.*

When Isaiah prophesied, the Chaldeans were slaves to the Assyrians, yet were appointed to crush haughty Tyre.

15. *seventy*, just as long as the monarchy of Babylon. *according to the days of one king*, 'according to the duration of one kingdom.'—*Booth.* i. e. the Babylonish monarchy, at the end of which all the conquered nations were to be restored to liberty: Jer. xxv. 11.

17. *visit*, in mercy, by deliverance. *commit fornication*, as covetousness is idolatry, and idolatry is fornication, the arts of this commercial city to renew its commerce are here compared to the wiles of a harlot.

18. *shall be holiness*, implies that her treasures should be converted to the service of God. It is certain that Christianity early flourished here: see *Enoch.* Hist. lib. x. c. 4: comp. Acts xxi. 3.

CHAP. XXIV.—1. *Behold*, &c. these are predictions against the corrupt Jews. *earth*, the land of Canaan.

10 The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

11 *There* is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

12 In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction.

13 [¶] When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, [¶] *there shall be* as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleanings grapes when the vintage is done.

14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea.

15 Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the [†]fires, *even* [†]the name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea.

16 [¶] From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, *even* glory to the righteous. But I said, [¶] My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! [¶] the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.

17 Fear, [¶] and the pit, and the snare, [¶] *are* upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

18 And it shall come to pass, *that* he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for [¶] the windows from on high are open, and [¶] the foundations of the earth do shake.

19 The [¶] earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

20 The earth shall [¶] reel and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall [†] punish the host of the high ones *that are* on high, [¶] and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

22 And they shall be gathered together, [¶] as prisoners are gathered in the [¶] pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be [†] visited.

23 Then the [¶] moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall [¶] reign in mount Zion, and

B. C. 712.

* or, there shall be glory before his ancients.

^a Ex. 15. 2.

^b Ps. 118. 28.

^c Nu. 23. 19.

^d ch. 17. 5. 6.

^e Re. 11. 13.

^f ch. 4. 6.

^g or, valleys.

^h Mal. 1. 11.

ⁱ wing.

^j Leanness

to me, or,

My secret

to me.

^k Je. 5. 11.

^l Pr. 9. 2.

^m Mat. 22. 4.

ⁿ Da. 7. 14.

^o Mar. 8. 11.

^p 1 Ki. 19. 17.

^q Am. 5. 19.

^r swallow up

^s covered.

^t 2 Co. 3. 15.

^u Ep. 4. 18.

^v Ge. 7. 11.

^w Ho. 13. 14.

^x 1 Co. 15. 54.

^y Re. 20. 14.

^z 21. 4.

^{aa} Ps. 18. 7.

^{ab} Re. 7. 17.

^{ac} Je. 4. 23.

^{ad} ch. 19. 14.

^{ae} Ge. 49. 18.

^{af} Tit. 2. 13.

^{ag} Ps. 20. 5.

^{ah} visit upon.

^{ai} or, threshed

^{aj} Ps. 76. 12.

^{ak} or, threshed

^{al} in Madmenah.

^{am} with the

^{an} gathering

^{ao} of prisoners.

^{ap} or, dun-

^{aq} geon.

^{ar} or, found

^{as} wanting.

^{at} Exe. 32. 7.

^{au} Joel 2. 31.

^{av} He. 12. 22.

^{aw} Re. 19. 4. 6.

in Jerusalem, and * before his ancients gloriously.

CHAP. XXV.

O LORD, thou art my God: ^a I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; ^b thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

2 For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a fenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.

3 Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.

4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, ^a a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

5 Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; *even* the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

6 ^a And in this mountain shall ^a the LORD of hosts make unto ^a all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

7 And he will ^a destroy in this mountain the face of the covering * cast over all people, and ^a the veil that is spread over all nations.

8 He will ^a swallow up death in victory; and the LORD God will ^a wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

9 ^a And it shall be said in that day, Lo this is our God; ^a we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, ^a we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be ^a trodden down under him, even as straw is ^a trodden down for the dunghill.

11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim; and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.

12 And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, *even* to the dust.

10. city of confusion. means here Jerusalem, now all disorder and perplexity. 12. gate, &c. the gates of cities were well fortified, and their destruction was that of the last defence. 13. When, &c. this verse signifies the escaped should be few. 14. sing, in gratitude, expressing the joy of the exiled Jews of the west at the capture of Babylon by Cyrus. 15.

in the fires, Henderson renders, 'in the regions of fire': the countries about Etna, Vesuvius, &c. were to spread the news. 16. the righteous, 'the righteous One.' leanness, 'wretchedness.'—Louth. treacherous, &c. i. e. unbelieving Jews and persecuting neighbours. 17. Fear, &c. figures taken from hunting, to describe the dangers of Judah. 18—20.

windous, foundations, &c. signify great public calamities. a cottage, 'a hammock,' suspended between the branches of a tree, liable to be tossed about with every storm; common for watchmen in the eastern vineyards: so Hend. 22. visited, seems here to mean judiciously.—Fittinga, McCulloch. in mercy to be restored.—Louth, Hend. &c. comp. ch. xxiii. 17. 23. moon—confounded, &c. signify the abolition of the ecclesiastical and civil polity of the Jews: and the moon and sun may also be understood in contrast to the glories of Messiah's reign.

CHAP. XXV.—2. city, signifying Babylon, or the Chaldean power. strangers, 'barbarians.' 3. the strong people glorify thee, the conquering Medes and Persians: see Ezra i. 2, 6; Dan. vi. 25—27. 4. of the terrible, &c. of the formidable was like a storm. 5. Thou shalt, &c. Thou hast subdued the tumult of the barbarians.—Hend. as the heat, as it is allayed by the intervention of a thick cloud. the branch of the terrible, &c. 'the triumph of the terrible.'—Booth. 6. in this mountain, a prediction here of the spiritual blessings of Messiah, mount Zion being a type of the church of Christ. wines on the lees, &c. drawn off from the lees, old, and strong, and pure. 7. And he will destroy, &c. a prediction of the removal of darkness and ignorance, 2 Cor. iii. 13, 14. 8. swallow, &c. death shall be utterly abolished, swallowed up, as the sea swallows up that which is cast into it, it disappears: quoted in 1 Cor. xv. 55; alluded to Rev. xxi. 4; points to the glorified church. 10. in this mountain, 'on this mountain.' Moab, put for Christ's enemies, and gross idolaters. 11. And he shall spread, &c. God will destroy them as a swimmer cuts the waters, with ease, on every side, and again and again. 12. fortress, probably alludes to the strongly fortified Kir-Moab: see ch. xv. 11; xvi. 7, 11.

CHAP. XXVI.

IN ^b that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city: ^c salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

2 Open ^e ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

3 Thou wilt keep him ^f in perfect peace, whose ^g mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: ^f for in the LORD JEHOVAH is ^h everlasting strength:

5 ⁱ For he bringeth down them that dwell on high: the lofty city, he layeth it low: he layeth it low, *even* to the ground: he bringeth it *even* to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread it down, *even* the feet of the poor, *and* the steps of the needy.

7 The way of the just is uprightness: ^j thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

8 Yea, ^k in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, have we waited for thee; the desire of *our* soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

9 With ^l my soul have I desired thee in the night: yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

10 Let ^m favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

11 LORD, when thy hand is lifted up, ⁿ they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for *their* envy: ^o at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them.

12 ^p LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works ^q in us.

13 O LORD our God, ^r other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

14 *They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise:* therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

15 Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hast removed it far unto all the ends of the earth.

B. C. 712.

a Ho. 5. 15

b ch. 2. 11.

c secret

speech.

d ch. 69. 18.

e Jno. 16. 21.

f Ps. 115. 19.

g truths.

h peace, peace

ch. 57. 19.

i or, thought,

or, imagination.

j Phi. 4. 13.

k Ps. 17. 14.

l the rock of

aves.

m De. 32. 4.

n Ecc. 37. 1.

o &c.

p Da. 12. 2.

q Ex. 12. 22, 23

r Ps. 30. 5.

s 2 Co. 4. 17.

t Ps. 37. 23.

u Mi. 1. 3.

v Jude 14.

w ch. 64. 5.

x bloods.

y Ca. 3. 1.

z or, crossing

like a bar.

a Ps. 74. 13, 14.

b Ro. 2. 4.

c Eze. 29. 2.

d Jo. 2. 21.

e Ps. 143. 10.

f Ps. 121. 4, 5.

g Job 34. 27.

h Ps. 28. 5.

i or, toward

thy people.

j or, march

against.

k Lu. 13. 34.

l 19. 42.

m He. 6. 18.

n Job 22. 21.

o or, for us.

p 2 Ch. 12. 8.

q Ho. 14. 5, 6.

r according

to the

stroke of

those.

d 1 Co. 10. 13.

e or, thou

sendest it

forth

f or, when

he removeth

it.

g Ps. 73. 38.

16 LORD, ^a in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a ^b prayer: *then* thy chastening was upon them.

17 Like as ^c a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her lungs: so have we been in thy sight, O LORD.

18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind: we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth: neither have ^d the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19 Thy ^e dead men shall live, *together* with my dead body shall they arise. ^f Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

20 ^g Come, my people, ^h enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were ⁱ for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

21 For, behold, the LORD ^j cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her ^k blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

CHAP. XXVII.

IN that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the ^l piercing serpent, ^m even leviathan that crooked serpent: and he shall slay ⁿ the dragon that is in the sea.

2 In that day sing ye unto her, ^o "A vineyard of red wine."

3 I ^p the LORD do keep it: I will water it every moment: lest ^q any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

4 Fury is not in me: who would set the briers and thorns against me in battle? I would ^r go through them, I would burn them together.

5 Or ^s let him take hold of my strength, that he may ^t make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me.

6 He shall cause them that come of Jacob ^u to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 ^v Hath he smitten him, ^w as he smote those that smote him? or is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him?

8 In ^x measure, when ^y it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: ^z he ^a stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind.

9 By this therefore shall the iniquity of

CHAP. XXVI.—1. *that day*, on the return to Judea. 2. *Open, &c.* to admit the true worshippers of God. 3. *the lofty city*, Babylon. 6. *even the feet of the poor*, the humblest souls shall triumph over their proud enemies. 7. *uprightness*, 'perfectly straight' dost weigh, 'makest level.' This refers to God's providential preparations for the return to Palestine. 8. *in the way of thy judgments*, &c. while God's judgments were abroad, they trusted in him for deliverance. 12. *Lord, &c.* the church, from experience of the past, looks forward to future prosperity. 13. *other lords*, Assyrians, Babylonians, &c. had usurped dominion over them. *but by thee*, &c. 'thine only, and thy name henceforth will we celebrate.'—*Louth*, and others. 14. *They are dead*, &c. they shall never more tyrannize over us. 15. *thou hast removed*, 'thou hast extended far all the borders of the land.' 16. *Lord, in trouble*, &c. during their exile the Jews sought God. 17. *in thy sight*, &c. 'away from thy presence.'—*Hend.* 18. *brought forth wind*, many abortive hopes; notwithstanding our prayers and cries, we are not yet wholly emerged from calamity. 19. *Thy dead*, &c. from this, the Jews believed in a resurrection of the

dead, and used it as descriptive of the restoration from Babylon. *thy dew*, &c. as refreshing dew revives the eastern herb, so should Israel recover fresh life and vigour. *my dead body*, 'my deceased, they shall rise.'—*Louth*. 20. *Come, my people*, &c. an exhortation to the Jews to wait in silent retirement till God's judgments should be executed on Babylon by Cyrus. 21. *the earth also shall disclose her blood*, the shedding of blood, especially that of God's people, shall be fearfully accounted for.

CHAP. XXVII.—1. *that day*, the period of the Medo-Persian invasion. *leviathan*—*dragon*, &c. critics only conjecture to whom these terms apply—they however, signify the powerful oppressors of God's people. 2, 3. *sing*, &c. expressing God's care of his church. 4. *who would set*, 'yet, would that I had the briers and thorns in the battle.' 5. *take hold of my strength*, 'but if any will cling to my protection.'—*Hend.* Those who sue for peace it shall be granted. 6. *He shall cause*, an intimation of future prosperity. 7. *Hath he smitten*, &c. denotes that God hath not smitten and slain his people as he has their enemies. 8, 9. *In measure*,

Jacob^a be purged; and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and *images shall not stand up.

10 Yet the defended city *shall* be desolate, and the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness: ^d there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof.

11 When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, and set them on fire: for ^e it is a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and ^f he that formed them will shew them no favour.

12 ^g And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

13 And ^h it shall come to pass in that day, ⁱ that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

CHAP. XXVIII.

WOE to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are ^a overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the LORD hath a mighty and strong one, ^b which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be ^c trodden ^d under feet:

4 And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer: which, when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he ^e eateth it up.

5 ^f In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people,

6 And for a spirit of judgment to him

B. C. 712.

^a Ps. 119. 67, 71.

Mal. 3. 2, 3.

1 Co. 11. 32.

He. 12. 6. 11

^b Pr. 20. 1.

Ho. 4. 11.

^c or, sun images.

^d ch. 56. 10, 12.

ch. 17. 2.

32. 14.

^e ch. 1. 3.

De. 32. 28.

Je. 8. 7.

^f the hearing

f ch. 43. 1, 7.

41. 20, 21.

24.

De. 32. 18.

Ps. 106. 40.

1 Th. 2. 16.

2 Th. 1. 8, 9.

^g or, hath been.

^h stammerings of lips.

ⁱ De. 28. 49.

Je. 5. 15.

1 Co. 14. 21.

^j or, he hath spoken.

h ch. 2. 11.

^k Mat. 24. 31.

Re. 11. 15.

^l broken.

^m ch. 30. 30.

Eze. 13. 11

1 Am. 2. 4.

ⁿ Ge. 49. 24.

Ps. 118. 22.

Mat. 21. 42.

Ac. 4. 11.

Ro. 9. 33.

10. 11.

Ep. 2. 20.

1 Pe. 2. 6. 8.

^o 2 Ki. 9. 33.

La. 1. 15.

^p with feet.

^q Ps. 112. 7, 8.

Hab. 2. 3, 4.

Ja. 5. 7, 8.

^r 2 Ki. 21. 13.

Ro. 2. 2, 5.

9. 28.

^s swalloweth

that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

7 ^u But they also ^v have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; ^w the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.

9 ^x Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand ^y doctrine? *them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*

10 For precept ^z must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

11 For with ^{aa} stammering ^{ab} lips and another tongue ^{ac} will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, *This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.*

13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

14 ^{ad} Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.

15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: ^{ae} for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

16 ^{af} Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation ^{ag} a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he ^{ah} that believeth shall not make haste.

17 Judgment ^{ai} also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

18 ^{aj} And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing

when it shooteth forth, &c.

^a Very moderately when she was put away didst thou contend with her,

He took her away with his rough blast in the east wind;

Nevertheless by this is the iniquity of Jacob expiated, &c.—Hend.

Assyria and Babylon were destroyed, but Israel restored. The Babylonish invasion is here compared to the destructive east wind which crosses the scorching desert. *when he maketh*, &c. the time of Israel's pardon should be, when they should abolish idolatry. 10. *the defended city*, i. e. Babylon. 11. *When the boughs*, &c. expressing complete desolation.

12. *The Lord shall beat off*, &c.

^b That Jehovah shall beat off and gather his fruit,

From the flood of the river to the stream of Egypt; And ye sons of Israel shall be gleaned one by one.

Booth.

beat off. &c. see Deut. xxiv. 20, the image sets forth the collection of dispersed Jews. 13. *great trumpet*, see Numb. x. 2.

CHAP. XXVIII.—1. *Woe*, &c. pronounced against the ten tribes. *crown of pride*, Samaria finely situated on a hill in the midst of fertile plains, encompassed with hills. *drunkards*, they were addicted to this vice: see Amos vi. 1, 6. *on the head*, &c. ^c which is upon the head of the rich valley. 2. *a*

mighty and strong one, Shalmaneser, king of Assyria, by whom Samaria was taken after much resistance, about the year B. C. 721. 4. *as the hasty fruit*, ^d as the early fig before the summer harvest: ^e seen—desired—devoured, expresses the sudden destruction accomplished by the king of Assyria. 5. *the residue*, the kingdom of Judah. 6. *spirit of judgment*, wisdom and integrity should be given to its judges.

and for strength, &c. courage and magnanimity to its warriors. 7, 8. *have erred*, &c. the teachers and rulers would soon sink into the same softness and impiety as Ephraim. This probably refers to the days of Manasseh. 9. *Whom shall he teach*, &c.

the drunken priests and judges are represented as repelling all instruction as only fit for babes. 11. *stammering*, ^f barbarous.—Hend. *will he speak*, the Chaldeans should be their teachers, and interpret his severe and righteous will. 12. *they would not hear*, his gracious instructions. 13. *But the word*, &c. by gentle and easy methods they had been taught, but they still went backward and disregarded the Divine lessons, till they brought on their ruin. 16. *Therefore*, ^g 'Nevertheless.' Here the prophet sees the day of Messiah, and the everlasting security of his beloved people in him. *not make haste*, not flee to another refuge as one in alarm. This corner-stone will support the weight of the superstructure. 17. *Judgment*, &c. shows the miserable condition of

scourge will pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

19 From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.

20 For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it.

21 For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, & his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

22 Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord God of hosts & a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.

23 Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech.

24 Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground?

25 When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rie in their place?

26 For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.

27 For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.

28 Bread corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen.

29 This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.

CHAP. XXIX.

WOE *to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt: add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices.

2 Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel.

3 And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.

4 And thou shalt be brought down, and

B. C. 725.

* a treading down to it.

a ch. 8. 19.

† peep, or, chirp.

‡ or, when he shall make you to understand doctrine.

b ch. 25. 5.

c Job 21. 18.

d 1 Th. 5. 3.

e ch. 28. 2.

f 2 Sa. 5. 20.

g Jos. 10. 10. 12.

h La. 3. 33.

i ch. 37. 36.

k Da. 9. 27.

l Ps. 73. 20.

§ or, take your pleasure, and riot.

|| or, the wheat in the principal place, and barley in the appointed place.

m ch. 51. 21.

n or, spell.

o border.

‡ or, And he bindeth it in such sort as his God doth teach him.

n Ro. 11. 8.

o Ps. 69. 22.

§ heads.

j ch. 26. 8.

† 1 Sa. 9. 9.

|| or, letter.

Da. 12. 4. 9.

j ch. 32. 19.

t Eze. 33. 31.

Mar. 7. 6. 7.

* or, O Ariel, that is, the lion of God.

u Eze. 43. 15.

16.

o or, of the city.

Col. 2. 22.

† cut off the heads.

§ add.

1 Co. 1. 19.

shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.

5 Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and thy multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly.

6 Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest and the flame of devouring fire.

7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.

8 It shall even be as when a hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

9 Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:

12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their

those who trust in false refuges, and that their punishment should be in exact measure and proportion.

18. then ye shall be trodden, &c. better rendered as Henderson, and avoiding a confused metaphor, 'ye shall be for him to trample upon.'

Commentators think the prophet extends his views here to the desolation by the Romans.

20. For the bed, &c. proverbial to express the insufficiency of the means of defence.

21. as in mount Perazim, &c. refers to facts in 2 Sam. v. 17-25: 1 Chron. xiv. 8-17, and signifies that the guilty should be treated as the Philistines were by David.

strange work, because such severity was unheard of to the Jews: refers to their treatment by Nebuchadnezzar and Titus.

22. consumption, 'devastation,' earth, 'land.'

24. Doth the ploughman, &c. nor break it with the wheel, &c. the mode of threshing in the east.

The parable here teaches us that God would prepare his church for his service, as the husbandman his corn, till it was at length fit for the purposes he designed.

CHAP. XXIX.—1. Ariel, variously interpreted; Henderson prefers 'the hearth,' or 'fire-place,' i. e. 'the altar of God.' Jerusalem is intended, the place of Jehovah's worship.

slaughter. 3. camp against thee round about, Henderson thinks Sennacherib's movements are here depicted, his army being so numerous: 2 Kings xviii. 17; Isa. xxxvi. 2; others add the Romans.

5. thy strangers, 'thine enemies,' &c. The overthrow of Sennacherib is here described.

6. Thou, i. e. the Assyrian foe shall be visited. 7. as a dream, quickly disappear.

8. It, &c. expresses total dis-appointment. 9. Stay, &c. is variously rendered: Boothroyd's rendering is:—

'They are amazed; they stand astonished; They look on themselves, and are agitated.'

Dr. Henderson's rendering:— 'Delay, and wonder; Take your pleasure, and be blinded.'

The parties alluded to are the wicked Jews. 10. For the Lord hath poured out, they were given up to judicial blindness.

11, 12. And the vision, &c. this describes a general incapacity to understand God's word.

13. by the precept of men, according to their invention, and imposed upon the people as Divine.

14. wisdom—perish, they should be given up to strong delusions. 15, 16. Woe, &c. expresses that they thought of divesting themselves of responsi-

works are in the dark, and ^a they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the ^b work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

17 Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?

18 ^c And ^d in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

19 The ^e meek also shall ^f increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that ^g watch for iniquity are cut off:

21 That make a man an offender for a word, and ^h lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just ⁱ for a thing of nought.

22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, ^j who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.

23 But when he seeth his children, ^k the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

24 They also ^l that erred in spirit shall ^m come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

CHAP. XXX.

WOE to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, ⁿ that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, ^o that they may add sin to sin:

2 That ^p walk to go down into Egypt, and ^q have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt ^r your confusion.

4 For his princes were at ^s Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes.

5 They ^t were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them, nor be an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.

6 The ^u burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence ^v come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent,

B. C. 712.

^a Ps. 94. 7.
^b ch. 45. 9.
^c Ro. 9. 20.

^d or, to her.
^e ch. 7. 4.
^f Hab. 2. 2.

^g latter day.
^h ch. 1. 4.
ⁱ De. 32. 20.

^j ch. 35. 5.
^k Mi. 2. 6.
^l ch. 61. 1.

^m ⁿ add.
^o i Ki. 22. 13.
^p Mi. 2. 11.

^q Ja. 2. 5.
^r Mi. 2. 1.
^s Am. 5. 10, 12.

^t or, fraud.
^u Pr. 28. 21.
^v Jos. 24. 3.

^w Ps. 62. 3.
^x Ps. 2. 9.
^y Je. 19. 11.

^z ch. 19. 25.
^{aa} 45. 11.
^{ab} 60. 21.

^{ac} Ep. 2. 10.
^{ad} bottle of potters.

^{ae} ch. 28. 7.
^{af} know understanding.

^{ag} ver. 7.
^{ah} Mat. 23. 37.

^{ai} ch. 23. 15.
^{aj} De. 29. 19.

^{ak} ch. 31. 1.
^{al} Le. 26. 8.

^{am} De. 32. 30.
^{an} Jos. 23. 10.

^{ao} Nu. 27. 21.
^{ap} Jos. 9. 14.

^{aq} i Ki. 22. 7.
^{ar} Je. 21. 2.

^{as} 42. 2, 20.
^{at} or, a tree bereft of branches, or, boughs: or, a mast.

^{au} ch. 19. 11.
^{av} d Ps. 2. 12.

^{aw} 34. 8.
^{ax} Pr. 16. 20.

^{ay} Je. 17. 7.
^{az} Je. 2. 36.

^{ba} f ch. 65. 9.
^{bb} Ho. 8. 9.

^{bc} 12. 1.
^{bd} i Ki. 22. 27.

^{be} Ps. 127. 2.

they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them.

7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried ^c concerning this, ^d Their strength is to sit still.

8 ^e Now go, ^f write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the ^g time to come for ever and ever:

9 That ^h this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD:

10 Which ⁱ say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, ^j speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits:

11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in ^k oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:

13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you ^l as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.

14 And ^m he shall break it as the breaking of the ⁿ potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water ^o withal out of the pit.

15 For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; ^p In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: ^q and ye would not.

16 But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

17 One ^r thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee. ^s till ye be left as ^t a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill.

18 ^u And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment; ^v blessed are all they that wait for him.

19 For the people ^w shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more; he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

20 And though the Lord give you ^x the

bility to God. 17. Lebanon, which was on the borders of Canaan. shall be turned, &c. the Gentile world, uncultivated as Lebanon, should become prolific; the Jewish church, cultivated as a garden, should be reduced to a state of rude nature. 18. blind—see, the Gentiles become enlightened. 20, 21. For, &c. the enemies of the church shall be confounded. 22. Thus saith the Lord, always begins some solemn preface. Here is foretold the blessedness of Jacob's spiritual posterity. 24. They, &c. predicts that the blinded Jews should embrace the gospel.

CHAP. XXX.—This chapter reprobates the devices of the Ephraimites in asking aid from Egypt against the Assyrians: see chap. xxvi. 6, 9. and that cover with a covering, 'who ratify covenants.'—Booth. 'and that pour out libations.'—Henderson. This was a pagan custom when a treaty of alliance was formed between two nations. 2. That walk, 'ret out.' 4. Zoan, an ancient royal city in Lower

Egypt. Hanes, another city. 5. ashamed, having probably been coldly received. 6. burden, some understand this literally of a load. beasts of the south, most frequently used in Egypt, and countries south of Canaan. These were asses and camels, laden, as the custom was, with presents to Pharaoh. land of trouble, Egypt, where the rulers were grievous oppressors, and the country subject to grievous calamities. lion—viper, &c. these pestered that country. 9. lying children, perfidious in their conduct. 10. seers, i.e. prophets. 13. breach—high wall, the oriental clay or soft brick wall is very liable to rend and be washed down by rain. 14. shall break, this expresses a complete overthrow. 16. horses, refers to Egyptian cavalry, which they expected to be sent for their deliverance. 17. rebuke, 'menace.' beacon—ensign, warnings to others. 18. And therefore, &c. 'Nevertheless.' Notwithstanding their forlorn state, God would yet show them mercy, and deliver them. 19. shall dwell in Zion, after the

bread of adversity, and the water of * affliction, yet shall not * thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:

21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye * turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

22 Ye shall defile also the covering of * thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth; * thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

23 Then * shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal: and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures.

24 The oxen likewise and the young asses that eat the ground shall eat * clean provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.

25 And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every * high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

26 Moreover * the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

27 * Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the * burden thereof is * heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire:

28 And * his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.

29 Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the * mighty One of Israel.

30 And the LORD shall cause * his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.

31 For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod.

B. C. 713.

* or, oppression.

† every passing of the rod wounded

* Am. 8. 11.

† cause to rust upon him.

* ch. 11. 15.

§ or, against them.

¶ from yesterday.

* Jos. 1. 7.

* the graven images of thy silver.

† scatter.

* Ho. 14. 8.

* Eze. 17. 15.

† Ps. 20. 7.

* Mar. 6. 33.

1 Ti. 4. 8.

* Da. 9. 13.

* Nu. 23. 19.

† remove.

* leavened, or, savoury

* Ps. 146. 3, 5.

† lifted up.

* ch. 30. 19, 20.

* Ho. 14. 10.

* Am. 3. 8.

* or, multitude.

* ch. 42. 13.

† or, grievousness of name.

* heaviness.

* Ps. 91. 4.

* 2 Th. 2. 8.

* Ps. 37. 40.

* Ho. 9. 9.

§ the idols of his gold.

¶ Rock.

* De. 32. 4.

* the glory of his voice.

† or, for fear of.

* for melting, or, tribute, or, tributary.

§ his rock shall pass away for fear.

¶ or, his strength.

32 And † in every place where the grounded staff shall pass, which the LORD shall lay upon him, it shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of * shaking will he fight * with it.

33 For Tophet is ordained * of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

CHAP. XXXI.

WOE to them * that go down to Egypt for help; and * stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, * neither seek the LORD!

2 Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and * will not * call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity.

3 Now the Egyptians are * men, and not God: and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fail, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

4 For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, * Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the * noise of them: * so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the bill thereof.

5 As * birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; * defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.

6 * Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have * deeply revolted.

7 For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and * his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin.

8 * Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee † from the sword, and his young men shall be * discomfited.

9 And * he shall pass over to * his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

lapse of the seventy years. 21. behind thee, they should be warned when they turned their backs on iniquity.

22. covering—ornament, these were often very rich, made of gold and silver platings. 23. give the rain, &c. they should have temporal prosperity on their return; seasonable rain, abundant crops, and rich pasture. 24. eat clean provender, grain would be so abundant, that they should feed their cattle with it.

25. day of great slaughter, &c. when God was to execute awful vengeance upon the enemies of his church.

26. shall be as the light of the sun, &c. these figures express a large increase of prosperity and joy: the moon shining as the sun, and the sun increasing in brightness seven-fold. 27. the stream thereof is heavy, 'dense is the smoke.'

28. the next prediction on here is the overthrow of the Assyrians, after they had dissolved the Israelitish state.

29. a braids, comp. chap. xxxvii. 28; expressions tantamount to err, forcing them to change their hostile designs.

30. Ye shall have a song, &c. expresses the exultation of the Jews on their deliverance from Assyria. a holy solemnity, the passover.

31. voice of the Lord, when no words or

articulate sounds are mentioned as accompanying 'the voice of Jehovah,' it signifies thunder: see Psal. xxxix.

This destruction was accompanied with an amazing tempest; at least with the confusion of a hurricane. 32. And in every place where the grounded staff shall pass, &c. and wherever shall pass the rod of correction.—Lament, &c. with it, 'with him,' or 'against them.' tabrets and harps, represent the Jews rejoicing at their enemy's destruction.

33. Tophet, was a valley, called also the valley of Hinnom. Here first Canaanites, afterwards Israelites sacrificed children in honour of Moloch, by throwing them into a brazen image heated with fire. It was therefore an emblem of the place of torment.

CHAP. XXXI.—1. horses, see chap. xxx. 16. note. 2. he also is wise, i. e. God, an Israelite, will not call back, &c. will perform his threats.

3. stretch out the hand, i. e. with righteous judgments. Psal. xvi. 27.

4. flying, 'pouncing,' or 'covering their yonance.'

5. For, 'Verily,' a prediction of their repentance. 6. 7. Then shall, &c. these verses predict the destruction of the Assyrian army.

CHAP. XXXII.

BEHOLD, ^b a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

2 And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and ^c a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a ^a great rock in a weary land.

3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall bearken.

4 The heart also of the [†] rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak [‡] plainly.

5 The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

6 For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7 The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even [‡] when the needy speaketh right.

8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he ^{*} stand.

9 [¶] Rise up, ye women ^{*} that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.

10 [‡] Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.

11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.

12 They shall lament for the teats, for the [‡] pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13 Upon ^m the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; [‡] yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city:

14 Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the [†] forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

15 Until [‡] the spirit be poured upon us

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^a ch. 23. 17

³⁵ 2.

^b Ps. 45. 1, &c.

Je. 23. 5.

Ho. 3. 5.

Zec. 9. 9.

Ro. 5. 21.

He. 1. 8, 9.

^c ch. 4. 6.

²⁵ 4.

^d Ja. 3. 18.

^e heavy.

[†] hasty.

[‡] ch. 30. 30.

^f Zec. 11. 2.

[‡] or, utterly

abased.

[§] or, elegantly.

^g ch. 21. 2.

Hab. 2. 8.

^h Re. 13. 10.

ⁱ or, when he

speaketh

against the

poor in

judgment.

^j ch. 25. 9.

^k or, be established.

^l Am. 6. 1.

^m Days above

a year.

ⁿ Ps. 97. 9.

^o fields of

desire.

^p Ho. 9. 6.

^q or, burning

upon, &c.

^r salutations.

^s or, messengers.

^t 2 Ki. 18. 18.

³⁷ 37.

^u or, cliffs

and watch-

towers.

^v Ju. 5. 6.

^w Ps. 104. 30.

^x Joel 2. 25.

^y 2 Ki. 18. 14

¹⁷ 17.

from on high, and ^a the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

17 And ^d the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

19 When ^e it shall hail, coming down on ^f the forest; and the city shall be [‡] low in a low place.

20 Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth [‡] thither the feet of the ox and the ass.

CHAP. XXXIII.

WOE to thee [‡] that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! ^h when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; ⁱ we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

3 At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered.

4 And your spoil shall be gathered ^{like} the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.

5 The [†] LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of [‡] salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

7 Behold, their ^{*} valiant ones shall cry without: [‡] the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.

8 The ^o highways lie waste, the way-faring man ceaseth: [‡] he hath broken

CHAP. XXXII.—Many consider that this primarily describes Hezekiah's reign, and secondarily the Messiah. Davidson and Henderson view it as a sudden transition to Messiah only, whose princes were the apostles: Mat. xix. 28. 2. rivers—shadow, water and shade are most refreshing to travellers under a vertical sun. 3, 4. the eyes, &c. i.e. impediments to spiritual perception shall be removed. speak plainly, i.e. of Divine things. 5. The vile, &c. i.e. men shall be estimated according to their just character. vile, signifies here unholy. liberal, honourable and upright. churl, a niggard. 6. For the vile, &c. i.e. the vile person will show his iniquity by his practice. 7. instruments—evil, there are vile agents for vile men: so Orton. Henderson interprets it also of the use of vile means which the gripping emulor, instruments, 'machinations and designs.' —Booth. 8. deviseth, &c. aims to do good. stand, established in prosperity and reputation. Henderson renders stand, 'persevere.' 9. ye women, &c. Viringa, and after him McCulloch and others, consider this to mean 'cities:' but Henderson observes, they are never so intended, but in allegory, as Ezek. xvi. McCulloch, however, views the language as allegorical. Here is an abrupt return to the women of his own times: so Sutcliffe. at ease, in carnal security. 10. vintage—fail, so much did Sennacherib desolate the land: so McCulloch. Boothroyd refers it to Nebuchadnezzar. 11. Strip, &c. the cities are viewed as matrons elegantly decked, and are directed to put on sackcloth.—McCulloch. 12.

They shall lament, &c. Boothroyd renders, 'Mourn for the pleasant field, the fruitful vine.' 'They smite themselves on the breasts, On account of the pleasant fields.'—Henderson. 13. joyous city, Jerusalem. 15. spirit be poured upon, &c. most interpreters refer this to Pentecost: comp. Joel ii. 28; Acts ii. 16–21. But as the Jews are to be desolate till this diffusion, Scott, Henderson, and others, consider it yet to be fulfilled. wilderness, heathen world.—Davidson. fruitful field, Jewish church.—McCulloch. 16. judgment, a right understanding.—McCulloch. 'justice.'—Henderson. 19. forest, powerful opposing nations, as the Assyrians, city, Babylon. low place, utterly abased; prophetically alludes also to Rome: so McCulloch. Henderson views the passage as alluding to the destruction of the Jewish polity, and interprets forest 'Jewish army,' and hail, judgments.

CHAP. XXXIII.—1. Woe to thee, an address to the king of Assyria. dealest treacherously, 'plunderest.'—Louth, and others. 2. O Lord, &c. a prayer of the church. 3. fled, past tense, indicating the certainty of the event. 4. like the gathering of the caterpillar, as quickly as it consumes vegetation. of locusts, which devour all in their way. The Assyrians are here addressed. 6. of thy times, Hezekiah is here addressed.—Jenour, Hend. or rather Zion.—G. Holden. 7. ambassadors—weep, Hezekiah's ambassadors, chap. xxxvi. 22.—Jenour. the ministers of religion.—McCulloch. This describes Judea's distress at the Assyrian invasion. 8, 9. The high-

the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man.

9 The earth mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed and † hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits.

10 Now * will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

11 Ye * shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you.

12 And the people shall be as the burnings of lime: as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.

13 † Hear, *f ye that are far off*, what I have done; and, *ye that are near*, acknowledge my might.

14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

15 He that * walketh * righteously, and speaketh † uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of † oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of § blood, and * shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;

16 He shall dwell on † high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.

17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land * that is very far off.

18 Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where is the scribe? where is the † receiver? where is he that counted the towers?

19 Thou * shalt not see a fierce people, a people of deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a † stammering tongue, that thou canst not understand.

20 Look * upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one * of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

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* broad of spaces, or, hands.

† or, withered away.

a Ps. 12. 5.

b Ja. 4. 12.

† statute-maker.

c Ps. 89. 18.

§ or, They have forsaken thy tacklings.

d ch. 59. 4.

e Ps. 7. 14.

f Je. 50. 20.

g ch. 49. 1.

h De. 32. 1.

|| the fulness thereof.

i Ps. 15. 2.

* in righteousnesses.

† upright-nesses.

† or, deceits.

§ bloods.

i Joel 2. 29.

k Ps. 119. 37.

|| heights, or, high places.

l Ps. 102. 26.

m Mat. 24. 29.

n 2 Pe. 3. 10.

o Rc. 6. 14.

* off far distances.

p Re. 6. 13.

q Je. 46. 10.

r 1 Co. 1. 20.

† weigher.

r Je. 49. 7, &c.

Mal. 1. 4.

s 2 Ki. 19. 32.

t De. 28. 49.

u Je. 5. 15.

† or, ridiculous.

v Zep. 1. 7.

w Ps. 48. 12.

§ or, rhinoceroses.

x ch. 54. 2.

|| or, drunken

21 But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place * of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.

22 For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our † lawgiver, * the LORD is our king; he will save us.

23 § Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast; they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey.

24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: * the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

CHAP. XXXIV.

COME near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: § let the earth hear, and † all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

2 For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and † their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

4 And † all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be * rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a * falling fig from the fig tree.

5 For * my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it * shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for * the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

7 And the § unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be † soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

ways lie waste, &c. describes the wretched state of the country from the invasion. he hath broken, i.e. Sennacherib violated his treaty with Hezekiah. the earth mourneth, &c. describes the desolation of the country. 10. Now, &c. Jehovah suddenly interposes.

11. Ye—chaff, describing the vain attempt of the Assyrians. your breath, 'my spirit.'—Booth. 'your own wrath.'—Hend. 12. people, 'nations.' 13. ye—afar, for Jew and Gentile in this erent see the hand of God.

14. The sinners, &c. these judgments on their enemies alarmed the guilty Jews. 15, 16. He that walketh, &c. describe the character and security of the righteous: comp. Psalms xv. xxiv. his place of defence, 'the strong holds of rocks shall be his refuge.'

—Hend. 17. king, Jemour limits this to Hezekiah, who cast off his sackcloth to appear again in his royal robes, and see his kingdom enlarged. McCulloch and Henderson think that Jehovah himself is intended. land—afar off, formerly occupied by Philistines, Moabites, Syrians; but the heavenly country is also intended.—McCulloch. 18. meditate terror, contemplate the dreaded enemy without fear.

There is the scribe, to take the census of the people or taxation. the receiver, the tax-gatherer. the ovens, which he reckoned to possess. 19. Thou shalt not see, &c. 'Thou shalt no more see that barbarous people,' &c.—Lowth. 20. Look upon, contemplate. 21. galley, for troops. gallant ship, for transportation of stores. The church should be as a pleasant city by a beautiful river. 22. For the Lord, &c. the language of confidence. 23. Thy tacklings, &c. the prophet recurring again to the

Assyrians, describes them as a dismantled fleet. 24. And the inhabitant, &c. again he returns to describe the happy city, filled with prosperity and comfort. forgiven, Jemour understands this temporally.

CHAP. XXXIV.—1. nations, such as were about Judea, and deeply concerned in the prophecy. 2. indignation, is a human passion, but attributed to God when he seems to act as those who are angry. 4. host of heaven, signify in prophetic language, men of high rank. heavens, state, civil and ecclesiastical, rolled together, involved in obscurity. all their host, subordinate rulers. 5. sword, judgments. bathed in heaven, fall upon the great and mighty. Idumea, or Edom, descendants of Esau or Edom: Gen. xxv. 25, 30: inhabitants of the mountainous country of Seir, south of Judea. They had ever been foes to the Israelites. 6. with the blood of lambs, &c. the destruction of a people by war is often compared to the slaughter of sacrificial victims: see Jer. xl. 10, &c.; Ezek. xxxix. 17, &c.; Rev. xix. 17. See 2 Macc. x. 15, illustrative of this sentence, the Maccabees having slain 60,000 Edomites. Bozrah, a city of Edom, Gen. xxxvi. 33, &c. 7. unicorns, Henderson contends for the probable existence of these animals, though thought by others to signify the rhinoceros, and by others a species of antelope. He mentions ancient and modern witnesses who have seen them in various countries, with head like a horse, cloven hoofs, tail like a boar, and a long horn in the forehead: and argues that the LXX. would not have rendered the Hebrew word *monokeros*, 'unicorn,'

8 For it is the day of the LORD's ^a vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

9 And ^b the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; ^c the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: ^d from generation to generation it shall lie waste; and none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

11 ^e But ^f the ^g cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it; and ^h he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.

12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

13 And ⁱ thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof; and it shall be an habitation of dragons, and a court for owls.

14 ^j The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with ^k the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; and the ^l screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.

15 There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

16 ^m Seek ye out of ⁿ the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

17 And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

CHAP. XXXV.

THE ^a wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2 It ^b shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

3 ^c Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

4 Say to them that are of a ^d fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your

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^a ch. 63. 4.

^b De. 29. 23.

^c Mat. 9. 27.

^d Jno. 9. 6, 7.

^e Mar. 7. 32.

^f &c.

^g Mat. 15. 30.

^h Jno. 5. 8, 9.

ⁱ Ac. 3. 2, &c.

^j Re. 14. 11.

^k 18. 13.

^l Jno. 7. 33.

^m Mal. 1. 4.

ⁿ Zep. 2. 14.

^o Re. 18. 2.

^p or, pelican.

^q or, a court for reeds.

^r 2 Ki. 21. 13.

^s La. 2. 8.

^t Joel 3. 17.

^u Re. 21. 27.

^v or, for he shall be with them.

^w ch. 32. 13.

^x Ho. 9. 6.

^y Eze. 34. 25.

^z ch. 43. 21. &c.

^{aa} daughters of the owl, or ostriches

^{ab} of Zion.

^{ac} Jfm.

^{ad} ch. 51. 11.

^{ae} or, night monster.

^{af} Re. 7. 17.

^{ag} 21. 4.

^{ah} 2 Ki. 18. 13.

^{ai} 17.

^{aj} 2 Ch. 32. 1.

^{ak} Mal. 3. 15.

^{al} or, secretary.

^{am} ch. 55. 12.

^{an} 2 Ki. 18. 19.

^{ao} &c.

^{ap} 2 Ch. 32. 10.

^{aq} &c.

^{ar} Ps. 4. 2, 3.

^{as} ch. 32. 15.

^{at} or, word of lips.

^{au} or, but counsel and strength are for the fear.

^{av} Job 4. 3, 4.

^{aw} He. 12. 12.

^{ax} hasty.

God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

5 Then ^a the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and ^b the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6 Then shall the ^c lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing, for in the wilderness shall ^d waters break out, and streams in the desert.

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be ^e grass with reeds and rushes.

8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; ^f the unclean shall not pass over it; ^g but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

9 No ^h lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

10 And the ⁱ ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and ^j sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CHAP. XXXVI.

NOW ^a it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.

3 Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiah's son, which was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the recorder.

4 ^b And ^c Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, ^d What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

5 I say, sayest thou, (but they are but vain words) ^e I have counsel and strength for war: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

6 Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him.

if the existence of some such animal had not been familiar to them. In prophetic language this described a high and powerful enemy. See *Hend. in loc.* 9. 10. *pitch*—*brimstone*, not to be literally understood, or no creature could exist there, but expressing complete and perpetual destruction, like that of Sodom and Gomorrah. *none shall pass through it*, this is literally fulfilled, the most enterprising travellers always meeting dangerous obstacles to prevent it: see *Keith on the Prophecies*. 11. *cormorant*, *pelican*; *bittern*, *porcupine*, &c. creatures fond of solitary places. *stones*, *plummet*. The line and plummet are used in taking down edifices, as well as in erecting them. 13. *dragons*, serpents.—*Booth*, 'wolves'. 14. *satyr*, 'shaggy he-goat'. 15. *the great owl*, 'the night raven'.—*Louet*, 'the darting serpent', or 'arrow snake'.—*Bochart*, *Hend.* 17. *cast the lot*, figurative expressions from the practice of dividing inheritances: see *Jos. xviii. 6*.

CHAP. XXXV.—1. *The wilderness*, i. e. the waste places of Judea personified.—*Hend. glad*, on account of the judgments on Edom. *rose*, 'crocus'.—*Hend.*

2. *the glory of Lebanon*, &c. its glory was its cedars, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, in dells, flocks, flowers, and fruits; these figures represent prosperity. 3. *Weak hands*, &c. the timid and fearful. 4. *saye*, &c. by inflicting a just retribution upon enemies. 5, 6. *Then*, &c. the most obtuse intellect should see God's hand. *waters*, &c. describe the sudden change from adversity to prosperity. 7. *parched ground*, 'growing sand', not taken for water.—*Booth*, 'the vapoury illusion', or mirage. *pool*, 'lake'. What the Jews might take for illusion, should become reality. 8. *an highway*, &c. expresses facility for the return of the exiles, the deserts having no roads. *the unclean*, &c. i. e. the idolaters, the blessing should be enjoyed only by the true worshippers of God. 9. *lion*—*ravenous beast*, signify persecutors and oppressors. *joy upon their heads*, may allude to the wearing of crowns on festival occasions. *Dr. Henderson* considers the application of the consolatory predictions in this chapter to gospel times, as loose and unsatisfactory.

CHAP. XXXVI.—See 2 Kings xiii. &c. notes.

7 But if thou say to me, We trust in the LORD our God: *is it not he,* ^a whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?

8 Now therefore give *pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king of Assyria, ^b and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

9 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, ^c and put thy trust on Egypt for ^d chariots and for horsemen?

10 And am I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? the LORD said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

11 ^e Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall.

12 ^f But Rabshakeh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? *hath he not sent me to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?*

13 Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you.

15 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

16 Harken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, ^g Make an agreement with me *by a present*, and come out to me: ^h and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern;

17 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 *Beware* lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered this land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

19 Where *are* the gods of Hamath and Arphad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

20 Who *are they* among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, ⁱ that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

21 But ^j they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

22 ^k Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Saph, the recorder, to Hezekiah ^l with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

CHAP. XXXVII.

AND ^m it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes,

B. C. 710.

a 2 Ch. 31. 1.

32. 12.

1 Co. 2. 15.

b Lu. 3. 4.

Esaias.

* or, hostages

c Ne. 4. 2. 5.

Ps. 123. 3, 4.

d Ps. 116. 3, 4.

Je. 30. 7.

† or, provocation.

e 1 Sa. 14. 6.

2 Sa. 16. 12.

Am. 5. 15.

f De. 17. 16.

g Ps. 20. 7, 8.

h found.

i Ps. 50. 15.

91. 15.

Re. 3. 19.

j or, put a spirit into him.

k 1 Sa. 23. 27.

l Make with me a blessing, or, Seek my favour by a present.

m Zec. 3. 10.

n Eze. 27. 23.

o 2 Ki. 18. 34.

p Je. 49. 23.

q 1 Co. 8. 4.

r 1 Sa. 4. 4.

Ps. 80. 1.

s Ex. 5. 2.

Job 15. 25, 26.

Da. 3. 15.

t Ps. 86. 10.

u Je. 10. 10. 12.

Ro. 11. 17.

v Zs. 38. 13, 14.

39. 1.

w Pr. 9. 7.

23. 9.

x Am. 5. 13.

Mat. 7. 6.

y Ps. 31. 2.

Da. 9. 18.

z 2 Ch. 6. 40.

aa Ge. 37. 29, 31.

Job 1. 20.

Je. 36. 24.

Mat. 26. 65.

* lands.

† given.

y ch. 40. 18. 20.

41. 7.

44. 9, 10.

17.

Ps. 115. 4.

Je. 10. 3. 6.

11.

Ho. 8. 6.

z 2 Ki. 19. 1.

&c.

and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto ^b Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, ^c This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of ^d blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there* is not strength to bring forth.

4 It ^e may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that is ^f left.

5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 ^g And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD, ^h Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will ⁱ send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land: and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 ^j So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

9 And ^k he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of ^l Eden which *were* in Telassar?

13 Where ^m is the king of ⁿ Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

14 ^o And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying,

16 O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, ^p that dwellest *between* the cherubims, ^q thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.

17 Incline ^r thine ear, O LORD, and hear: ^s open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God.

18 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the ^t nations, and their countries,

19 And have ^u cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but ^v the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore have they destroyed them.

20 Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, *even* thou only.

21 ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria:

22 This is the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

23 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy One of Israel.

24 By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down the cedars thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof; and I will enter into the height of his border, and the forest of his Carmel.

25 I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places.

26 Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defenced cities unto ruinous heaps.

27 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the house-tops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

28 But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

29 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

30 And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such as growth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

32 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

33 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it.

34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

35 For I will defend this city to save

B. C. 710.

a 2 Ki. 19. 35.

b Job 16. 4.

Ps. 22. 7, 8.

La. 2. 15.

* Ararat.

c Ps. 71. 22.

Is. 5. 24.

Je. 51. 5.

Hab. 1. 12, 13.

d 2 Ki. 20. 1.

&c.

2 Ch. 32. 24.

† the hand of thy.

‡ Give charge concerning thy house.

§ 2 Sa. 17. 23.

¶ tallness of the cedars thereof, and the choice of the fir trees thereof.

⁂ Ne. 13. 14.

|| or, and his fruitful field.

⁂ Ge. 17. 1.

Job 1. 1.

Jno. 1. 47.

2 Co. 1. 12.

1 Jno. 3. 21.

22.

* or, fenced and closed.

† with great weeping.

‡ or, how I have made it long ago, and formed it of ancient times?

⁂ should I now bring it to be laid waste, and defenced cities to be ruinous heaps?

§ short of hand.

h ch. 37. 35.

i 2 Ki. 20. 8.

&c.

|| or, sitting.

* degrees by, or, with the sun.

k Eze. 38. 4.

l 1 Sa. 2. 34.

Lu. 2. 12.

m Ps. 27. 13.

116. 9.

† escaping of the house of Judah that remaineth.

n Job 7. 6.

† the escaping.

§ or, from the thrum.

|| shield.

* or, ease me.

it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

36 Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

37 ¶ So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

38 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Armenia: and Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

IN those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,

3 And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

4 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying,

5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

6 And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.

7 And this shall be a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken:

8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

9 ¶ The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:

10 I said in the cutting off of my days I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years.

11 I said, I shall not see the LORD, *even* the LORD, in the land of the living: shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

12 Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: he cut me off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.

13 I reckoned till morning, that, as lion, so will he break all my bones: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.

14 Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O LORD I am oppressed; undertake for me.

CHAP. XXXVIII.—11. *see the Lord*, 'see Jah,' contemplate his glory in the temple.—*Hend.* 12. *Mine age is departed*, 'My dwelling is plucked up.'—*Boothr.* &c. Plucked up as the pins which secure the rent, when it is removed: so *Hend.* like a weaver, who, when he has finished his web, cuts it

off from the threads.—*Jenour.* from day, &c. 'from morning,' &c.—*Hend.* 'in the course of the day.'—*Boothr.* 13. *I reckoned*, &c.
'I roared out until the morning like the lion. He did so break to pieces all my bones.'—*Boothr.*

15 What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.

16 O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.

17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

20 The Lord was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the Lord.

21 For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaster upon the boil, and he shall recover.

22 Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the Lord?

CHAP. XXXIX.

AT that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.

2 And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

3 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon.

4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord of hosts:

6 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day,

B. C. 713.

a Job 7. 11.

* Fulfilled, Da. 1. 2, 3, 7.

b 1 Sa. 3. 18.

† or, on my peace came

† loved my soul from the pit.

c Ps. 6. 5.

Ec. 9. 10.

§ to the heart

|| or, appointed time.

d De. 4. 9.

e Job 42. 10.

f Jno. 1. 23.

g Mal. 3. 1.

h Ps. 68. 4.

i 2 Ki. 20. 7, 8.

* or, a straight place.

† or, a plain place.

‡ 2 Ki. 20. 12, &c.

m Job 14. 2.

Ps. 90. 5.

Ja. 1. 10.

1 Pe. 1. 24.

n 2 Ch. 32. 31.

o or, spicery.

p Ps. 103. 16.

§ vessels, or, instruments, or, jewels.

¶ Jno. 12. 31.

1 Pe. 1. 25.

|| or, O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion.

* or, O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem.

† or, against the strong.

r ch. 38. 16.

Re. 22. 12.

‡ or, recompence for his work.

ch. 49. 4.

t Jno. 10. 11.

He. 13. 20.

Re. 7. 17.

§ or, that give suck.

|| a tierce.

shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord.

7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the Lord which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

CHAP. XL.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field:

7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it; surely the people is grass.

8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

10 Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and

15. he hath both spoken, &c. 'he hath both promised and hath performed it.' I shall go softly, rather, 'I shall walk joyfully all my years on account of the bitterness of my soul,' i.e. on account of my recovery from this grievous sickness.—G. Holden. Same purport several others. Henderson renders it, instead of softly, 'I will walk humbly;' see Mic. vi. 8. Jennar has, 'I will think, meditation and walking slowly being closely connected. 16. by these things, by thy acts of kindness. life of my spirit, i.e. my life.—G. Holden. 21. boil, or 'ulcer;' see 2 Kings xx. 7, note. he shall recover, the cure was miraculous, but God ordained means to attain the end.

CHAP. XXXIX.—See 2 Kings xx. 12—18, notes.

CHAP. XL.—This portion of Isaiah extends from the deliverance from Babylon to the end of the gospel dispensation, the one being subservient to the accomplishment of the other. 2. comfortably, rather, 'to the heart,' i.e. in the most cheering manner. 'heartily.'—Henderson. pardoned, 'expiated,' double, understood variously: i.e. double consolation.—J. Jennings, and others. double punish-

ment; such chastisement as cleared the Divine character, and corrected their idolatry.—Hend. and others. 3. of him that crieth, i.e. of a herald.

The route from Babylon to Judea lay through Arabia Deserta: and the allusion here may primarily be to Cyrus's proclamation to his subjects to assist the Jews on their return.—Jennar. Henderson confines it to a prediction of John Baptist: see Mat. iii. 3; Mark i. 3; and Luke iii. 4—6. 4. Every valley, &c. alluding to eastern monarchs sending pioneers before them to clear their way; means, all difficulties shall vanish. 5. And the glory of the Lord, this was signally revealed at the coming of Christ, in the method of salvation. 6—8. Cry, 'Praise him.' All flesh, &c. i.e. nothing is to be withheld on our God's promises. 9, 10. O Zion, &c. a sudden transition to the effects and restoration of Messianic. Behold your God, in the person of Messiah. his reward, which he himself merited: Phil. ii. 8—11; and ii. 9.—Hend. 11. He shall feed, &c. describes the Redeemer's conference with his church. 12, &c. Who hath measured, &c. these verses show

weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

13 Who ^b hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being ^{*}his counsellor hath taught him?

14 With whom took he counsel, and who [†]instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of [†]understanding?

15 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

16 And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.

17 All nations before him *are* as *f* nothing; and *§* they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

18 "To whom then will ye [†]like God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

19 The [†]workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains.

20 He that is [†]so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman ["]to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved.

21 Have [†]ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 [†]*It is he* that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof *are* as grasshoppers; that ^{*}stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

23 That bringeth the "princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

24 Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

25 To [†]whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these *things*, that bringeth out their host by number: ["]he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that *he* is strong in power; and no one faileth.

27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

28 "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth,

B. C. 712.

^a Ro. 11. 33.

^b Ro. 11. 34.

¹ Co. 2. 16.

^{*} man of his counsel.

[†] made him understand.

^c Ro. 8. 25.

[†] Th. 1. 10.

[†] under-standings?

^d Ps. 103. 5.

² Co. 4. 8. 10.

¹⁶.

[§] change.

^e Zec. 2. 13.

^f Da. 4. 35.

[§] Ps. 62. 9.

^{||} righteousness.

^h ch. 46. 11.

ⁱ Ac. 17. 29.

^k Ge. 14. 14.

^{&c.}

^l ch. 41. 6, 7.

^{Je.} 10. 3, &c.

ⁱⁿ peace.

[†] poor of oblation.

^m ch. 46. 10.

ⁿ Je. 10. 4.

^o ch. 43. 10.

^{Jan.} 1. 1.

^{Re.} 1. 17.

²² 13.

^P Ps. 19. 1.

^{Ac.} 14. 17.

^{Ro.} 1. 19, 20.

[†] or, Him that sitteth

^r ch. 40. 19.

[§] *Be strong.*

^{Job} 9. 8.

^{Ps.} 104. 2.

^{Je.} 10. 12.

^t ch. 40. 19.

^{||} or, founder

^u Job 12. 21.

^{Ps.} 107. 40.

^{*} or, the smiting.

[†] or, saying of the soder,

^{It is good.}

^v De. 7. 6.

^{Ps.} 135. 4.

² Ch. 20. 7.

^{Ja.} 2. 23.

^y De. 4. 15, &c.

^{Ps.} 147. 4.

^a De. 31. 6, 8.

^b Ex. 23. 22.

[†] the men of thy strife.

[§] the men of thy contention.

fainteth not, neither is weary? ^a *there is* no searching of his understanding.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to *them* that have no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31 But ^a they that wait upon the LORD ^d shall [§] renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

CHAP. XLI.

KEEP ^{*} silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew *their* strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment.

2 Who raised up ^{||} the righteous man ^k from the east, called him to his foot, ^k gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave *them* as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow.

3 He pursued them, and passed ^{*} safely; *even* by the way that he had not gone with his feet.

4 Who ^m hath wrought and done *it*, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the ^o first, and with the last; I *am* he.

5 The isles saw *it*, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.

6 They ^v helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, [§] Be of good courage.

7 So [†] the carpenter encouraged the ^{||} goldsmith, and he that smoothech with the hammer ^{*} him that smote the anvil, [†] saying, It is ready for the sodering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved.

8 But thou, Israel, *art* my servant, Jacob whom I have ^v chosen, the seed of Abraham my ^{*} friend.

9 Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou *art* my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

10 [†] Fear thou not; ^a for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ^b ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and [†] they that strive with thee shall perish.

12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, *even* [§] them that contended with

the folly of idolatry, and encourage the pious Jews in captivity to hope for deliverance: so *Jenour*. They especially point to the true God and eternal Life, who was to appear in Judea, describing his wisdom and power, 12: knowledge, 13, 14: immensity, 15. 16. And Lebanon, &c. i.e. the Divine nature is such, that no finite sacrifice is adequate to satisfy its claims on the guilty: comp. Psal. 1. 10-13: so *Hend*. 20. He that is so impoverished, &c. the poorest man can make his god of the meanest materials. 21-24. Have ye not known, &c. all beings and things are disposed of according to his sovereign will. 27. my judgment, &c. i.e. my cause is disregarded by God. The prophet expostulates with the disconsolate Jews in Babylon on their unbelief. 29. giveth power, supports under trials. 30. Even the youths, that is, the best natural powers shall fail. 31. with

wings, &c. alluding to the eagle's strength of wing. CHAP. XLII.—The subjects of this chapter are the folly of idolatry, and the conquests of Cyrus. 1. islands, the name given to all the countries of the sea-coast known to the Jews, to judgment, or the trial. 2. the righteous, some interpret this of Abraham, but it speaks of things yet to happen. A love of justice was a distinguishing characteristic of Cyrus. 3. He pursued, &c. marks the rapidity and success of his conquests. 4. first, originating cause, last, end and object. 5. The isles, &c. describes the consternation of the idolatrous inhabitants of Asia Minor at his conquests. 7. So the carpenter, &c. their honoured idols are here held forth to contempt. 8. seed of Abraham, the Old Testament church were so literally. 9. ends, &c. Ur, Abraham's country, was very remote from Palestine. 10. right hand of

thee: * they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

17 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together:

20 That * they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

21 Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.

22 Let * them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

23 Shew * the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

24 Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work * of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.

25 I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun I shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay.

26 Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea,

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* the men of thy war.

a ch. 40. 9.

+ or, few men.

b ch. 63. 5.

c Mi. 4. 13.

2 Co. 10. 4, 5.

+ return.

mouths.

d Je. 51. 2.

e Mat. 12. 18.

..20.

Phi. 2. 7.

f ch. 45. 25.

g Mat. 3. 17.

17. 5.

Ep. 1. 6.

h ch. 11. 2.

i Jno. 3. 34.

j ch. 35. 6, 7.

|| or, dimly burning.

* quench it.

k Ps. 107. 35.

+ broken.

l Ge. 49. 10.

m Zec. 12. 1.

n Ps. 136. 6.

o Job 12. 9.

p Ac. 17. 25.

q Cause to come near.

q ch. 49. 8.

r Lu. 2. 32.

s Ac. 13. 47.

t ch. 45. 21.

u ch. 35. 5.

v ch. 61. 1.

Lu. 4. 18.

z Ti. 2. 26.

He. 2. 14, 15.

ch. 9. 2.

§ set our

heart upon

them.

x Jno. 13. 19.

y ch. 45. 11.

z Je. 10. 5.

a Ps. 115. 8.

1 Co. 8. 4.

|| or, worse than nothing.

* or, worse than of a viper.

b Ps. 98. 1.

c Ps. 107. 23.

+ the fulness

of the fulness

d Ex. 1. 2.

there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words.

27 The first^a shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

28 For^b I beheld, and there was no man; even among them, and there was no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.

29 Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion.

CHAP. XLII.

BEHOLD^c my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul^d delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not^e quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

4 He shall not fail nor be^f discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

5^g Thus saith God the LORD,^h he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; ⁱ he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; ^j he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand and will keep thee, ^k and give thee for a covenant of the people, for^l a light of the Gentiles;

7 To^m open the blind eyes, toⁿ bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in^o darkness out of the prison house.

8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my^p glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10 Sing^q unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ^r ye that go down to the sea, and ^s all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up^t their voice, the villages that Kedar do inhabit; let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

my righteousness, 'my faithful right hand.'—Louth. i. e. his power. 14. worm, a weak, despicable, defenceless creature. 15. threshing instrument, under this figure is described the slaughter of the wicked, mountains—hills, i. e. governments. 17—19. When the poor, &c. the Jews in captivity are represented in the deplorable condition of a thirsty Arabian traveller; and God promises refreshment under the figures of rivers, fountains, pools, and springs, and shade, under those of various trees. 21. Produce, &c. idolaters are challenged to show the claims of their gods. 22. let them shew the former, &c. 'what shall first happen let them declare to us.'—Booth. 23. do good, or do evil, the fact was, they could not do any thing. 25. one from the north, &c. Cyrus by his father was a Mede, by his mother a Persian; and his army consisted of Medes, whose country lay north, and Persians, whose country lay east, from Babylon. 26. Who, beside the God of Israel, hath declared, &c. 27. The first, I first.—Louth. &c. 28. no man—could answer, the renowned Chaldean magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers, were all as nothing.

the person, character, and offices of the Messiah, and is applied to Christ, Mat. xii. 17—21. The transition was easily made from the deliverance by Cyrus to that by Christ. judgment, 'a righteous law.' the gospel.—Jenour. equivalent to law, and may here mean the doctrine or institution of the Messiah. the gospel dispensation.—Hend. 2. not cry, &c. not do any thing for the mere sake of attracting public notice. 3. A bruised reed, &c. describes the meek and gentle character of Messiah. he shall bring forth, &c. 'to the people he shall bring forth a righteous law.'—Jenour. 4. He shall not fail, &c. 'His force shall not be abated nor broken.'—Louth. 6, 7. I—have called thee, an address to Messiah. in righteousness, 'for righteousness.'—Hend. a covenant, the Hebrew word is derived from one signifying to purify, and expresses whatever tends to remove human pollution: so McCulloch. for a light, designates Messiah as the Author of spiritual illumination. 7. To open, &c. enlighten the spiritually blind, and rescue the captives of Satan, sin, and death. 10—12. Sing, &c. these verses describe the universal joy the gospel should occasion. that go down to the sea, Phœnician merchants and the in-

12 Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.

13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war; he shall cry, ^b yea, roar; he shall ^a prevail against his enemies.

14 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and [†] devour at once.

15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.

16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things I straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

17 [¶] They shall be [†] turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods.

18 Fear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.

19 Who [†] is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD's servant?

20 Seeing many things, [¶] but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.

21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make [¶] it honourable.

22 But this is a people robbed and spoiled; [¶] they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

23 Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the [†] time to come?

24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.

25 Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: [†] and it hath set him on fire round

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^a Ho. 7. 9.

^b ch. 31. 4.

^c or, behave himself mightily.

^d ch. 44. 2, 21.

^e ch. 45. 4.

^f swallow,

or, sup up.

^g Ps. 66. 12.

^h 91. 3, &c.

ⁱ De. 31. 6, 8.

^j Da. 3. 25, 27.

^k Pr. 11. 8.

^l 21. 18.

^m into straight-

ness.

ⁿ ch. 1. 29.

^o Ps. 97. 7.

^p or, person.

^q Je. 30. 10, 11.

^r 46. 27, 28.

^s Eze. 12. 2.

^t Jno. 9. 39, 41.

^u ch. 63. 19.

^v Ja. 2. 7.

^w Ro. 2. 21.

^x ch. 29. 23.

^y Ps. 100. 3.

^z Jno. 3. 3, 5.

^{aa} 2 Co. 5. 17.

^{ab} Ep. 2. 10.

^{ac} ch. 6. 9.

^{ad} 42. 19.

^{ae} Eze. 12. 2.

^{af} or, him.

^{ag} or, in

snaring all

the young

men of

them.

^{ah} a treading.

^{ai} ch. 55. 4.

^{aj} after time.

^{ak} or, nothing

formed of

God.

^{al} Ho. 13. 4.

^{am} Jno. 10. 30.

^{an} 1 Jno. 4. 14.

^{ao} 2 Ki. 25. 9.

^{ap} De. 32. 16.

^{aq} Ps. 81. 9.

about, ^a yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

CHAP. XLIII.

BUT now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, ^a and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, ^a I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

2 When ^a thou passest through the waters, ^f I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou ^g walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

3 For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: ^h I gave Egypt forthy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

5 Fear ^k not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

7 Even every one that is ^m called by my name: for ^o I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

8 [¶] Bring ^p forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, ^r and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was ^s no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11 I, even I, ^a am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no [¶] strange god among you: therefore ye

habitants of the transmarine regions of the west. Kedar, Arabs, the rock, 'Sela,' i. e. Petra. 13. The Lord, &c. Henderson observes, that the prophet here returns to notice the captivity. McCulloch views the passage as also descriptive of the commotions which should accompany the establishment of Messiah's kingdom. The metaphor is that of an ardent warrior.

14. now will I cry, &c. expresses impatience to give birth to his purpose respecting Babylon.—Hend. 15. I will make waste, &c. some confine this to Cyrus's conquest; but McCulloch objects, that that could not give joy to the Gentiles.

Applied metaphorically, the language means that God would ruin all the riches, pomp, and state, of those that should exalt themselves against him.

16. blind, i. e. say some, the Gentiles. 19. Who is blind, but my servant, this text is difficult: some understand it of Israel, God's messengers to recal the nations from idolatry, and so absorbed in the message, as to forget all other attractions: others, of the Jews, as being blind and stupid to God's message by his prophets. Henderson understands it of Christ, spoken of ironically by the Jews as being blind to earthly glory, and deaf to all their pretensions of legal righteousness: or others say, he was blind and deaf to the insults of his enemies. Louth's rendering is, ^a or deaf as he to whom I have sent my messengers. 20. Seeing, &c. the blind Jews are prophetically addressed, who after seeing Christ's miracles, heeded

them not. 21. The Lord is well pleased, that is, with his people. for his righteousness' sake, he is pleased with their penitent return to him, for the honour of his own veracity and equity.—McCulloch. God was delighted to bestow blessings on the guilty, in consideration of the righteousness of the Messiah. 22. a people robbed, &c. alludes to the deplorable state of the Jews under the reign of Ahaz, when this prophecy was delivered, 2 Chron. xxviii. 5, &c.—McCulloch. Or it seems to refer to what was to come under the Assyrians and Romans.—Jackson.

CHAP. XLIII.—The prophet here comforts the upright with the prospect of the future increase of the church. 2. waters—rivers—fires, denote troubles and calamities. 3. Egypt for thy ransom, &c. or ransom-money; Egypt, &c. were the Persians' reward for liberating the Jews from Babylon.

5. I will bring, &c. the conquests of Cyrus afforded the scattered Jews opportunities of returning from numerous countries.—Hend. Jenour refers this to the church in general, predicting its enlargement by Gentile converts. 8. The blind, &c. the Jews mixed up with the heathen.—Hend. The Gentiles, who are here invited to prove the divinity of their idols.—G. Holden. 10. Ye are my witnesses, i. e. the Jews. servant, Christ himself witnesses against idolatry: see Mar. xii. 29 &c.—Hend. Ye, the Gentile nations, with the light of nature and conscience. my servant,

are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.

13 Yea, ^b before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall *let ^c it?

14 ^d Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their ^e nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.

15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

16 Thus saith the LORD, which ^f maketh a way in the sea, and a ^g path in the mighty waters;

17 Which ^h bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

18 ⁱ Remember ^j ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a ^k new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? ^l I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

19 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the fowls; because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

20 This ^m people have I formed for myself: they shall shew forth my praise.

21 ⁿ But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou ^o hast been weary of me, O Israel.

22 Thou ^p hast not brought me the ^q small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.

23 Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou ^r filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices; but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.

24 I, even I, am he that ^s blottereth out thy transgressions ^t for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

25 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

26 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy ^u teachers have transgressed against me.

27 Therefore ^v I have profaned the ^w princes of the sanctuary, ^x and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

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a Je. 30. 10.

b Ps. 90. 2.

c Job. 8. 58.

d turn it

back?

e Job 4. 12.

f De. 32. 15.

g Joel 2. 28.

h Job. 7. 38.

i Ac. 2. 18.

j bars.

k Ps. 77. 19.

l Jos. 3. 13. 16.

m Ex. 14. 1. 9.

n 25.

o Je. 16. 14.

p 23. 7.

q Re. 1. 8. 17.

r 22. 13.

s 2 Co. 5. 17.

t Re. 21. 5.

u Ex. 17. 6.

v Nu. 20. 11.

w De. 8. 15.

x daughters

of the owl,

y ostriches

n Ps. 102. 15.

o Lu. 1. 74. 75.

p Ep. 1. 5. 6.

q De. 4. 35. 39.

r 32. 38.

s 1 Sa. 2. 2.

t 2 Sa. 22. 32.

u § rock.

v De. 32. 4.

w Mal. 1. 12.

x § desirable.

y Am. 5. 25.

z Ps. 134. 4. &c.

a lambs, or,

b kids.

c Hab. 2. 18.

d made me

drunk, or,

e abundantly

moistened.

f Mal. 2. 17.

g Je. 10. 3. &c.

h or, an ax.

i Ac. 3. 19.

j Eze. 36. 22.

k &c.

l Je. 31. 34.

m § interpret-

ers.

n Mal. 2. 7. 8.

o La. 2. 26. 7.

p or, holy

princes.

q Ps. 79. 4.

r Da. 9. 11.

CHAP. XLIV.

YET now hear, ^a O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:

2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, ^b Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

3 For I will ^c pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

4 And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

5 One shall say, I am the LORD's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel.

6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; ^d I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.

8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, ^e there is no God; I know none any.

9 ^f They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their ^g detectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; ^h they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

10 Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image ⁱ that is profitable for nothing?

11 Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.

12 The ^j smith with ^k the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint.

13 The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.

14 He heweth him down cedars, and

i. e. Israel.—*McCuilloch*. 13. before the day, before day and night were appointed.—*McCuilloch* from the first day of creation, Gen. i. 5.—*Hend.* 14. whose cry is in the ships. 'exulting in their ships.'—*Leath.* 'in their joyous vessels.'—*Hend.* 'whose shout of joy is in the ships.'—*Leath.* Those ships were assembly on the Euphrates.—*Herodotus, Strabo*. 16. 17. maketh a way in the sea, &c. alludes to the destruction of the Egyptians in the Red sea. 18. Remember ye not the former things, for what I will now do shall eclipse these: may allude to deliverance from Babylon.—to future conversion.—to future restoration.—but uncertain which.—*G. Holden*. 23. neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices, &c. *Thp. Leath* lays the emphasis on me. The Jews had indeed offered sacrifices, but God was not honoured by the manner in which they made their offering: see *Jenour*. not caused thee to serve, &c. *Scott* considers this as most applicable to the Jews during the current ages. 24. sweet cane, this was an article of traffic from a distance: Jer. vi. 20. made me to serve,

'burdened me.' 25. mine own sake, i. e. motives derived from my own nature. 26. Put, &c. *Jenour* calls his people to remind him of any righteous acts they had done. 27. first father, chief father, i. e. the high-priest. 28. profaned, 'desecrated.' 'princes, rulers.'

CHAP. XLIV.—1. Yet now, &c. alternate threatenings and reviving assurances mark this prophecy. 2. the womb, Egypt;—their birth.—the exodus. *Jesurun*, 'the Upright or Holy One.' The Jewish people, set apart for God's service: Deut. xxxii. 15; see note there. 3, 4. For I will pour, &c. figures denoting luxuriance and abundance. Prophetic of the number of converts on the effusion of the Spirit.—*G. Holden*. 5. subscribe, &c. 'shall inscribe his hand to Jehovah;' notify by a mark there whom he serves, alluding to marking or staining the bodies of slaves, soldiers, &c. 12. Fear, he is hungry, &c. a weak creature makes a god! the god he makes allows him to faint in his work! 14. He heweth, &c. there

taketh the cypress and the oak, which he ^a strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it.

15 Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.

16 He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:

17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god.

18 They ^a have not known nor understood: for ^b he hath ^c shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.

19 And none ^d considereth ^e in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to ^f the stock of a tree?

20 He feedeth on ashes: ^g a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

21 ^h Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

22 ⁱ I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for ^j I have redeemed thee.

23 Sing, ^k O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; ^l that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

25 That frustrateth the tokens ^m of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that

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^a 1 Co. 1. 20.

^b or, taketh courage.

^c Zec. 1. 6.

^d wastes.

^e Je. 51. 32, 36.

^f 2 Ch. 36. 22.

^g Ezr. 1. 1, &c.

^h or, strengthened.

ⁱ ch. 41. 2.

^j Da. 5. 30.

^k ch. 45. 20.

^l 2 Th. 2. 11.

^m daubed.

ⁿ setteth to his heart.

^o ch. 46. 8.

^p Ps. 107. 16.

^q Ex. 33. 12, 17.

^r that which comes of.

^s Ho. 4. 12.

^t Ro. 1. 21.

^u 2 Th. 2. 11.

^v 1 Th. 4. 5.

^w ch. 44. 8.

^x 46. 9.

^y De. 4. 35, 39.

^z 32. 39.

^a Ps. 18. 32, 39.

^b Ps. 102. 15.

^c Mal. 1. 11.

^d Ac. 3. 19.

^e Ro. 3. 24. .26.

^f Jno. 1. 1.

^g He. 1. 8, 9.

^h 1 Co. 6. 20.

ⁱ 1 Pe. 1. 18, 19.

^j 2 Co. 4. 6.

^k Ps. 69. 34.

^l 96. 11, 12.

^m Je. 51. 48.

ⁿ Re. 18. 20.

^o Am. 3. 6.

^p Ps. 72. 3.

^q 85. 11.

^r ch. 64. 8.

^s Job 9. 8.

^t Ps. 104. 2.

^u ch. 29. 16.

^v Je. 18. 6.

^w Ro. 9. 20.

^x Je. 50. 36.

turneth wise men backward, ^a and maketh their knowledge foolish;

26 That ^b confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the ^c decayed places thereof:

27 That ^d saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:

28 That saith of Cyrus, *He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.*

CHAP. XLV.

THUS saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, ^a to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: ^b I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which ^c I call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast ^d not known me.

5 ^e *I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:*

6 That ^f they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. *I am the LORD, and there is none else.*

7 ^g *I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and ^h create evil: I the LORD do all these things.*

8 Drop ⁱ down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; ^j I the LORD have created it.

9 Woe unto him that striveth with ^k his Maker! *Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?*

was nothing supernatural in the materials. 18. he

hath shut their eyes, 'their eyes are closed up.'—

Louth. 'plastered over.'—Hend. 19. none

considereth, want of consideration is one great cause of

idolatry. 20. on ashes, proverbial for bestowing

labour to no purpose. a lie in my right hand, Is not

the idol my hand has fashioned, a false and empty

vanity? 21. Remember, &c. addressed to the captive

Jews, to remind them of the contrast between

them and idolaters. 22, 23. I have blotted, &c.

announcing pardon for the sins which procured

their captivity. as a thick cloud, which is yet soon

dissipated by sun and wind. 23. Sing, &c. an

apostrophe to all creation, angels above, and men

below, to praise God for his wonderful mercies, of

which deliverance from Babylon was but a shadow.

—Louth. 25. tokens of the liars, 'signs of the

impostors.'—Booth. or omens, such as the flight of

birds, appearances in the heavens, by which the

pagans pretended to foretell lucky or unlucky events,

&c. 27. That saith to the deep, refers to the man-

ner in which Babylon was taken, by turning the

Cyrus, specified here by name long before he was born. shepherd, to conduct God's sheep into their own pastures in Canaan.

CHAP. XLV.—1. his anointed, endowed by Jehovah for his special work. It alludes to the ancient rite, Judg. x. 8; 1 Sam. ix. 16, &c. loose, 'ungird,' deprive of power and dignity. gates shall not be shut, on the night of Cyrus's attack the gates leading to the river were left open, as were those to the palace. 3. give thee the treasures, &c. Cyrus had the immense riches of Babylon, and those of Cressus, king of Lydia, whom he subdued, amounting in value to 126,224,000*l.* sterling. 6. and from the west, 'and at his setting.' 7. I form the light—darkness, &c. in the time of Cyrus the great principle of the Magian religion prevailed in Persia, asserting that two opposite supremes ruled the world; but the prophet asserts that God rules both good and evil, i. e. prosperity and adversity. 8. Drop, &c. under the images of dew and rain, the prophet describes the fruits of salvation and righteousness. 9.—12. Woe, &c. an expostulation terminating in unanswerable arguments for acquiescence in the arrangements

10 Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begetteth thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my ^a sons, and concerning ^e the work of my hands command ye me.

12 I have made the earth, and ^e created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and ^a all their host have I commanded.

13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will [†] direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, [†] not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

14 Thus saith the LORD, [†] The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; [†] in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, [†] Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God.

15 Verily thou art a God [†] that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.

16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.

17 But [†] Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: *I am the LORD; and there is none else.*

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: [†] I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

20 [†] Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: [†] they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me.

22 Look [†] unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for *I am* God, and *there is* none else.

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^a Ge. 22. 16.

He. 6. 13.

^b Ro. 14. 11.

Phi. 2. 10.

^c Ge. 31. 53.

De. 6. 13.

^d Ps. 63. 11.^e Je. 31. 9.[†] or, Surely[†] he shall say[†] of me. In[†] the LORD[†] is all right-[†] eousness[†] and[†] strength.[†] Is. 29. 23.[†] righteousnesses.[†] Je. 23. 5.[†] 1 Co. 1. 30.[†] 31.[†] Ge. 1. 26, 27.[†] Ge. 2. 1.[†] or, make[†] straight.[†] ch. 52. 3.[†] Ro. 3. 24.[†] Je. 10. 5.[†] Ps. 68. 31.[†] 72. 10, 11.[†] Zec. 8. 22, 23.[†] Je. 48. 7.[†] their soul.[†] Ps. 149. 8.[†] ch. 63. 9.[†] Ex. 19. 4.[†] De. 1. 31.[†] 32. 11.[†] Ps. 71. 6.[†] 1 Co. 14. 25.[†] Ps. 102. 27.[†] Mal. 3. 6.[†] Ps. 48. 14.[†] 71. 18.[†] ch. 8. 17.[†] 57. 17.[†] Ro. 11. 26.[†] De. 32. 7.[†] Ps. 19. 8.[†] Ro. 1. 22, 23.[†] Ps. 33. 11.[†] Pr. 19. 21.[†] 21. 30.[†] Ac. 5. 39.[†] He. 6. 17.[†] of my[†] counsel.[†] Nu. 23. 19.[†] Ps. 76. 5.[†] Ro. 10. 3.[†] Ro. 1. 17.[†] 3. 21.[†] Ps. 22. 27.[†] 65. 5.[†] Hab. 2. 3.

23 I ^a have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every ^b knee shall bow, ^c every tongue shall swear.

24 [†] Surely, shall *one* say, in the LORD have I [†] righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

CHAP. XLVI.

BEL boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages were heavy laden; [†] they are a burden to the weary beast.

2 They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, [†] but [†] themselves are gone into captivity.

3 [†] Harken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, [†] which are borne *by* me from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

4 And *even* to your old age [†] I am he; and *even* to hoar hairs [†] will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

5 [†] To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship.

7 They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, *one* shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

8 Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors.

9 Remember [†] the former things of old: for I am God, and *there is* none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none like me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not yet done, saying, [†] My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man [†] that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, [†] I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

12 [†] Harken unto me, ye ^b stouthearted, [†] that are far from righteousness:

13 I [†] ^a bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall [†] not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

of Providence. 13. raised him, i.e. Cyrus. 14. the labour of Egypt, &c. partly fulfilled by the Jews in their return receiving proselytes from all nations, and more fully by the conversion of the Gentiles.— 2. Holden. in chains, denotes figuratively, submission as worshippers of Jehovah. 15. hidest thyself, whose counsels are secret and unsearchable. 16. They shall be ashamed, idolatry declined from the conquest of Babylon, and disappeared from the best portions of Asia, Africa, and Europe.—Hend. 19. not spoken in secret, like the heathen obscure oracles, in a dark place, as they were in a hollow voice from some deep cavern. I said not—Seek ye me in vain, the fictitious gods, whose votaries sought in vain their assistance. righteousness, or truth. 20. Assemble, &c. addressed to the idolaters scattered in the east. 23. unto me every knee, &c. bowing the knee

expresses submission, and this foretells the universal homage which Christ shall receive. swear, as subjects take an oath of allegiance. 24, 25. Surely, &c. here is a primary and direct reference to the Messiah: see Rom. xiv. 11, and Phil. ii. 10, 11. glory, see 1 Cor. i. 27.

CHAP. XLVI.—1. Bel—Nebo, Babylonian idols. their idols were upon the beasts, &c. carried away on account of their gold and silver on beasts of burden groaning beneath their weight. 9. former things, God's ancient miracles. 11. Calling, &c. Calling from the east the eagle.—Louth. Cyrus, so called from his rapid and astounding conquests: Cyrus also first introduced the eagle as a military ensign. 12. ye stouthearted, unbelievers who never thought this deliverance would come; but the more wonderful deliverance by Christ is also here intended.

CHAP. XLVII.

COME down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: *there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.*

2 Take *the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.*

3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: *d I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.*

4 *As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.*

5 Sit thou *silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.*

6 *I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.*

7 *And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.*

8 Therefore hear now this, *thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:*

9 But these two things shall come to thee *in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.*

10 *For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.*

11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.

12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.

13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now *the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.*

14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: *there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.*

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a Re. 18. 11.

b Ex. 11. 5.

c Ju. 16. 21.

d Mat. 24. 41.

e Ps. 68. 26.

f Ro. 12. 19.

g ch. 65. 16.

h De. 6. 13.

i Zep. 1. 5.

j Je. 4. 2.

k 5. 2.

l ch. 52. 1.

m Mi. 3. 11.

n Ro. 2. 17.

o i Sa. 2. 9.

p Da. 2. 37.

q 2 Sa. 24. 14.

r 2 Ch. 28. 9.

s Zec. 1. 15.

t Jos. 21. 45.

u hard.

v Ex. 32. 9.

w De. 31. 27.

x De. 28. 50.

y Re. 18. 7.

z De. 32. 29.

aa Zep. 2. 15.

ab Re. 18. 7.

ac Th. 5. 3.

ad Na. 3. 4.

ae Ps. 52. 7.

af ch. 29. 15.

ag Eze. 8. 12.

ah 9. 9.

ai Ps. 58. 3.

aj or, caused thee to turn away.

ak Ps. 79. 9.

al 106. 8.

am Eze. 20. 9.

an 14, 22, 44.

ao the morning thereof.

ap or, for.

aq Eze. 22. 20.

ar 22.

as expiate.

at De. 32. 26, 27.

au Eze. 20. 9.

av Mat. 20. 16.

aw Ro. 1. 6.

ax 1 Pe. 2. 9.

ay Ro. 1. 17.

az 22. 13.

ba Ps. 102. 25.

bb Da. 2. 2.

bc viewers of the heavens

bd or, the palm of my right hand hath spread out.

be that give knowledge concerning the months.

bf Na. 1. 10.

bg Mai. 4. 1.

bh their souls.

15 Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, *even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.*

CHAP. XLVIII.

HEAR ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.

2 For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is his name.

3 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.

4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;

5 I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldst say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.

6 Thou hast heard, see all this: and will not ye declare it? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.

7 They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldst say, Behold, I knew them.

8 Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb.

9 For *my name's sake* will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.

10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

11 For mine own sake, *even for mine own sake*, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

12 Harken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, *my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.*

13 Mine *hand* also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and *my right hand* hath spanned the heavens: *when I call unto them, they stand up together.*

14 All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these things? The LORD hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans.

15 I, *even I*, have spoken; yea, I have

CHAP. XLVII. — 1. virgin, so the orientals call unconquered cities. 2. Take the millstones, &c. do the work of slaves. make bare, &c. go barefooted, as do the lowest menials of the east. 3. not—as a man, but as becomes the power of God, whom none can resist.

CHAP. XLVIII. reproves the Jews for formality and idolatry. 1. out of the waters, from the fountain, i. e. of the race and progeny.—G. Holden. 2. of the holy city, boast that they are citizens of Jerusalem. 7. created now, the announcement was a creation of knowledge as real as that of matter, Gen. i. 1.; the things themselves had no existence in the time of the prophet.—Hend. 8. thou heardest not,

&c. this verse describes the disinclination of the Jews to attend to the Divine communications. 9. For my name's sake, it would have derogated from the character of Jehovah in the eyes of the heathen, had he abandoned his people to utter destruction. 10. not with, rather, not as, silver, which requires a high degree of heat to purify it—his people had not received the full measure of justice. chosen, proved. 11. for how should my name be polluted, &c. for how else would my name be profaned? i. e. were I not to deliver my people from the hand of their enemies, how would they triumph!—Jenour. 14. loved him, that is Cyrus, who is the antecedent understood. He was highly favoured in being so

called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

16 ^a Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there ^{am} I: and now ^b the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I ^{am} the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, ^c which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

18 ^d Of that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! ^e then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

19 Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

20 ^f Go ^g ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it ^{even} to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath ^h redeemed his servant Jacob.

21 And they thirsted not ⁱ when he led them through the deserts: he ^j caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

22 ^k There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

CHAP. XLIX.

LISTEN, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far: ^a The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

2 And he hath made ^b my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me ^c a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

3 And said unto me, ^d Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

4 Then ^e I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: ^f yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my ^g work with my God.

5 ^h And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb ⁱ to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, ^j Though Israel ^k be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

6 And he said, ^l It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up

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^a or, desolations.^b Lu. 2. 32.^c Ac. 13. 47.^d 26. 18.^e Zec. 2. 8, 9.^f 11.^g ch. 53. 3.^h Mat. 26. 67.ⁱ or, that is despised in soul.^j Ps. 72. 10, 11.^k Ps. 32. 8.^l De. 32. 29.^m 2 Co. 6. 2.ⁿ Ps. 119. 165.^o Ho. 1. 10.^p or, raise up^q Zec. 9. 12.^r Re. 18. 4.^s Re. 7. 16.^t Ex. 19. 4. 6.^u Ps. 121. 6.^v Ps. 23. 2.^w Ex. 17. 6.^x Nu. 20. 11.^y ch. 40. 4.^z Lu. 1. 15, 31.^a Jno. 10. 36.^b Ga. 1. 15.^c He. 4. 12.^d Re. 1. 16.^e Ps. 45. 5.^f Mal. 3. 17.^g Mat. 7. 11.^h from having.ⁱ Zec. 3. 8.^j Jno. 17. 1, 4.^k Phi. 2. 6, 11.^l Jno. 13. 31.^m 15. 8.ⁿ Ep. 1. 6.^o Ro. 11. 29.^p Eze. 3. 19.^q Ex. 13. 9.^r Ca. 8. 6.^s or, reward,^t ch. 62. 11.^u or, That^v Israel may be gathered to him, and I may, &c.^w Mat. 23. 37.^x or, Art^y thou lighter than^z that thou shouldest,^a &c.

the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the ^a preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a ^b light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

7 Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, ^c to him ^d whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, ^e d Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

8 Thus saith the LORD, ^f In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to ^g establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

9 That thou mayest say ^h to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

10 They shall not ⁱ hunger nor thirst; ^j neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them ^k shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

11 And ^l I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

12 Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

13 ^m Sing, O heavens: and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

14 But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

15 Can ⁿ a woman forget her sucking child, ^o that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, ^p yet will I not forget thee.

16 Behold, ^q I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

17 Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.

18 ^r Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth.

ected as God's instrument in effecting the deliverance of his people.—*Jenour*: so *Henderson*: but *Davidson* thinks it may mean the Messiah. 16. Come, &c. some apply this to Isaiah; but it is more applicable to the Messiah, as the Angel of Jehovah, who received a special commission to interpose for captive Israel, and the Holy Spirit was sent to reveal the event by the prophet.—*Davidson*, *Hend.* 18. then had thy peace, &c. they would have enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity perpetual as the flowing river. righteousness as the waves, great and abundant. 21. they thirsted not, &c. this prediction was fulfilled to Ezra and about fifty thousand people that accompanied him from Babylon unto the land of Israel. 22. There is no peace, &c. a denunciation against those who would continue in unbelief.

CHAP. XLIX.—1. me, some say Isaiah is meant, some Cyrus; but a vast number the Messiah, who is calling on the Gentile world to attend to his gracious message. 2. mouth, word, Heb. iv. 12, &c. sword, &c. sword and arrow were the chief weapons of the ancients, and emblems of persuasive speech among all nations. 3. O Israel, Christ himself, he being of the stock of Israel. 4. laboured in vain, declares prophetically the fruitlessness of his ministry among

the Jews.—*Jenour*. 5. Though Israel, &c. 'and that Israel may be gathered, therefore,' &c.—*Boothr.* &c. 7—10. Thus saith, &c. describe Christ's humiliation, exaltation, and administration. servant, 'subject' see Mat. xvii. 24, 25; xxiii. 2. 8. acceptable time, period of the new dispensation. for a covenant, 'for a covenant-ratifier.' The whole paragraph must regard the conversion of the Gentiles.—*Boothr.* 10. not hunger, &c. have abundance of spiritual provision. the heat, &c. this is intense in warm climates, and shepherds lead their flocks to some shady place for shelter. It means here, protection from impending dangers and calamities. 11. mountains a way, remove every obstacle. 12. Sinim, some think China, but it is all conjecture. 14. But Zion said, &c. *Henderson* thinks the prophet reverts to the captivity. 16. upon the palms, alludes to the custom of marking objects on the hand. Pilgrims to Jerusalem still have their hands punctured and marked with some object they wish to remember, in a similar way to the marks our sailors often make on their arms, &c. 17. Thy children, &c. *Boothr.* after *Louth* has—

'Thy destroyers shall soon be thy builders, And they that wasted thee, thine offspring.'

19 For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, ^a shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

20 The children which thou shalt have, ^d after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where *had* they been?

22 Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in *their* arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.

23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with *their* face toward the earth, and ⁱ lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for ^m they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

24 ^p Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh ^q shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

CHAP. L.

THUS saith the LORD, Where is ^b the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

2 Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? ^k when I called, was there none to answer? ⁱ Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, ^k at my rebuke I ^m dry up the sea, I make the ⁿ rivers a wilderness: ^p their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.

3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

4 The Lord God hath given me the

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^a ch. 54. 1, 2.

^b Mat. 11. 28.

^c Ps. 10. 6, 8.

^d Ro. 11. 11, &c.

^e Mat. 26. 39.

^f Jno. 14. 31.

^g Phi. 2. 8.

^h He. 10. 5, &c.

ⁱ Mat. 26. 67.

^j Jno. 18. 22.

^k La. 3. 30.

^l Eze. 3. 8, 9.

^m Ro. 8. 32, 34.

ⁿ bosom.

^o the master of my cause.

^p nourishers.

^q Job 13. 28.

^r Ps. 102. 26.

^s princesses.

^t Ps. 72. 9.

^u Ro. 5. 5.

^v Ps. 23. 4.

^w 2 Ch. 20. 20.

^x Ps. 20. 7.

^y Lu. 11. 21.

^z captivity of the just.

^{aa} captivity.

^{ab} Jno. 9. 39.

^{ac} Ps. 16. 4.

^{ad} ch. 9. 20.

^{ae} Ro. 9. 30, 32.

^{af} or, new wine.

^{ag} Ps. 9. 16.

^{ah} Ro. 4. 1, 16.

^{ai} He. 11. 11, 12.

^{aj} Ge. 12. 1, 2.

^{ak} Ge. 24. 1, 35.

^{al} Je. 3. 8.

^{am} Ho. 2. 2.

^{an} Ps. 102. 13.

^{ao} d. Mar. 18. 25.

^{ap} Ge. 13. 10.

^{aq} Joel 2. 3.

^{ar} ch. 52. 3.

^{as} ch. 2. 3.

^{at} Pr. 1. 24.

^{au} Je. 7. 13.

^{av} 35. 15.

^{aw} Nu. 11. 23.

^{ax} k. Ps. 106. 9.

^{ay} Na. 1. 4.

^{az} Ro. 1. 16.

^{ba} Ex. 14. 21.

^{bb} Jos. 3. 16.

^{bc} Ps. 67. 4.

^{bd} 98. 9.

^{be} Ex. 7. 18, 21.

^{bf} Mar. 24. 35.

^{bg} 2Pe. 3. 10, 12.

tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him* that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

5 ^h The Lord God ^h hath opened mine ear, and I was not ^h rebellious, neither turned away back.

6 I gave my back to the smiters, and ^h my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

7 ^h For the Lord God will help me, therefore shall I not be confounded: there fore have ^h I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8 ^h He ^h is near that justifieth me: who will contend with me? let us stand together who is ^h mine adversary? let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord God will help me, who is he that shall condemn me? ^h lo they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

10 ^h Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that ^h walketh in darkness, and hath no light? ^h let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks, walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. ^h This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down ^h in sorrow.

CHAP. LI.

HEarken to me, ^h ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD, look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged: 2 Look ^h unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bore you: ^h for I called him alone, and ^h blessed him, and increased him.

3 For the LORD ^h shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert ^h like the garden of the LORD: joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

4 ^h Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: ^h for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light unto the people.

5 My ^h righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, ^h and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for ^h the heavens shall vanish away like smoke,

19, 20. *be too narrow*, &c. literally fulfilled after the captivity. The large increase of the church is here predicted. 22. *Behold*, &c. when Jerusalem was destroyed, the church of God seemed annihilated; but here it is to be replenished from the Gentiles. *sons in their arms*, describes the church of Christ in its tenderness towards young converts.—*Mc-Culloch*. Henderson interprets this, that the nations and their rulers should promote the restoration of the Jews to their own land. He renders *arms*, 'bosom,' i.e. bosom of the garment, in which aperture easterns carry young children: they also bear them astride on the shoulders. 23. *lick up*, &c. figurative, to denote submission and adoration. 26. *feed—with their own flesh*, a strong figurative expression, denoting internal contests and wars.

CHAP. L.—1. *divorcement—creditors*, two meta-

phors used, first from matrimony, secondly from commerce. God's covenant with the Jews is often represented as a marriage. *for your iniquities*, and not for trifling causes, they were put away. 4. *the tongue*, &c. Messiah was fully qualified to instruct and console. 5. *not rebellious*, &c. the Messiah willingly executed his commission. 10. *stay upon his God*, in all afflictions and persecutions. 11. *that kindle*, &c. these figures express the devices by which the Jews vainly endeavoured to comfort themselves. *lie down in sorrow*, having a long dark night of trouble.

CHAP. LI.—1. *unto the rock*, &c. consider your ancestors, my dealings with them. *Mc-Culloch* takes the chapter as primarily referring to the return from captivity, but having a spiritual import. 6. *Lift*, &c. Jehovah contrasts with all perishable creation the

and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but ^a my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

7 ^a Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people ^c in whose heart is my law; ^e fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

9 ^a Awake, ^e awake, ^b put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. *Art* thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the ^d dragon?

10 *Art* thou not it which hath ^d dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and ^e everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

12 I, even I, am he ^a that comforteth you: who *art* thou, that thou shouldst be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made *as* grass;

13 And whighest the LORD thy maker, that hath ^e stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hath reared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he ^e were ready to destroy? ^e and where is the fury of the oppressor?

14 The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, ^e and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

15 But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: the LORD of hosts is his name.

16 And ^a I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

17 ^a Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which ^a hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; ^a thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.

18 There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by

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^a Jno. 3. 15, 16

5. 24.

10. 27. 30.

2 Th. 2. 16.

He. 5. 9.

9. 12, 15.

^a happened.[†] breaking.[†] Am. 7. 2.[†] Ps. 37. 31.[†] La. 2. 11, 12.[†] Mat. 10. 28.[†] Ac. 5. 41.[†] Je. 50. 34.[†] Ps. 44. 23.[†] Ps. 93. 1.[†] Re. 11. 17.[†] Ps. 74. 13, 14.[†] Eze. 29. 3.[†] Je. 25. 17, 26.[†] Ex. 14. 21.[†] ch. 35. 10.[†] 2 Co. 4. 17, 18.[†] Jude 24.[†] Mt. 11. 1.[†] Mat. 4. 5.[†] Re. 21. 2.[†] 2 Co. 1. 3.[†] Re. 21. 27.[†] 1 Pe. 1. 24.[†] ch. 40. 22.

42. 5.

44. 21.

Job 9. 8.

Ps. 104. 2.

[†] or, made himself ready.[†] Job 20. 7.[†] Ge. 46. 6.[†] Ac. 7. 14.[†] Zec. 9. 11.[†] Job 26. 12.[†] Je. 31. 35.[†] Ro. 2. 24.[†] ch. 59. 21.[†] De. 18. 18.[†] Jno. 3. 34.[†] Na. 1. 15.[†] Ro. 10. 15.[†] Job 21. 20.[†] Je. 25. 15, 16.[†] a De. 28. 28, 31.[†] Ps. 60. 3.[†] 75. 8.[†] Eze. 23. 32.[†] 34.[†] Zec. 12. 2.[†] Re. 14. 10.[†] b Ps. 93. 1.[†] 96. 10.

the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up.

19 These two things ^a are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: ^b by whom shall I comfort thee?

20 Thy ^a sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God.

21 ^a Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine:

22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God ^a that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

23 But ^a I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

CHAP. LII.

AWAKE, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, ^a the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised ^a and the unclean.

2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

4 For thus saith the LORD GOD, My people went down aforetime into ^a Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day ^a is blasphemed.

6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore ^a they shall know in that day that I am he that do speak: behold, it is I.

7 ^a How ^a beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, ^a Thy God reigneth!

8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

probability of gospel blessings. 7. Hearken, &c. the Jews in Babylon are here encouraged against scoffers. *Hend.* 9. *Rahab*, the poetical name for Egypt, crocodile. 10. *sea*, i. e. Red sea. 11. *therefore*, &c. the same power should be exerted to deliver God's people in every age. 11. *capture exile*, ending prisoner, probably in allusion to the putting a prisoner into the five-holed wooden machine, with held the body bent; head, hands, and feet being set in it.—*Hend.* 16. *put my words*, &c. imparted thee my truths, commands, promises, and threatenings. *covered thee*, &c. expresses perfect security, as a shadow protects from heat. *plant*, firmly fix, in sense being that of firmly fixing into the ground pegs to which the cords of a tent are fastened. *my words denote* a change equivalent to a new nation. 17. *Awake*, &c. some confine this to deliverance from Babylon; others view it as a prophecy the future conversion of the unbelieving Jews, interpreting in the preceding verse, 'heavens,' as ministers of religion, 'earth,' the people; both forming the Christian church. *cup of trembling*, or of mortal poison, alluding to the custom of causing criminals sentenced to die, to drink poison. 23. *Ben down*, &c. alluding to the degrading manner in which eastern monarchs treat their captives.

CHAP. LII.—1. *Awake*, &c. restoration from Babylon continued.—*Hend.* *Danishon* refers it to the era of our Lord and his apostles, extending it to the entire period of Messiah's reign. 2. *in morning*, rather, 'sit on high,' the position of state. 3. *know my name*, &c. practically and experimentally acquainted with the Divine character. 7. *How beautiful upon*, &c. messengers sent over the mountains announce deliverance to Judea; the watchmen on the ruinous walls repeat the news. The apostle Paul quotes the passage to illustrate his statements relative to the first preachers of the gospel, Rom. x. 15. 8. *shall see eye to eye*, 'with their own eyes shall they see that Jehovah restoreth Zion.'—*Bosch.* Dr. Hen-

9 ¶ Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

11 ¶ Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her: be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your reward.

13 ¶ Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

14 As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

CHAP. LIII.

WHOM hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 ¶ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Henderson interprets the expression, 'eye to eye,' as an indication of joy, reading with pleasure each other's eyes, and not mere unanimity of opinion, as generally understood. 10. *bare his arm*—arm, so some eastern warriors are said to prepare for battle. The arm is an emblem of power. 11. *Depart, &c.* from polluted Babylon: so *Hend.*; from polluted Jerusalem, say others: Acts ii. 40. *vessels*, the sacred vessels, Ezra i. 7, &c. It may mean the family of Levi, or their antitypes, apostles, prophets, teachers, followers of Christ: see 1 Pet. ii. 9; 1 Cor. xii. 26, 27. 13. *Behold, my servant, &c.* Henderson views this as a sudden transition from Cyrus's deliverance to that of the Messiah. *deal prudently*, 'prosper.' 15. *sprinkle*, means, the Messiah shall extend to many nations the purifying efficacy of his blood. *shut, &c.* signifies respectful silence. *see*, signifies to perceive mentally, and refers to gospel blessings.

CHAP. LIII.—1. *report*, concerning the Messiah. *arm*, power. *revealed*, uncovered, as the arm from the loose dress of the east, when lifted for action. It means, Who observes that God is about to exert the arm of his power?—*Paxton*. 2. *before him*, 'before them,' i. e. the Jews.—*Hend.* *tender plant*, 'sucker,' a solitary sprout from a cut-down root, descriptive of the reduced and obscure condition of David's family. *nor comeliness*, 'nor splendour,' alluding to the regal pomp of monarchs. 5. *chastisement of our peace*, 'punishment with a view to our peace.' 6. *like sheep*, &c. a figure teaching the folly, diversity, universality, and guilt, of sin. *hath laid on him*, or, 'caused to rush on him the iniquity,' &c. While speaking of strayed sheep, exposed to the fury of the wild beast,

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* made the iniquity of us all to meet on him.

a Mat. 26. 63.

b Ac. 8. 32.

c Lu. 3. 6.

d 2 Co. 6. 17.

† or, away

by distress

and judgment: but

who, &c.

e Mi. 2. 13.

f the stroke

upon him.

g Ex. 14. 19.

§ gather you

up.

h Mat. 27. 57.

i deaths.

* or, prosper.

ch. 53. 10.

k Phi. 2. 9.

l 1 Jno. 3. 5.

m Ps. 22. 6, 7.

n or, his soul

shall make.

o 2 Co. 5. 21.

p Ro. 6. 9.

q Ep. 3. 5, 9.

r Jno. 17. 3.

s Ro. 5. 18, 19.

t Phi. 2. 9.

u Jno. 12. 38.

v hearing, or,

doctrine.

w 1 Co. 1. 18.

x Mar. 15. 28.

y Mar. 9. 12.

z Ro. 8. 34.

aa He. 4. 15.

§ as an hid-

ing of faces

from him,

or, from us,

or, he hid

as it were

his face

from us.

|| or, tor-

mented.

* bruise.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: as he brought as a lamb to the slaughter, as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death: because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 ¶ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: who thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify man; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and was numbered with the transgressors, and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

CHAP. LIV.

SING, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.

2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed

the prophet describes the Shepherd as intervening to save the wanderers, and enduring the furious attack comp. Zech. xiii. 7: Mat. xxvi. 31, &c. 7. *He was oppressed, and he was afflicted*, 'It was exacted, as he was made answerable,' as the surety is for a debtor: so *Lowth*, *Boothy*, &c. Henderson disputes the translation: he has, 'He was severely afflicted yet he submitted himself.' 8. *from prison as from judgment*, from short confinement, and a mortal trial.—*G. Holden*, his generation, his eternal generation, say some. Henderson supports a more intelligible meaning on philological grounds: 'and to the men of his time, who can conceive of their i. e. their atrocious wickedness.' 11. *by his knowledge*, 'by the knowledge of himself.' 12. *will divide, &c.* a metaphor borrowed from ancient usage of rewarding conquerors with the spoils, who in the turn rewarded their followers. *because he has poured, &c.* a clear statement of the doctrine of atonement.

CHAP. LIV.—1. *Sing, O barren*, reverts to the Babylonish captivity, and gradually modifies it subject into the distant future. Henderson, contrast to some, says, 'It is not the state of the Gentile world that is here contrasted with the Jews, but the wretched condition of the latter contrasted with the happy state before their divorce at the captivity. The prophet had predicted the increase of the Jewish chap. xlix. 18—22: this he repeats with special reference to the spiritual church: comp. Acts xxi. 20. 2. *Enlarge, &c.* as the families increase, the ornaments enlarge their tents, and make their cords longer to which they are fastened to stakes in the ground, and

shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

5 For ^a thy Maker is thine husband; the ^b LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; ^c the God of the whole earth shall he be called.

6 For the LORD ^d hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

7 For ^e a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

9 For this ^f is as the waters of ^g Noah unto me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

10 For ^h the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; ⁱ but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

11 ^j O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with ^k fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

12 And I will make thy windows of gates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

13 And all thy children shall be ^l taught of the LORD; and ^m great shall be the peace of thy children.

14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; or thou shalt not fear: and from terror; or it shall not come near thee.

15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

17 ⁿ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of

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^a ch. 45. 24. 25.

¹ Co. 1. 30.

^{Phi.} 3. 9.

^b Jno. 4. 14.

⁷ 37.

^{Re.} 21. 6.

²² 17.

^c Mat. 13. 44.

⁴⁶.

^{Re.} 3. 18.

^d Je. 3. 14.

^e Lu. 1. 32.

^{* weigh.}

^f Zec. 14. 9.

^{Ro.} 3. 29.

^g ch. 62. 4.

^h Mat. 11. 28.

ⁱ Ps. 30. 5.

² Co. 4. 17.

^k Je. 32. 40.

^l 2Sa. 7. 8, &c.

^m Ac. 13. 34.

ⁿ Jno. 18. 37.

^{Re.} 1. 5.

^o Je. 30. 9.

^p Eze. 31. 23.

^{Ho.} 3. 5.

^{Da.} 9. 25.

^q Ep. 2. 11. 12.

^r Ge. 8. 21.

⁹ 11.

^s Je. 31. 35. 36.

^t ch. 60. 5.

^u Ac. 3. 13.

^v Mat. 5. 25.

^w Jno. 7. 34.

⁸ 21.

^x 2 Co. 6. 1. 2.

^y He. 3. 13.

^z Ps. 46. 2.

^{aa} Mat. 5. 18.

^{ab} Ps. 89. 33.

^{† men of iniquity.}

^y Zec. 8. 17.

^z Ps. 130. 7.

^{Je.} 3. 12.

^{‡ multiply to pardon.}

^a 1 Ch. 29. 2.

^{Re.} 21. 18.

^{&c.}

^b Ps. 103. 11.

^c Je. 31. 34.

^{Jno.} 6. 45.

¹ Co. 2. 10.

¹ Th. 4. 9.

¹ Jno. 2. 20.

^d Ps. 119. 165.

^e De. 32. 2.

^f ch. 65. 13. 14.

^g Ps. 96. 12.

^h 1 Ch. 16. 33.

the servants of the LORD, ^a and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

CHAP. LV.

HO, ^b every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; ^c come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Wherefore do ye ^d spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and ^e come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; ^f and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the ^g sure mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have given him ^h for ⁱ a witness to the people. ^j a leader and commander to the people.

5 Behold, ^k thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, ^l and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; ^m for he hath glorified thee.

6 ⁿ Seek ^o ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and let the ^p unrighteous man ^q his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, ^r and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will ^s abundantly pardon.

8 ^t For my thoughts ^u are not your thoughts, neither ^v are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For ^w as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For ^x as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

12 For ^y ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall ^z break forth before you into singing, and ^{aa} all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be

the stakes proportionably stronger. This predicts the enlargement of the church. 4. *shame of thy youth, servitude in Egypt. reproach of thy widowhood, captivity in Babylon.*—*Mc Culloch, Hend.* 5. *the whole earth, extending his love to Gentile, as well as Jew.* 6. *a wife of youth, when the affection may be expected to be strong.* 7. *a small moment, the captivity.* 8. *but with everlasting kindness, i.e. the gospel dispensation is here set in contrast with the world.* 9. *covenant of peace, i.e. the new covenant.* 11, 12. *thy stones, &c. general images to express beauty, magnificence, purity, strength, and glory.*—*Mc Ros.* xxi. 18—21.—*Lowth.* 16, 17. *Behold, I have created, &c.* Those who fabricate idols, and those who employ them, are equally in sin's hand. *their righteousness, i.e. the vindication of their cause.*

CHAP. LV.—1. *Ho, &c. descriptive of the spiritual blessings for the restored, especially under the Mes-*

siah. *waters—wine—milk, &c. describe the freedom, abundance, richness,—the pure, refreshing, and satisfactory nature of Gospel blessings.*—*Hend.* buy, 'procure.' 2. *not bread, cannot support the life of the soul.* 3. *the sure mercies, &c. the mercies promised to David, to flow through Christ, his Son according to the flesh:* Rom. i. 3.—*Jenour.* 4. *him, Christ.* witness, to testify saving truth, John xviii. 37, 38. *leader, or prince:* Acts iii. 15; Heb. ii. 10: leading as a general onward to victory. *commander, or preceptor, issuing his orders.* 5. *thou, i.e. the Messiah: though some say, the church, signifying alacrity.* 6. *Seek, &c. the Jews are urged to receive the Messiah.* 11. *So shall my word be, the Divine mandate to liberate the Jews, but may be applied to the Divine word universally.*—*Hend.* 12. *go out with joy, a glance at quoting B-hylon.* 13. *Instead of the thorn, &c. beautifully describes the change effected in the character and practices of the Gentiles.*

to the LORD ^a for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.

CHAP. LXI.

THUS saith the LORD, Keep ye [†] judgment, and do justice: ^c for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man *that* doeth this, and the son of man *that* layeth hold on it; ^c that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

3 [†] Neither let [§] the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree.

4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the *things* that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

5 Even unto them will I give in [†] mine house and within my walls a place ^k and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

7 Even them will I [†] bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: ^m their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall* be accepted upon mine altar; for ⁿ mine house shall be called an house of prayer ^o for all people.

8 The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, ^p Yet will I gather *others* to him, ^q beside those that are gathered unto him.

9 ^r All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, *yea*, all ye beasts in the forest.

10 His watchmen *are* ^s blind: they are all ignorant, they *are* all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; ^t sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 Yea, *they are* [†] greedy dogs *which* [§] can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

12 Come ye, *say they*, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; [†] and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

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^a Je. 13. 11.^{* men of kindness, or, godliness.}^{† or, equity.}^b 1 Ki. 14. 13.^c Mat. 3. 2.^d 4. 17.^e Ro. 13. 11.^{† or, that which is evil.}^{§ or, go in peace.}^{Lu. 2. 29.}^d 2 Ch. 16. 14.^{† or, before him.}^e ch. 58. 13.^f Mat. 16. 4.^g Ac. 8. 27.¹ Pe. 1. 1.^{* or, among the oaks.}^h Le. 18. 21.² Ki. 16. 3.ⁱ 1 Ti. 3. 15.^k Jno. 1. 12.¹ Jno. 3. 1.^l 1 Pe. 1. 1, 2.^{† or, hewed it for thyself larger than theirs.}^{† or, thou providedst room.}^m Ro. 12. 1.^{He. 13. 15.}^{§ or, respected the king.}ⁿ Lu. 19. 46.^o Mal. 1. 11.^p Jno. 10. 16.^{Ep. 1. 10.}^{2. 14. 16.}^{† to his gathered.}^r Je. 2. 25.^{* or, living.}^s Mat. 15. 14.^{† or, dreaming, or, talking in their sleep.}^{† strong of appetite.}^{§ know not to be satisfied.}^t Lu. 12. 19.

CHAP. LVII.

THE righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and ^{*} merciful men *are* taken away, ^b none considering that the righteous is taken away from [†] the evil to come.

2 He shall [§] enter into peace: they shall rest in ^d their beds, *each one* walking ^h in his uprightness.

3 [†] But draw near hither, ^f ye sons of the sorcerer, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.

4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? [†] *are ye* not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood,

5 Enflaming yourselves ^{*} with idols under every green tree, ^k slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks?

6 Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they *are* thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

7 Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice.

8 Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered *thyself* to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and [†] made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed: where thou savest it.

9 And thou [§] wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase *thyself* even unto hell.

10 Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; [†] yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the ^{*} life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.

11 And of whom hast thou been afraid, or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old and thou fearest me not?

12 I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.

13 [†] When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;

14 And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye

slaying, &c. sacrificing children to Moloch, Lev. xx. 2, &c. 6. smooth stones, consecrated to the honour of certain deities, and believed to be instinct with their presence. 7. set thy bed, as a strumpet destitute of shame. 8. Behind the doors, &c. the Romans had tutelary deities so placed, which they anointed on leaving or returning home. 9. king, probably means Baal, or some other heathen deity, with ointment, &c. as the courtesan, to attract her paramours. send thy messengers, &c. to idols celebrated in distant countries. 10. in the greatness, &c. or vanity of thy ways, i. e. in the various practices of idolatry. saidst thou not, &c. implies a desperate resolution to continue idolaters. found the life, or 'vigour,' of thine hand, their strength had not wholly failed on account of their enemies, and so they persisted in idolatry. 11. And of whom, &c. which of their idols could they regard as more powerful than Jehovah; but because he forbore to punish them sinned. 12. declare thy righteousness, show its utter worthlessness. 13. thy companies, 'thine associates.'—Lowth. Or paramours.—Davidson. 'The collection of thy gods.'—Hend. 'Them to whom thou

* CHAP. LXI.—1. Keep, &c. an exhortation to manifest dispositions suited to the coming dispensation. 2. the eunuch, such as had been excluded from the congregation, Deut. xxiii. 1. Under the gospel all such distinctions should cease. a dry tree, or incapable of bearing the fruit of righteousness. 5. a place—better, &c. may allude to the division of Canaan among the families and houses of Israel. 9. All ye beasts, &c. a sudden transition predicting judgments. beasts, &c. warriors. 10. His watchmen, &c. may signify the false prophets and priests. dumb, &c. will give no warning. 11. greedy, asking what they should get, not what they should do. shepherds, kings and princes, equally blind, selfish, and sensual. 12. fetch wine, &c. shows their voluptuousness.

CHAP. LVII.—1. The righteous perisheth, &c. they were unaffected by the removal of the pious. 2. into peace, at his death. beds, i. e. their tombs. each one walking, &c. such shall rest, as have pursued the straight-forward course. 3, 4. But draw, &c. a call to answer for their daring profligacy. the seed of the adulterer, &c. 'ye adulterous and impure seed.'—Jenour. whore, see Lev. xx. 6, note. 5.

up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, ^a whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, ^b with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16 For ^d I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls ^e which I have made.

17 For the iniquity of ^f his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on: frowardly in the way of his heart.

18 I have seen his ways, and ^g will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

19 I create ^h the fruit of the lips; Peace, ⁱ peace ^j to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.

20 But ^k the wicked ^l are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

CHAP. LVIII.

CRY ^a aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God; they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

3 ^b Wherefore ^c have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? ^d wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your ^e labours.

4 Behold, ^f ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ^g ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

5 Is it ^h such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? ⁱ is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes ^j under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, ^k to undo the ^l heavy burdens, and to let the ^m oppressed go free, and that ye break every ⁿ ^o ^p ^q ^r ^s ^t ^u ^v ^w ^x ^y ^z ^{aa} ^{ab} ^{ac} ^{ad} ^{ae} ^{af} ^{ag} ^{ah} ^{ai} ^{aj} ^{ak} ^{al} ^{am} ^{an} ^{ao} ^{ap} ^{aq} ^{ar} ^{as} ^{at} ^{au} ^{av} ^{aw} ^{ax} ^{ay} ^{az} ^{ba} ^{bb} ^{bc} ^{bd} ^{be} ^{bf} ^{bg} ^{bh} ^{bi} ^{bj} ^{bk} ^{bl} ^{bm} ^{bn} ^{bo} ^{bp} ^{bq} ^{br} ^{bs} ^{bt} ^{bu} ^{bv} ^{bw} ^{bx} ^{by} ^{bz} ^{ca} ^{cb} ^{cc} ^{cd} ^{ce} ^{cf} ^{cg} ^{ch} ^{ci} ^{cj} ^{ck} ^{cl} ^{cm} ^{cn} ^{co} ^{cp} ^{cq} ^{cr} ^{cs} ^{ct} ^{cu} ^{cv} ^{cw} ^{cx} ^{cy} ^{cz} ^{da} ^{db} ^{dc} ^{dd} ^{de} ^{df} ^{dg} ^{dh} ^{di} ^{dj} ^{dk} ^{dl} ^{dm} ^{dn} ^{do} ^{dp} ^{dq} ^{dr} ^{ds} ^{dt} ^{du} ^{dv} ^{dw} ^{dx} ^{dy} ^{dz} ^{ea} ^{eb} ^{ec} ^{ed} ^{ee} ^{ef} ^{eg} ^{eh} ^{ei} ^{ej} ^{ek} ^{el} ^{em} ^{en} ^{eo} ^{ep} ^{eq} ^{er} ^{es} ^{et} ^{eu} ^{ev} ^{ew} ^{ex} ^{ey} ^{ez} ^{fa} ^{fb} ^{fc} ^{fd} ^{fe} ^{ff} ^{fg} ^{fh} ^{fi} ^{fj} ^{fk} ^{fl} ^{fm} ^{fn} ^{fo} ^{fp} ^{fq} ^{fr} ^{fs} ^{ft} ^{fu} ^{fv} ^{fw} ^{fx} ^{fy} ^{fz} ^{ga} ^{gb} ^{gc} ^{gd} ^{ge} ^{gf} ^{gg} ^{gh} ^{gi} ^{gj} ^{gk} ^{gl} ^{gm} ^{gn} ^{go} ^{gp} ^{gq} ^{gr} ^{gs} ^{gt} ^{gu} ^{gv} ^{gw} ^{gx} ^{gy} ^{gz} ^{ha} ^{hb} ^{hc} ^{hd} ^{he} ^{hf} ^{hg} ^{hh} ^{hi} ^{hj} ^{hk} ^{hl} ^{hm} ^{hn} ^{ho} ^{hp} ^{hq} ^{hr} ^{hs} ^{ht} ^{hu} ^{hv} ^{hw} ^{hx} ^{hy} ^{hz} ^{ia} ^{ib} ^{ic} ^{id} ^{ie} ^{if} ^{ig} ^{ih} ⁱⁱ ^{ij} ^{ik} ^{il} ^{im} ⁱⁿ ^{io} ^{ip} ^{iq} ^{ir} ^{is} ^{it} ^{iu} ^{iv} ^{iw} ^{ix} ^{iy} ^{iz} ^{ja} ^{jb} ^{jc} ^{jd} ^{je} ^{jf} ^{jj} ^{jk} ^{jl} ^{jm} ^{jn} ^{jo} ^{jp} ^{jq} ^{jr} ^{js} ^{jt} ^{ju} ^{jv} ^{jw} ^{jx} ^{jy} ^{jz} ^{ka} ^{kb} ^{kc} ^{kd} ^{ke} ^{kf} ^{kg} ^{kh} ^{ki} ^{kj} ^{kl} ^{km} ^{kn} ^{ko} ^{kp} ^{kq} ^{kr} ^{ks} ^{kt} ^{ku} ^{kv} ^{kw} ^{kx} ^{ky} ^{kz} ^{la} ^{lb} ^{lc} ^{ld} ^{le} ^{lf} ^{lg} ^{lh} ^{li} ^{lj} ^{lk} ^{ll} ^{lm} ^{ln} ^{lo} ^{lp} ^{lq} ^{lr} ^{ls} ^{lt} ^{lu} ^{lv} ^{lw} ^{lx} ^{ly} ^{lz} ^{ma} ^{mb} ^{mc} ^{md} ^{me} ^{mf} ^{mg} ^{mh} ^{mi} ^{mj} ^{mk} ^{ml} ^{mm} ^{mn} ^{mo} ^{mp} ^{mq} ^{mr} ^{ms} ^{mt} ^{mu} ^{mv} ^{mw} ^{mx} ^{my} ^{mz} ^{na} ^{nb} ^{nc} nd ^{ne} ^{nf} ^{ng} ^{nh} ⁿⁱ ^{nj} ^{nk} ^{nl} ^{nm} ⁿⁿ ^{no} ^{np} ^{nq} ^{nr} ^{ns} ^{nt} ^{nu} ^{nv} ^{nw} ^{nx} ^{ny} ^{nz} ^{oa} ^{ob} ^{oc} ^{od} ^{oe} ^{of} ^{og} ^{oh} ^{oi} ^{oj} ^{ok} ^{ol} ^{om} ^{on} ^{oo} ^{op} ^{oq} ^{or} ^{os} ^{ot} ^{ou} ^{ov} ^{ow} ^{ox} ^{oy} ^{oz} ^{pa} ^{pb} ^{pc} ^{pd} ^{pe} ^{pf} ^{pg} ^{ph} ^{pi} ^{pj} ^{pk} ^{pl} ^{pm} ^{pn} ^{po} ^{pp} ^{pq} ^{pr} ^{ps} ^{pt} ^{pu} ^{pv} ^{pw} ^{px} ^{py} ^{pz} ^{qa} ^{qb} ^{qc} ^{qd} ^{qe} ^{qf} ^{qg} ^{qh} ^{qi} ^{qj} ^{qk} ^{ql} ^{qm} ^{qn} ^{qo} ^{qp} ^{qq} ^{qr} ^{qs} ^{qt} ^{qu} ^{qv} ^{qw} ^{qx} ^{qy} ^{qz} ^{ra} ^{rb} ^{rc} rd ^{re} ^{rf} ^{rg} ^{rh} ^{ri} ^{rj} ^{rk} ^{rl} ^{rm} ^{rn} ^{ro} ^{rp} ^{rq} ^{rr} ^{rs} ^{rt} ^{ru} ^{rv} ^{rw} ^{rx} ^{ry} ^{rz} ^{sa} ^{sb} ^{sc} ^{sd} ^{se} ^{sf} ^{sg} ^{sh} ^{si} ^{sj} ^{sk} ^{sl} sm ^{sn} ^{so} ^{sp} ^{sq} ^{sr} ^{ss} st ^{su} ^{sv} ^{sw} ^{sx} ^{sy} ^{sz} ^{ta} ^{tb} ^{tc} ^{td} ^{te} ^{tf} ^{tg} th ^{ti} ^{tj} ^{tk} ^{tl} tm ^{tn} ^{to} ^{tp} ^{tq} ^{tr} ^{ts} ^{tt} ^{tu} ^{tv} ^{tw} ^{tx} ^{ty} ^{tz} ^{ua} ^{ub} ^{uc} ^{ud} ^{ue} ^{uf} ^{ug} ^{uh} ^{ui} ^{uj} ^{uk} ^{ul} ^{um} ^{un} ^{uo} ^{up} ^{uq} ^{ur} ^{us} ^{ut} ^{uu} ^{uv} ^{uw} ^{ux} ^{uy} ^{uz} ^{va} ^{vb} ^{vc} ^{vd} ^{ve} ^{vf} ^{vg} ^{vh} ^{vi} ^{vj} ^{vk} ^{vl} ^{vm} ^{vn} ^{vo} ^{vp} ^{vq} ^{vr} ^{vs} ^{vt} ^{vu} ^{vv} ^{vw} ^{vx} ^{vy} ^{vz} ^{wa} ^{wb} ^{wc} ^{wd} ^{we} ^{wf} ^{wg} ^{wh} ^{wi} ^{wj} ^{wk} ^{wl} ^{wm} ^{wn} ^{wo} ^{wp} ^{wq} ^{wr} ^{ws} ^{wt} ^{wu} ^{wv} ^{ww} ^{wx} ^{wy} ^{wz} ^{xa} ^{xb} ^{xc} ^{xd} ^{xe} ^{xf} ^{xg} ^{xh} ^{xi} ^{xj} ^{xk} ^{xl} ^{xm} ^{xn} ^{xo} ^{xp} ^{xq} ^{xr} ^{xs} ^{xt} ^{xu} ^{xv} ^{xw} ^{xx} ^{xy} ^{xz} ^{ya} ^{yb} ^{yc} ^{yd} ^{ye} ^{yf} ^{yg} ^{yh} ^{yi} ^{yj} ^{yk} ^{yl} ^{ym} ^{yn} ^{yo} ^{yp} ^{yq} ^{yr} ^{ys} ^{yt} ^{yu} ^{yv} ^{yw} ^{yx} ^{yy} ^{yz} ^{za} ^{zb} ^{zc} ^{zd} ^{ze} ^{zf} ^{zg} ^{zh} ^{zi} ^{zj} ^{zk} ^{zl} ^{zm} ^{zn} ^{zo} ^{zp} ^{zq} ^{zr} ^{zs} ^{zt} ^{zu} ^{zv} ^{zw} ^{zx} ^{zy} ^{zz}

7 Is it not ^a to deal thy bread to the

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^a or, afflicted

^b Job 6. 10.

^c Lu. 1. 49.

^d Ps. 51. 17.

^e Job 11. 17.

^f Ps. 103. 9.

^g Mi. 7. 18.

^h gather thee up.

ⁱ Nu. 16. 22.

^j He. 12. 9.

^k Je. 6. 13.

^l turning away.

^m Je. 3. 22.

ⁿ He. 13. 15.

^o drougths.

^p Ac. 2. 39.

^q Ep. 2. 17.

^r lie, or, deceive.

^s Pr. 4. 16.

^t ch. 61. 4.

^u with the throat.

^v ch. 56. 2.

^w Ex. 20. 8. 11.

^x 31. 13. 17.

^y Je. 17. 21. 27.

^z Job 22. 26.

^{aa} De. 32. 13.

^{ab} 32. 29.

^{ac} Mal. 3. 14.

^{ad} ch. 1. 20.

^{ae} Mi. 4. 4.

^{af} Mat. 24. 35.

^{ag} griefs, or, things

^{ah} wherewith

^{ai} ye grieve others.

^{aj} 1 Ki. 21. 9.

^{ak} Nu. 11. 23.

^{al} or, ye fast

^{am} not as this day.

^{an} Zec. 7. 5.

^{ao} or, have

^{ap} made him

^{aq} hide.

^{ar} or, to afflict

^{as} his soul for a day.

^{at} ch. 1. 15.

^{au} Mat. 27. 4.

^{av} Ne. 5. 10. 12.

^{aw} bundles of the yoke.

^{ax} broken.

^{ay} Job 15. 35.

^{az} Ps. 7. 14.

^{ba} or, adders.

^{bb} Mat. 25. 35.

hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are ^a cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

8 ^b Then ^c shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall ^d be thy rereward.

9 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer: thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day:

11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in ^e drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters ^f fail not.

12 And they that shall be of thee ^g shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

13 ^h If ⁱ thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking ^j thine own words:

14 Then ^k shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ^l ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: ^m for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

CHAP. LIX.

BEHOLD, the LORD's hand is not ^a shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins ^b have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

3 For ^c your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; ^d they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

5 They hatch ^e cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth

lowest.—Jenour, vanity, 'a puff.' 14. prepare, &c. signifies the removal of every obstacle on leaving Babylon, &c. 17. iniquity of his covetousness, voracious iniquity. 18. and will heal him, God's reasons of mercy are from within himself. 19. I eat, &c. furnish cause for praise and thanksgiving, ch. xiii. 15. Peace, &c. a proclamation of reconciliation. 20. But the wicked, &c. signifies they, resisting in sin, are excluded from peace.

CHAP. LVIII.—1. Cry aloud, alluding perhaps the cry of the watches in the east: it expresses kindness, boldness, and fidelity in warning of danger. they seek, they had outward zeal and punctuality the ceremonies of religion. 3. exact, &c. they are scrupulous for themselves, but exacted manual labour from their dependents. 4. to make, &c. i.e. at God may grant your requests. 5. a day, a temporary afflicting of the soul. 8. Then

shall thy light, &c. descriptive of prosperity. 9. the putting forth, &c. the smiling with the hand and speaking vanity.—Jenour, 'the pointing of the finger, and wicked discourse.'—Hend. It means, mockery and falsehood. The middle finger was held out in contempt. 12. And they that shall be of thee, 'those that belong to thee.'—Hend. paths to dwell in, rather, 'for inhabitants,' i.e. paths to be frequented by travellers. 13. turn away, 'restrain.' 14. ride upon the high places, i.e. exalt thee to prosperity.

CHAP. LIX.—This chapter describes the depraved state of Jewish morals, as the reason of their severe afflictions. 5. They hatch, &c. the terms denote artful and wicked contrivances, and their destructive effects. cockatrice, a most poisonous serpent. weave, &c. their false doctrines were like the web spun out of the spider's own bowels, entangling others, yet not

of their eggs dieth, and that which is * crushed breaketh out into a viper.

6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

7 Their ^b feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and ^d destruction are in their paths.

8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no ^h judgment in their goings: ^e they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

9 ^f Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: ^g we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

10 We ⁱ grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.

11 We roar all like bears, and ^k mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.

12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;

13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering ^o from the heart words of falsehood.

14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

15 Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil I maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and ^u it displeased him that there was no judgment.

16 ^v And ^w he saw that there was no man, and ^x wondered that there was no intercessor: ^y therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

17 For ^z he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation

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* or, ^a sprinkled is as if there brake out a viper.

^a Jno. 2. 17.

† recompences.

^b Pr. 1. 16.

^c Ro. 3. 15.

^d Mal. 1. 11.

‡ breaking.

^e De. 12. 15.

^f or, put him to flight.

^g or, right.

^h Ps. 125. 5.

ⁱ Pr. 2. 15.

^j He. 8. 10.

^k 10. 16.

^l Je. 8. 15.

^m Jno. 7. 16.

ⁿ De. 28. 29.

^o Job 5. 14.

^p Am. 8. 9.

^q Eze. 7. 16.

* or, be enlightened;

for thy light cometh.

^r Ep. 5. 14.

^s Mal. 4. 2.

^t Re. 21. 21.

^u Mat. 12. 34.

^v Ro. 11. 25.

† or, noise of the sea shall be turned to ward thee.

‡ or, is accounted mad.

^w or, wealth.

ch. 61. 6.

|| it was evil in his eyes.

^x Eze. 22. 30.

^y Mar. 6. 6.

^z Ge. 25. 4.

^a Ps. 72. 10.

^b Ps. 98. 1.

^c Mat. 2. 11.

^d Ep. 6. 14. 17.

^e 1 Th. 5. 8.

^f Ge. 25. 13.

upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, ^a and was clad with zeal as a cloke.

18 According to their ^b deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries: recompence to his enemies; to the island he will repay recompence.

19 So ^c shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory for the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in ^d like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

20 ^e And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

21 As ^f for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that ^g I will put upon thee, ^h and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

CHAP. LX.

ARISE, ^a shine; ^b for thy light is come, and ^c the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3 And the ^d Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together because ^e the ^f abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the ^g forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and ^h Ephah; all they from ⁱ Sheba shall come: they shall bring ^j gold and incense, and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.

7 All the flocks of ^k Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams

securing themselves. 10. We grope, &c. are involved in spiritual darkness, because of our sins. in desolate places, &c. 'in profound darkness, as the dead.'—Michaelis, &c. 11. We roar, &c. expresses dissatisfaction, grief, and despair. 15. judgment, 'justice.' 16. And he saw, &c. Jehovah suddenly interposes to save. 17. For he put on, &c. military dress alluded to, to express the greatness of the conflict. The Mediator must possess moral purity, courage, and ardour. 18. fury to his adversaries, the retribution here predicted was rendered when Jerusalem was destroyed. islands, maritime lands. 19. from the west, &c. Henderson remarks, that true religion is here set forth as flourishing in the west, and then in the east, reversing the usual order; and he views the prophecy as descriptive of the spread of true religion in the latter times, now begun. 20, 21. And the Redeemer, &c. Henderson considers as predicting the future conversion of the Jews: comp. Rom. xi. 26, 27. Jenour remarks that the prediction was partially accomplished in those Jews who received Jesus as the Messiah in the apostles' days.

CHAP. LX.—1. Arise, &c. Henderson considers this as commencing a description of the millennial church, and chiefly of the felicity of the Jews restored to their own land. Jenour views the prophecy as partially fulfilled at the first rise of the Christian church. G. Holden says, it is descriptive of the flourishing state of the church by the accession of the

Gentiles. Arise, from slumber and despair. shine, thy native splendour. light, the Sun of righteousness the glory, &c. the brightness of the Father's glory: and the presence and favour of God. The allusion to the rising sun, and the visible glory in the wilderness. 2. darkness, i.e. of ignorance, vice, a calamity. upon thee, i.e. the church. glory, the lustre of his mercy, power, faithfulness, &c. nursed at, &c. 'borne on' refers to the oriental custom of carrying children on the hip. Some interpret this of the church, the new Jerusalem; other literally. 6, 7. The multitude of camels, &c. who ever the descendants of the oriental tribes, he alluded to, may possess, shall be cheerfully placed, the disposal of the restored Jews: so Henderson. Jackson on the contrary, remarks, 'The meaning is, that the converted Gentiles should honour the Lord with their substance, and consecrate themselves and that they had to the service of Christ and his church. Hence the several nations bring their choice commodities. The meaning is not to be literally taken; but, because in eastern countries they used to ride and carry wares on their camels and dromedaries and because men then went not empty-handed. God's house, therefore the coming in of the Gentile is thus figuratively expressed: see Psalm lxxii. Ephah, was of the posterity of Midian, Gen. xxv. 7. Kedar—Nebaioth, mean Ishmaelites of the posterity of Kedar and Nebaioth, dwelling in Arab

Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and ^a I will glorify the house of my glory.

⁸ Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

⁹ Surely ^b the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, ^c to bring thy sons from far, ^d their silver and their gold with them, ^e unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

¹⁰ And ^h the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, ⁱ and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, ^k but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

¹¹ Therefore thy gates ⁿ shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that *men* may bring unto thee the ^o forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings *may* be brought.

¹² For ^p the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

¹³ The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make ^v the place of my feet glorious.

¹⁴ The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall ^w bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, ^x The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁵ Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

¹⁶ Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the

B. C. 698.

^a Hag. 2. 7. 9.

^b Ps. 72. 10.

^c Isa. 4. 26.

^d Ps. 68. 30.

^e Zec. 14. 14.

^f Je. 3. 17.

^g ch. 26. 1.

^h Re. 21. 23.

ⁱ 22. 5.

^j Zec. 6. 15.

^k ch. 49. 23.

^l ch. 54. 7, 8.

^m Zec. 2. 5.

ⁿ Am. 8. 9.

^o Re. 21. 25.

^p or, wealth.

^q ch. 52. 1.

^r Re. 21. 27.

^s Zec. 14. 17.

^t 19.

^u Mat. 21. 44.

^v Ps. 37. 11, 22.

^w Mat. 5. 5.

^x Mat. 15. 13.

^y Jno. 15. 2.

^z Ep. 2. 10.

^{aa} Mat. 13. 31.

^{ab} 32.

^{ac} 1 Ch. 28. 2.

^{ad} Ps. 132. 7.

^{ae} ch. 11. 2.

^{af} Lu. 4. 18.

^{ag} Jno. 1. 32.

^{ah} 3. 34.

^{ai} Ps. 45. 7.

^{aj} Re. 3. 9.

^{ak} Ps. 147. 3.

^{al} Je. 34. 8.

^{am} He. 12. 22.

^{an} Re. 14. 1.

^{ao} Le. 25. 9.

^{ap} Mal. 4. 1, 3.

^{aq} 2 Th. 1. 7, 9.

^{ar} f Mat. 5. 4.

^{as} Ps. 30. 11.

LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

¹⁷ For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

¹⁸ Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call ^f thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

¹⁹ The ^g sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and ^h thy God thy glory.

²⁰ Thy ^m sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

²¹ Thy ^o people also shall be all righteous: ^r they shall inherit the land for ever; ^s the branch of my planting, ^t the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

²² A ^u little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

CHAP. LXI.

THE ^x Spirit of the Lord God *is* upon me; because the LORD ^y hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me ^z to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim ^{aa} liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound*;

² To ^{ab} proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and ^{ac} the day of vengeance of our God; ^{ad} to comfort all that mourn;

³ To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, ^{ae} to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment

and abounding in flocks of sheep. ⁸ Who are these, &c. these images signify number and velocity. The orientals raise large and elegant structures for pigeons, for the sake of their dung for manure. Their number is such, that flying in masses, they resemble clouds. *windows*, ^{holes}. *Henderson* here notes, 'The persons referred to are the Jews, who now flock in immense numbers from all quarters to the land of their fathers and Jerusalem, the summit of their earthly joy.' The general sense of the passage in its connexion is interpreted by *Jenour* to be, that the inhabitants of the several countries before mentioned would cheerfully devote themselves and all their possessions to the service of Jehovah and his church. ⁹ Surely the isles, &c. *Henderson* interprets this of the western maritime powers aiding in conveying the Jews free to their own land. This verse intimates that nations most distinguished for commercial wealth and enterprise, would be first converted, and be most active in disseminating truth, in the triumphant age of the church.—*Davidson*. ¹⁰ strangers, Gentiles. *build up*, literally, build Jerusalem. *kings*, monarchs shall deem it an honour to aid with their influence.—*Hend*. This, says *Scott*, must relate to the latter days, when the church shall become a great mountain, &c. ¹¹ gates—open continually, imply security and peace. 'The gates of the church of Christ stand open to all.'—*Jenour*. ¹² For the nation, &c. meaning those who refuse to join themselves to the church, and submit to its laws. ¹³ Lebanon shall come, a literal temple, according to *Jenour*, shall be erected, which will need supplies from Lebanon. *place of my feet*, is parallel to the place of God's sanctuary. These images, according to *Jenour*, are to show the glory of the spiritual temple about to be raised. ¹⁴ come bending unto thee, Jerusalem, literally trodden down, shall now be raised that the descendants of her enemies shall share a share in her privileges: so *Hend*. The sense, says *Jenour*, that those who had once hated and

persecuted the church of Christ should now seek its communion. ¹⁵ no man, may mean here, few. ¹⁷ For brass—gold, intimates the superiority of the new to the old dispensation.—*Jenour*. *peace*, peaceful officers and righteous rulers. ¹⁹ The sun, &c. the spiritual prosperity and consolations of the church shall be uninterrupted and perpetual. ²² A little one, &c. describes, according to *Henderson*, the strength of the Jews when congregated in their own land. It describes, say others, the immense increase of the inhabitants of Zion. The two principal opinions of interpreters are here given. There is an argument why the restoration of the Jews to their own land should take place, which certainly has some force; namely, they are now literally scattered according to the Divine prediction, and why then should not that prediction be literally fulfilled in their restoration? On the other hand, glorious as the restoration of the Jews to their land may appear in the eyes of its advocates, the prophecy seems by this interpretation to lose a portion of its grandeur when deprived of its application to the church, shining in her glory over the whole world.—*Ed*.

CHAP. LXI.—1. upon me, i.e. Christ: see Luke iv. 16–21. This prophecy began to be fulfilled with his ministry. *anointed*, with the Spirit's unction, of which the anointing oil was typical. *meek*, 'afflicted,' *broken-hearted*—*captives*—*bound*, terms expressive of a miserable condition. ² acceptable year, alluding to the proclaiming of the jubilee: Lev. xxv. 9. *day of vengeance*, our Lord's proclamations of mercy were accompanied with fearful denunciations: see Mat. xxv. 46; Mark vi. 16; John iii. 15–19. *Davidson* interprets this, 'the period of the full manifestation of the justice of God, in the punishment of the apostate Jews:' see Mat. iii. 7–10; xxiii. 34–39; xxiv. *Henderson* says, the period of judgment referred to chap. lix. 18, 19, the punishment of the last antichrist. ³ beauty, 'an ornament.' As ashes were thrown on the head in mourning, a chaplet should now be the

of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, ^a that he might be glorified.

4 ^a And they shall ^c build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

5 And ^s strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

6 But ^a ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

7 [¶] For ^k your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

8 For [¶] I the LORD love judgment, [¶] I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, [¶] and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, [¶] that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.

10 I [¶] will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for [¶] he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, [¶] as a bridegroom [¶] decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.

11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause [¶] righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

CHAP. LXII.

FOR Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until ^b the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

2 And ^c the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: ^d and

B. C. 698.

^a Jno. 15. 8.

^b Zec. 9. 16.

^c Eze. 36. 33.

^d Ho. 1. 10.

^e 1 Pe. 2. 10.

^f ch. 49. 14.

^g ch. 54. 1.

^h Ep. 2. 12.

ⁱ e. *my delight is in her.*

^j e. *married*

^k 2 Co. 11. 2.

^l Ex. 19. 6.

^m 1 Pe. 2. 5, 9.

ⁿ Re. 1. 6.

^o 5. 10.

^p *with the joy of the bridegroom*

^q Eze. 33. 7.

^r ch. 40. 2.

^s Zec. 9. 12.

^t *or, are the LORD's remembrancers.*

^u *silence.*

^v Zep. 3. 20.

^w Ps. 11. 7.

^x ch. 1. 11, 13.

^y ch. 55. 3.

^z *If I give.*

^{aa} 1 Pe. 28. 31.

^{ab} ch. 65. 23.

^{ac} Hab. 3. 13.

^{ad} De. 12. 12.

^{ae} Ps. 132. 9, 16.

^{af} Re. 21. 2.

^{ag} *decketh as a priest.*

^{ah} Zec. 9. 9.

^{ai} Mat. 21. 5.

^{aj} Jno. 12. 15.

^{ak} y ch. 40. 10.

^{al} Re. 22. 12.

^{am} Ps. 72. 3.

^{an} *or, recompence.*

^{ao} He. 13. 5.

^{ap} 1 Pe. 2. 9.

^{aq} *decked.*

^{ar} ch. 60. 3.

^{as} ch. 65. 15.

thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

3 Thou shalt also be ^b a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

4 Thou ^d shalt no more be termed ^e Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed ^f Desolate: but thou shalt be called [¶] Hephzi-bah, and thy land [¶] Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

5 [¶] For as a young man marryeth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

6 I [¶] have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that [¶] make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,

7 And give him no [¶] rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem [¶] a praise in the earth.

8 The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, [¶] Surely I will no more [¶] give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:

9 But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it [¶] in the courts of my holiness.

10 [¶] Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, [¶] Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his [¶] reward is with him, and his [¶] work before him.

12 And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city [¶] not forsaken.

CHAP. LXIII.

WHO is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? ^b This [¶] that is [¶] glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? [¶] I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

token of joy. *trees of righteousness*, i. e. producing righteousness: comp. Phil. 1. 11.—*Hend.* 4, 5. *And they shall build*, &c. cannot be consistently interpreted, according to *Henderson*, except on the principle that the Jews are to be restored to the land of their fathers. *Jenour* says, flocks, vineyards, buildings, designate the church, and consequently its ministers are shepherds, husbandmen, &c.: see Acts x. 28; 1 Pet. v. 2; 1 Cor. iii. 9. Strangers are Gentiles who are to become ministers of the church. 7. *have double*, &c. describes the honour the now debased Jews shall have among the Gentiles.—*Hend.* The church shall have a change from reproach, persecution, &c.: so think many writers. 8. *for burnt offering*, rather, 'I hate robbery and iniquity.'—*G. Holden*. 10. *he hath clothed me*, &c. means the church abstractedly, not the Jewish or Gentile church distinctively.—*Jenour*. *Henderson* interprets this of Jerusalem, as the representative of the Jews.

CHAP. LXII.—1. *For Zion's sake*, &c. 'developes,' says *Henderson*, 'the happy state of the Jewish nation when brought to the knowledge of the Messiah.' By Zion and Jerusalem, *Jenour* understands the church of Christ. *will I not*, i. e. Messiah, through whose mediatorial intercession the Jews shall be restored to their standing in the church of God.—*Hend.* The prophet is intended.—*Jenour*. *a lamp*, &c. 'a blazing torch.' 3. *crown—in the hand*, beautiful to contemplate: the church could with no

propriety be said to be placed on Jehovah's head.

4. *Hephzi-bah*, 'my delight is in her.' *Beulah*, 'the married woman.'

6. *watchmen*, faithful teachers.

8. *I will no more*, &c. expresses the tranquillity of Judea.—*Hend.* Corn and wine are emblems of spiritual benedictions; and they indicate, according to

Jenour, that the church will peacefully enjoy its ordinances: see Psalm lxvii. 16; Jer. xxxi. 12.

10. *Go*, &c. 'Pass through' inhabitants of cities in the way to Jerusalem are to remove every obstacle.—

Hend. The church is the city, and the watchmen on the walls urge the pressing crowds to enter.—

Jenour. 11. *daughter of Zion*, the Jews, the rightful inhabitants of Jerusalem. *salvation*, i. e. Saviour.

This is a proclamation of the coming Saviour, not made to Jews only, but also to all the inhabitants of the earth: comp. Mark xvi. 15; xi. 10.—*Jenour*.

12. *them*, i. e. the Jews.—*Hend.* i. e. the members of the church.—*Jenour*.

Jenour and *Henderson* have been chiefly referred to in this chapter, as exhibiting at once to the reader the two opposite opinions which exist respecting this latter portion of Isaiah.

CHAP. LXIII.—1. *from Bozrah*, &c. a city of Edom, Gen. xxxvi. 33. The last instance of God's

interposition for Israel as a nation in destroying the Edomites, is here brought forward as an encouragement for the future.—*Hend.* Edom and Bozrah may represent the enemies of Christ.—*G. Holden*.

I that speak, the Angel of the Divine presence: the protector of ancient Israel, represented as a conqueror

2 Wherefore ^a art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

3 I have ^a trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there* was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

5 And I looked, and ^b *there was* none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold: therefore mine own ^c arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

6 And I will read down the people in mine anger, and ^d make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

7 ^e I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

8 For he said, Surely they *are* my people, children *that* will not lie: so he was their Saviour.

9 In ^f *all* their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them. ^g In his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

10 ^h But they ⁱ rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: ^j therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the ^k shepherd of his flock? ^l Where is he that put his holy Spirit within him?

12 That led *them* by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

13 That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, *that* they should not stumble?

14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

15 ^m Look down from heaven, and

B. C. 698.

^a Re. 19. 13.

^b Ps. 33. 14.

^c or, the

^d multitude.

^e Je. 31. 20.

^f La. 1. 15.

^g Re. 14. 19.

^h De. 32. 6.

ⁱ 1 Ch. 29. 10.

^j Job 14. 21.

^k Ec. 9. 5.

^l or, our re-

^m deemer

ⁿ from ever-

^o lasting is

^p thy name.

^q Jno. 16. 32.

^r ch. 6. 10.

^s Ro. 12. 40.

^t Ro. 9. 18.

^u Ps. 98. 1.

^v Ps. 74. 7.

^w Re. 16. 6.

^x or, thy

^y name was

^z not called

^{aa} upon them.

^{ab} ch. 65. 1.

^{ac} Ps. 144. 5.

^{ad} Ju. 5. 5.

^{ae} Mi. 1. 4.

^{af} the fire of

^{ag} meltings.

^{ah} Ac. 9. 4.

^{ai} De. 7. 7. 8.

^{aj} Ps. 31. 19.

^{ak} 1 Co. 2. 9.

^{al} or, seen a

^{am} God beside

^{an} thee, which

^{ao} doeth so

^{ap} for him, &c.

^{aq} Ex. 15. 24.

^{ar} Nu. 14. 11.

^{as} Ac. 7. 51.

^{at} Ep. 4. 30.

^{au} Ex. 23. 21.

^{av} Ac. 10. 35.

^{aw} ch. 26. 8.

^{ax} Mal. 3. 6.

^{ay} or, shep-

^{az} herds.

^{ba} Ps. 77. 20.

^{bb} Ne. 9. 20.

^{bc} Da. 4. 8.

^{bd} Phi. 3. 9.

^{be} melted.

^{bf} by the hand

^{bg} Job 8. 4.

^{bh} Je. 18. 6.

^{bi} Ep. 2. 10.

behold ^b from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength, ^c the sounding ^d of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?

16 Doubtless ^e thou art our father, though Abraham ^f be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our father, ^g our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

17 ^h O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and ⁱ hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.

18 The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while: ^j our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.

19 We are *thine*: thou never barest rule over them; ^k they were not called by thy name.

CHAP. LXIV.

OH that thou wouldest ^l rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that ^m the mountains might flow down at thy presence,

2 As when ⁿ the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, *that* the nations may tremble at thy presence!

3 When thou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

4 For since the beginning of the world ^o men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye ^p seen, O God, beside thee, *what* he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth ^q and worketh righteousness, ^r those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: ^s in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

6 But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all ^t our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

7 And *there* is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast ^u consumed us, ^v because of our iniquities.

8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, ^w and thou our potter; and we all are ^x *be* the work of thy hand.

9 ^y Be not wroth very sore, O LORD,

returning from Idumea. 3. trodden the winepress, &c. imagery taken from the wine-press, wherein grapes are bruised. It indicates the discomfiture of enemies in battle: Lam. 1. 15: Joel iii. 13: Rev. xix. 15. 4. year, a period for delivering the church from persecution and oppression.—McClulloch. of my redeemed, for my redeeming, as well as avenging. 7. I will mention, &c. the prophet looks back to the destruction of Edom, to encourage the Israelites in their final dispersion.—Hend. This is language which may be adopted by Jew and Gentile.—Davidson. 8. not lie, prove false. 9. In all their affliction, the prophet reviews God's ancient dealings with his church. 13. in the wilderness, with as much ease as a horse traverses the open plain. 15. Look down, &c. expresses fervent prayer for the miserable posterity of Israel. thy zeal, or intense desire to manifest thy glory in thy mercy. sounding, &c. expresses pity. 16. though Abraham, &c. however unworthy we are to be owned by our ancestor. 17. Why—made us to err, interrogation is in Hebrew a common mode of expressing lamentation, and quite remote from impeaching the Divine conduct: see Psalm xxii. 1; Job ii. 11, 12. Return, the language of the Jews, says Henderson, abandoned for eighteen centuries. 18.

but a little time, the Jews urge the comparatively short period of possessing Canaan, and the long duration of their rejection.—Hend. but a little, compared with the period of Messiah's promised triumph: except the first age and recent years, the Christian church has been crushed. trodden down, &c. strictly true of the Christian church.—Davidson.

CHAP. LXIV.—Prayer for restoration: so Hend. 1. rend the heavens, alluding to the descent on Sinai. Henderson thinks it refers to the covering of an outstretched tent, from which its occupant might suddenly rush forth. 2. As when the melting, &c.

As the fire of things smelted burneth.

As the fire causeth the waters to boil.—Dr. Jubb.

so let Jehovah's presence consume all opposers of his kingdom. 3. didst terrible things, allusion to Sinai.

4. neither hath the eye, &c. Louth reads:—

Neither hath the eye seen a God beside thee.

Who doeth such things for those that trust in him.

5. in those is continuance, i.e. in the ways of goodness and mercy.—Jackson. 6. unclean thing, McClulloch would read, unclean person. The allusion is to the impurities under the former dispensation, especially the leper. 7. none that calleth, all was formality and lukewarmness: none must be taken

neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, ^b we are all thy people.

10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

11 Our ^c holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.

12 Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

CHAP. LXV.

I ^f AM sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that ^s was not called by my name.

2 I ^h have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;

3 A people ^t that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; ^u that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense [§] upon altars of brick;

4 Which ^p remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, ^q which eat swine's flesh, and ^{||} broth of abominable things is in their vessels;

5 Which ^v say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my ^{*} nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

6 Behold, ^z it is written before me: ^y I will not keep silence, ^z but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,

7 Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, ^a which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

8 [†] Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for ^a a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine ^f elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

10 And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks,

B. C. 698.

^a Jos. 7. 24, 26.

^b Ho. 2. 15.

^c Ps. 79. 13.

^d 2 Ch. 36. 19.

^e Eze. 23. 41.

^f 1 Co. 10. 21.

^g or, Gad.

^h or, Meni.

ⁱ Pr. 1. 24, &c.

^j Je. 7. 13.

^k Zec. 7. 7.

^l Mat. 21. 34.

^m ..43.

ⁿ Ro. 9. 24.

^o 26. 30.

^p 10. 20.

^q Ep. 2. 12, 13.

^r ch. 63. 19.

^s Ro. 10. 21.

^t Mat. 8. 12.

^u breaking.

^v De. 32. 21.

^w Je. 29. 22.

^x Zec. 8. 13.

^y Le. 17. 5.

^z Mat. 24. 22.

[§] upon bricks

^a Ac. 11. 26.

^b De. 18. 11.

^c Je. 4. 2.

^d ch. 66. 17.

^e Le. 11. 7.

^{||} or, pieces.

^f De. 6. 13.

^g Ps. 63. 11.

^h Zep. 1. 5.

ⁱ Mat. 9. 11.

^j Lu. 18. 11.

^k Jude 19.

^{or, anger.}

^l 2 Pe. 3. 13.

^m Re. 21. 1.

ⁿ De. 32. 34.

^o Mal. 3. 16.

^p Ps. 50. 3.

[†] upon the heart.

^q Je. 16. 18.

^r Eze. 18. 6.

^s Re. 7. 17.

^t Joel 2. 14.

^u Ec. 8. 12.

^v ch. 62. 8.

^w Le. 26. 16.

^x De. 28. 30.

^y Am. 9. 14.

^z Ro. 11. 5, 7.

and ^a the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

11 ^b But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare ^d a table for that ^{*} troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that [†] number.

12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: ^e because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose ^{that} wherein I delighted not.

13 Therefore thus saith the LORD GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:

14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and ^g shall howl for vexation of spirit.

15 And ye shall leave your name ⁱ for a curse unto ^u my chosen: for the LORD GOD shall slay thee, and ^e call his servants by another name:

16 That ^r he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and ^t he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

17 ^u For, behold, I create ^v new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come [†] into mind.

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the ^b voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; ^d but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 And ^e they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another

for few. 10. holy cities, the cities of Palestine. 11. beautiful house, the temple.

CHAP. LXV.—1. sought of them, &c. God justifies his procedure in calling the Gentiles: see Rom. x. 20, 21. 3. gardens, groves in which idols were worshipped. altars of brick, contrary to order, Exod. xxi. 24, &c. Some think baked bricks are intended, on which the Babylonians offered incense to certain deities, the bricks having magical figures upon them. 4. remain among the graves, &c. where they practised necromancy. eat swine's flesh, violating the prohibition, Lev. xi. 7. The Jews imitated the heathen in their sacrificial feasts, the latter offering swine to Ceres, &c. abominable things, food pronounced unclean, used for lustrations, magical arts, &c. 5. I am holier, just shows the spirit of the Pharisees. a smoke, i. e. offensive. 6. written before me, a forensic term, alluding to the sentence pronounced on a criminal, and to be executed. 7. upon the mountains, &c. contrary to command, Deut. xii. 2. into their bosom, throw their wages into their laps or purses of their cloaks, the orientals wearing them on the bosom: see Prov. xviii. 23; xxi. 14. 8. new wine, &c. as when one findeth a rich grape in a cluster. The allusion is to the gathering-time, when the bad grapes are thrown away, and the good preserved. 10. Sharon, a fruitful plain near Jericho;

or Achor, otherwise Achan, he having been stoned there. 11. But ye, &c. But as for you, &c. that prepare, &c.

That prepare a table for Fortune, And fill a libation to Fate.—Hend. Henderson thinks this will be fulfilled on the unbelieving Jews on their return to Palestine. 15. another name, expresses a new state and character. 16. blesseth, i. e. implores blessings for himself. 17. I create new, &c. am about to give a new dispensation of grace. Davidson, Boothroyd, &c. apply this to the church under Messiah, and the wonderful change the gospel shall effect: Henderson, to the restored Jews. former shall not be remembered, not literally so, but former joys and sorrows be now swallowed up in present transports. 20. an infant, &c. Henderson interprets this, the child shall see a good old age, and the man of a hundred shall be comparatively a child: human life will be so lengthened, if any die even at a hundred, it shall be reckoned a judgment for sin. McCulloch understands the words as signifying, that even babes in Christ shall be extensively learned in Divine things. The aged shall have filled up their days in God's service. The child, very young persons shall possess Christian experience like the old, but the aged transgressor shall be excluded from the church, and die accursed.

eat: for ^a as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall ^b long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vain, ^c nor bring forth for trouble; for ^d they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

24 And it shall come to pass, that ^e before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25 The ^f wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: ^g and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

CHAP. LXVI.

THUS saith the LORD, ^h The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

2 For all those ⁱ things hath mine hand made, and all those ^j things have been, saith the LORD: ^k but to this man will I look, ^l even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and ^m trembleth at my word.

3 He ⁿ that killeth an ox ^o is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a ^p lamb, as if he ^q cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that ^r burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

4 I also will choose their ^s delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; ^t because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear; but they ^u did evil before mine eyes, and chose ^v that in which I delighted not.

5 Hear the word of the LORD, ye that ^w tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, ^x Let the LORD be glorified: but ^y he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies.

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth;

B. C. 698.

^a Ps. 92. 12.
^b make them continue long, or, shall wear out.

^c De. 28. 41.

^d Ho. 9. 12.

^e ch. 61. 9.

^f Ps. 32. 5.

^g Da. 9. 21.

^h or, beget.

ⁱ ch. 11. 6, 7, 9.

^j Ge. 3. 14.

^k 1 Ki. 8. 27.

^l 2 Ch. 6. 18.

^m Mat. 5. 34, 35.

ⁿ Ac. 7. 48, 49.

^o 17. 21.

^p or, brightness.

^q ch. 48. 18.

^r ch. 57. 15.

^s 61. 1.

^t ch. 49. 22.

^u Ps. 34. 18.

^v 51. 17.

^w Ezr. 9. 4.

^x 10. 3.

^y Pr. 28. 14.

^z 1 Th. 2. 7.

^{aa} or, child.

^{ab} De. 23. 18.

^{ac} Jno. 16. 22.

^{ad} Eze. 37. 1.

^{ae} &c.

^{af} maketh a memorial of

^{ag} Le. 2. 2.

^{ah} ch. 9. 5.

^{ai} 2 Th. 1. 8.

^{aj} or, devices.

^{ak} ch. 65. 12.

^{al} Pr. 1. 24.

^{am} Je. 7. 13.

^{an} ch. 27. 1.

^{ao} He. 10. 27.

^{ap} or, one after another.

^{aq} ch. 5. 19.

^{ar} 2 Th. 1. 10.

^{as} Tit. 2. 13.

^{at} 1 Co. 3. 20.

^{au} Lu. 2. 34.

before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not ^b cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God.

10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:

11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, ^c I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be ^d borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees.

13 As one ^e whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

14 And when ye see this, ^f your heart shall rejoice, and ^g your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

15 For, ^h behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For by fire and by ⁱ his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens ^j behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD.

18 For I know their works and ^k their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

19 And ^l I will set a sign among them,

as the days of a tree, &c. vigorous, flourishing, and fruitful. 24. before they call, their holy petitions shall even be anticipated. 25. The wolf, &c. the disciples of Christ, of various natural tempers and dispositions, shall all be in harmony. and dust—serpent, during the millennium, says Henderson, Satan, the old serpent, shall be subject to the lowest degradation. M'Culloch interprets it of the wicked.

CHAP. LXVI.—1. Thus saith, &c. Henderson considers this as a reproof to the restored Jews for wishing to rebuild their splendid temple for mosaic rites. God here shows us, that the temple where he dwells is the gracious soul: so Henry. 2. trembleth, displays reverence. 3. He that killeth, &c. hypocritical sacrifices are no better than abominable offerings. 4, 5. I also will choose, &c. the subject here, according to Henderson, is the unlawful offering of sacrifices under the Christian dispensation, and retribution for aiming to establish the old ritual.

A voice, &c. judgment predicted against the intended temple.—Hend. Jenour considers this as a prediction of the destruction of the temple by the Romans under Titus. 7—9. Before she travailed, &c. signifies the sudden re-production of the Jewish nation: so Hend. The numerous and unexpected conversions of the church are here intended.—Dutton. 9. Shall I bring, i.e. shall I begin, and not complete my work? 11. That ye may suck, &c. ascribes the consequences of sharing in the privileges of the people of God. 12. glory of the Gentiles, wealth of the nations.—Hend. 14. bones—flourish,

spiritual powers shall be invigorated.—M'Culloch. 15. For behold, &c. prophetic of dreadful judgments on the opposers of Messiah's kingdom: alludes, according to Henderson, to the anti-christian confederacy, the battle of Armageddon, Rev. xvi. 14—21; xix. 11—21. chariots, in allusion to swift and destructive war chariots. 16. plead, contend. The allusion in these verses is thought by M'Culloch, Jenour, &c. to be to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. 17. They that, &c. behind one tree in the midst, &c.

Those that sanctify themselves, And that purify themselves in the garden after one Amidst them that eat swine's flesh, &c.—Hend. 'after one' is a difficulty: some read it, after Achad, [one], a Syro-Phœnician idol. Others take the one for a leader or chief priest in an idolatrous procession. Henderson thinks the name may possibly designate the Mohammedans, who make one the distinguishing object of their worship, in opposition to the doctrine of the Trinity. Jenour reads, 'one by one,' one after another, secretly practising their abominable rites. 18. I shall come, and I come.—Louch, &c. 19. sign, denotes the miraculous overthrow of the hostile army. By sign, M'Culloch understands the extraordinary gifts and operations of the Holy Spirit, whereby the apostles demonstrated their Divine mission: so also Jenour: comp. Acts viii. 17; x. 41; 1 Cor. xiv. 22. The import is, according to Jenour, that after the destruction of the reprobate Jews, Jehovah would send the small pious and escaped

and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; ^c and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

20 And they shall bring all your brethren ^f for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in [†] litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.

21 And I will also take of them for

B. C. 698.

^a 1 Pe. 2. 9.

Re. 1. 6.

^b 2 Pe. 3. 13.

Re. 21. 1.

^c Mal. 1. 11.

^d Zec. 14. 16.

^e new moon

to his new

moon, and

from sab-

bath to his

sabbath.

^f Ps. 65. 2.

[†] Ro. 15. 16.

[†] or, coaches.

^g Mar. 9. 44.

^a priests and for Levites, saith the LORD.

22 For as ^b the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

23 And ^d it shall come to pass, that from ^e one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, ^e shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their ^g worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

remnant to the Gentile nations, to teach them. to Tarshish, in Spain.—*Hend.* There were also cities so named in Cilicia and Barbary. *Pul*, an island formed by the Nile. *Lud*, perhaps Lydia. *Tubal*, countries perhaps now inhabited by Circassians, &c. *Javan*, Greece. *isles afar off*, Great Britain, &c. Gentile missionaries, according to *Henderson*, shall be sent from Palestine, to declare what they have seen. 20. *And they shall bring*, &c. all nations shall aid the remaining Jews to join their brethren: so *Hend.* God's servants shall succeed, even among the most opulent; rapidly and heartily, voluntarily and holily, shall they present themselves to God, by joining his church. 21. *for priests*, &c. men to

minister in holy things. 22. *your seed and your name remain*, the happy state of restored Israel shall be durable as the Christian dispensation.—*Hend.* Even in the worst periods of the church God has continued his spiritual seed.—*M'Culloch.* 23. *from one new moon*, &c. Divine worship shall constantly and regularly be celebrated: the terms are borrowed only from the old dispensation. 24. *And*, &c. is a warning from the miserable end of opposers, and the miseries of future punishment: so *Hend.* *Jenour* refers this to the warning afforded by the punishment of the Jews, being an instructive spectacle to the Gentile church; moreover glancing at the eternal punishment of the wicked.

The Book of the Prophet JEREMIAH.

Jeremiah prophesied during the reigns of Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jeconiah, and Zedekiah. The general subjects of his prophecy are the idolatry and wickedness of the Jews, their consequent punishment by the Babylonish captivity, and their restoration; with reference to the Messiah and the gospel covenant.

CHAP. I.

THE words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

2 To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, ^e unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive ^d in the fifth month.

4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Before I ^f formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I ^g sanctified thee, and I [†] ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I, [†] Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

7 [†] But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and [†] whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

8 Be not afraid of their faces: for [†] I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and ^m touched my mouth. And the LORD

B. C. 629.

^a Is. 51. 16.

^b Lu. 12. 11, 12.

^c ch. 18. 7.

^d 2 Co. 10. 4, 5.

^e ch. 52. 12, 15.

^f 2 Ki. 25. 8.

^g Eze. 11. 3, 7.

24. 3.

[†] Ex. 33. 12, 17.

Is. 49. 1, 5.

^a from the

face of.

^g Lu. 1. 15, 41.

Ga. 1. 15, 16.

^h ch. 6. 1.

[†] be opened.

[†] gave.

ⁱ Ex. 4. 10.

Is. 6. 5.

^k Nu. 22. 20, 38.

Mat. 28. 20.

Ac. 20. 27.

^l Jos. 1. 5.

Ac. 26. 17.

2 Co. 1. 8, 10.

2 Ti. 4. 17.

He. 13. 6.

^m Is. 6. 7.

ⁿ ch. 17. 13.

De. 28. 20.

said unto me, Behold, I have ^a put my words in thy mouth.

10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to ^b root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

11 [†] Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.

12 Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

13 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see ^a a seething pot; and the face thereof is [†] toward the north.

14 Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the [†] north an evil shall [†] break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

15 For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

16 And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, ⁿ who have forsaken me, and have

Isa. vi. 10; Mat. xvi. 18, 19; xix. 27—30. 11. *almond*, this tree blossoms early, and is an emblem here of speedy execution. 13. *a seething pot*, 'a pot sending forth steam.' *face thereof toward the north*, rather, from the north, that is, Chaldaea. 15. *families*, allies and tributaries to the Babylonish empire. *set—throne*, take full possession of the place to rule

CHAP. I.—1. *Anathoth*, a city of priests near Jerusalem. 5. *sanctified*, set apart. *nations*, Jews, and others: see chap. xxv. 15: comp. chap. xxvii. 2, 3. 6. *a child*, i.e. young and inexperienced. 9. *touched my mouth*, a sign of imparting ability to speak. 10. *to root out*, &c. inspired men are said to do what they declared should be done: see chap. xviii. 7—10;

burned incense unto other gods, and^a worshipped the works of their own hands.

17 ¶ Thou therefore^c gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I^c confound thee before them.

18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a defended city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

CHAP. II.

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD: I remember thee, the kindness of thy^k youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

3 Israel^k was holiness unto the LORD, and^k the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

5 ¶ Thus saith the LORD,^m What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me,^o and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

6 Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

7 And I brought you into^a a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye^e defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

8 The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the^a law new me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied of Baal, and walked after things that^a do not profit.

9 ¶ Wherefore^a I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and^y with your children's children will I plead.

10 For pass ye over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.

11 Hath^a a nation changed their gods, which are^a yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.

12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, with the LORD.

B. C. 629.

a Ac. 7. 41.

b Ps. 35. 9.

c Job. 4. 14.

d Job. 38. 3.

e Lu. 12. 35.

f 1 Pe. 1. 13.

g or, break to pieces.

d Ex. 4. 22.

† become a spoil?

† Is. 50. 7.

† gave out their voice.

§ or, feed on thy crown,

De. 33. 20.

Is. 8. 8.

f Is. 30. 1, 2.

g Is. 3. 9.

h or, for thy sake.

h Eze. 16. 8.

&c.

h Ho. 2. 15.

i Ex. 19. 5, 6.

k Ja. 1. 18.

Re. 14. 4.

l 1 Sa. 12. 10.

o or, serve.

m Is. 5. 4.

n Ex. 15. 17.

Is. 5. 1, &c.

o Mar. 12. 1.

p 2 Ki. 17. 15.

q De. 32. 32.

r Job. 14. 17.

s Pr. 30. 12.

† or, O swift dromedary

† or, the land of Carmel.

§ or, O wild ass, &c.

|| taught.

|| the desire of her heart.

† Le. 18. 25.

Nu. 35. 33.

† or, reverse it.

Mal. 2. 6, 7.

Ro. 2. 20.

† or, Is the case desperate?

h Hab. 2. 18.

e Eze. 20. 35.

mi. 6. 2.

y Ex. 20. 5.

Le. 20. 5.

§ or, over to.

|| or, begotten me.

|| the hinder part of the neck.

z Mi. 4. 5.

a Ps. 115. 4.

Is. 37. 19.

b Ps. 106. 20.

Ro. 1. 23.

c Ju. 10. 14.

d Is. 1. 2.

e Is. 45. 20.

† evil.

13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

14 ¶ Is Israel^d a servant? is he a home-born slave? why is he[†] spoiled?

15 The young lions roared upon him, and[†] yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant.

16 Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of thy head.

17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?

18 And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?

19 Thine own^e wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the LORD God of hosts.

20 ¶ For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and[†] thou saidst, I will not^a transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.

21 Yet I had^a planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into[†] the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

22 For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much sope, yet[†] thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the LORD God.

23 How^a canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: † thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways;

24 § A wild ass[§] used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind at[†] her pleasure; in her occasion who can[†] turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.

25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, † There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

27 Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast^{||} brought me forth: for they have turned^z their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

28 But^a where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they^c can save thee in the time of thy[†] trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

er it. 17. gird, be prepared to work. 18. a fenced city, &c. I will strengthen thee.

CHAP. II.—2. the kindness, &c. i. e. the kindness formerly shown thee. 5. vanity, idolatrous worship. 10. Chittim, countries on the Mediterranean. dar, Arabia. 14. spoiled, by the captivity. 15. m. conquerors. 16. Noph and Tahapanes, probably names of Memphis and Daphne, put for Egypt. head, probably Josiah: see 2 Kings xxiii. 33, 34. Sihor, Isa. xxiii. 3, note. river, Euphrates. The

reproof is for forming alliances with Egypt and Assyria. 22. nitre, the natrum of the ancients, soluble, and used in washing. It means, ablutions will not remove their moral defilement. 23. Baalim, idols of Israel. valley, of Hinnom: comp. Isaiah lviii. 5, 6. know, &c. describes Israel's brutish passion for idolatry. 25. Withhold, &c. make not long journeys to form alliances with idolaters; or, expose not thyself to the sufferings of the captive, the consequences of thy sin. no hope, perhaps means, but in

29 Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.

30 In vain have I ^b smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath ^d devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

31 [†] O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, ^d We ^e are lords; we will come no more unto thee?

32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people ^e have forgotten me days without number.

33 Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.

34 Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by [§] secret search, but upon all these.

35 Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, ^k because thou sayest, I have not sinned.

36 Why [†] gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? [†] thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, ^m as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.

37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

CHAP. III.

THEY [†] say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, [†] shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; [†] yet return again to me, saith the LORD.

2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. ^v In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.

3 Therefore the ^w showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a ^y whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art ^a the guide of my youth?

5 Will ^b he reserve his anger for ever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

6 [†] The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

7 And [†] I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But

B. C. 629.

^a Eze. 23. 9.

^b Is. 1. 5.

^c Ch. 36. 16.

^d Mat. 23. 29.

^e &c.

^f Ac. 7. 52.

^g 1 Th. 2. 15.

^h or, fame.

ⁱ Ps. 12. 4.

^j have dominion.

^k Ps. 106. 21.

^l Ho. 8. 14.

^m 2 Ch. 34. 33.

ⁿ in falsehood.

^o digging.

^p Ps. 86. 15.

^q Pr. 28. 13.

^r 1 Jno. 1. 8, 10.

^s De. 30. 1, &c.

^t Pr. 28. 13.

^u Ho. 5. 13.

^v Is. 30. 3.

^w 2 Ch. 28. 20.

^x ch. 31. 32.

^y Ho. 2. 19, 20.

^z Ro. 11. 5.

[†] Saying.

[†] Ep. 4. 11.

[†] Ac. 20. 28.

[†] De. 24. 4.

[†] Zec. 1. 3.

[†] Is. 65. 17.

[†] upon the heart.

[†] Eze. 16. 24.

[†] or, it be magnified.

[†] Le. 26. 19.

[†] Is. 60. 9.

[†] Eze. 3. 7.

[†] Zep. 3. 5.

[†] or, stubbornness.

[†] Is. 11. 13.

[†] Eze. 37. 16.

[†] Ho. 1. 11.

[†] Pr. 2. 17.

[†] Ho. 2. 15.

[†] or, it.

[†] Ps. 103. 9.

[†] Is. 57. 16.

[†] Am. 9. 15.

[†] or, caused your fathers to possess.

[†] land of desire.

[†] an heritage of glory, or, beauty.

[†] Is. 63. 16.

[†] from after me.

[†] friend.

[†] Is. 48. 8.

[†] 2 Ki. 17. 13.

she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

8 And I saw, when ^a for all the cause whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

9 And it came to pass through the [†] lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with [†] her whole heart, but [†] feignedly saith the LORD.

11 And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

12 [†] Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am [†] merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever.

13 Only [†] acknowledge thine iniquity that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice saith the LORD.

14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; [†] for I am married unto you, and I will take you ^o one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

15 And I will give you ^p pastors according to mine heart, which shall [†] feed you with knowledge and understanding.

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: [†] neither shall it come [†] to mind: neither shall they remember it: neither shall they visit it; neither shall [†] that be done any more.

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, [†] to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the [†] imagination of their evil heart.

18 In those days [†] the house of Judah shall walk [†] with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to [†] the land that I have [†] given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

19 But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee [†] a pleasant land, [†] a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, ^d My father; and shalt not turn away I from me.

20 [†] Surely as a wife treacherously departed from her [§] husband, so [†] have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.

heathen alliances. 31. *We are lords*, our own governors. 32. *a maid forget her ornaments*, with which she is covered when to be married. 33. *trimmest*, &c. using inveigling methods, like a prostitute. 34. *in thy skirts*, throughout thy borders. *not-by secret search*, every place was plainly polluted with human blood offered to idols. 35. *plead*, 'enter into judgment.

CHAP. III.—1. *played the harlot*, leaving God, to love idolatry. 2. *In the ways*, their public places abounded with idols. *as the Arabian*, who to rob

waits for the traveller. 3. *no latter rain*, the former rain was after seed time; the latter, before harvest time. 7. *treacherous sister Judah*, the kingdom of Judah also became idolatrous. 9. *lightness*, wantonness. 12. *toward the north*, where the ten tribes were in captivity. 14. *I am married unto you*, will yet acknowledge you as mine. *one of a city*, &c. a remnant shall be brought into the gospel church. 16. *say no more*, The ark, the token of God's presence; for symbolical worship should be superseded by spiritual, and the church would be

21 A voice was heard upon ^a the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten the LORD their God.
22 Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God.
23 Truly ^a in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains: ^a truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel.
24 For ^a shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.
25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: ^a for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and ^a have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

CHAP. IV.

F thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, ^a return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of thy sight, then shalt thou not remove.
2 And ^a thou shalt swear, The LORD verily, ^a in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; ^a and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall glory.
3 ^a For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, ^a Break up your plow ground, and ^a sow not among thorns.
4 Circumcise ^a yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.
5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble ^a yourselves, and let us go into our defended cities.
6 Set up the standard toward Zion: ^a for she is, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.
7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and ^a the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place, he will make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.
8 For this ^a gird you with sackcloth, and lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.
9 And it shall come to pass at that day, that the LORD, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall be confounded.
10 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! ^a surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.
11 At that time shall it be said to this people, and to Jerusalem, ^a A dry wind of

B. C. 612.
^a Is. 15. 2.
^a or, a fuller wind than those.
^a utter judgments.
^b Ho. 6. 1.
^a Is. 5. 28.
^a De. 28. 49.
^a Lu. 4. 19.
^a Ho. 8. 1.
^a Hab. 1. 8.
^a Ps. 121. 1, 2.
^a Is. 1. 16.
^a Ja. 4. 8.
^a Ps. 3. 8.
^a ch. 11. 13.
^a Ho. 9. 10.
^a ch. 8. 16.
^a Ezr. 9. 7.
^a ch. 5. 15.
^a ch. 22. 21.
^a 2 Ki. 25. 1, 4.
^a ch. 2. 17, 19.
^a Ps. 107. 17.
^a Is. 50. 1.
^a ch. 3. 1, 22.
^a Joel 2. 12.
^a Is. 15. 5.
^a Lu. 19. 42.
^a De. 10. 20.
^a Is. 45. 23.
^a 65. 16.
^a Zec. 8. 8.
^a the walls of my heart.
^a Is. 48. 1.
^a Ge. 22. 18.
^a Ps. 72. 17.
^a Ga. 3. 8.
^a Is. 45. 25.
^a 1 Co. 1. 31.
^a Ps. 42. 7.
^a Eze. 7. 26.
^a Ho. 10. 12.
^a ch. 10. 20.
^a Mat. 13. 7.
^a De. 10. 16.
^a 30. 6.
^a Ro. 2. 23, 29.
^a Col. 2. 11.
^a Ro. 16. 19.
^a Is. 24. 12.
^a Ge. 1. 2.
^a ch. 5. 14.
^a Is. 5. 25.
^a Eze. 38. 20.
^a or, strengthen.
^a breaking.
^a Zep. 1. 3.
^a 2 Ki. 24. 1.
^a Da. 7. 4.
^a ch. 25. 9.
^a Is. 1. 7.
^a Is. 22. 12.
^a ch. 46. 28.
^a Ho. 4. 3.
^a Is. 5. 30.
^a 50. 3.
^a Lu. 23. 41.
^a Nu. 23. 19.
^a Eze. 14. 9.
^a 2 Th. 2. 11.
^a ch. 51. 1.
^a Eze. 17. 10.

the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse,
12 Even ^a a full wind from those places shall come unto me: now also will I give sentence against them.
13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and ^a his chariots shall be as a whirlwind: and his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.
14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?
15 For a voice declareth ^a from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.
16 Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come ^a from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.
17 As ^a keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD.
18 Thy ^a way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.
19 ^a My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.
20 Destruction ^a upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are ^a my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment.
21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet?
22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: ^a they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.
23 I ^a beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.
24 I ^a beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.
25 I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and ^a all the birds of the heavens were fled.
26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger.
27 For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; ^a yet will I not make a full end.
28 For this ^a shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and ^a will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.
29 The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.
30 And when thou art spoiled, what wilt

^a throne. 21. A voice, of repentance. high places, of idolatry. 24. shame, a name for idols: ch. 13: Hos. ix. 10. devoured, causing God to go upon them their ruin.
CAP. IV.—2. swear, adherence to Jehovah's word. Isa. xix. 18. 3. Break up, &c. equivalent to sow, and bring forth fruits, &c. Mat. iii. 6—8. Circumcise, &c. signifies to put away all sinful things.
5. Blow, &c. Prepare for war. 6. from the

north, the Babylonian power. 7. Gentiles, nations. 11. A dry wind, the invading armies, resembling the destructive hot wind of the desert. 15. Dan—Ephraim, were north, and first invaded. 16. watchers, besiegers. 17. keepers, &c. Arabian plantations, being open, have guards placed at certain distances around them. 23—27. earth—heavens—mountains—hills, &c. describe here the entire subversion of the civil and ecclesiastical go-

thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, ^a though thou rentest thy ^b face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; ^c thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

CHAP. V.

RUN ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, ^f if ye can find a man, ^g if there be any that executeth judgment, ^h that seeketh the truth; ⁱ and I will pardon it.

2 And ^j though they say, The LORD liveth: surely they ^k swear falsely.

3 O LORD, are not ^l thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast ^m stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but ⁿ they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

4 Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish: for ^o they know not the way of the LORD, nor the judgment of their God.

5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for ^p they have known the way of the LORD, and the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.

6 Wherefore ^q a lion out of the forest shall slay them, ^r and a wolf of the t evenings shall spoil them, ^s a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are ^t increased.

7 ^u How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and ^v sworn by them ^w that are no gods: ^x when I have fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

8 They ^y were as fed horses in the morning: every one ^z neighed after his neighbour's wife.

9 Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: ^{aa} and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 ^{ab} Go ^{ac} ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they are not the LORD's.

11 For ^{ad} the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD.

12 They ^{ae} have belied the LORD, and said, ^{af} It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; ^{ag} neither shall we see sword nor famine:

13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

14 Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, be-

B. C. 612.

a 2 Ki. 9. 30.

b eyes.

c Is. 5. 26.

d 1 Co. 14. 21.

e La. 1. 2, 19.

f Is. 1. 15.

g Le. 26. 16.

h De. 28. 31, 33.

i Eze. 22. 30.

j Ps. 12. 1.

k 2 Th. 2. 10.

l Ge. 18. 26.

m ch. 13. 29.

n 16. 10.

o De. 29. 24.

p &c.

q 1 Ki. 9. 8, 9.

r Tit. 1. 16.

s ch. 7. 9.

t 2 Ch. 16. 9.

u De. 28. 48.

v Is. 1. 5.

w Zep. 3. 2.

x Mat. 13. 14.

y Jno. 12. 40.

z Ac. 28. 26.

aa Ro. 11. 8.

ab heart.

ac Ho. 7. 11.

ad Jno. 7. 48.

ae Re. 15. 4.

af Job 26. 10.

ag Ps. 101. 9.

ah Mi. 3. 1.

ai Ps. 2. 2.

aj ch. 4. 7.

ak Hab. 1. 8.

al or, deserts.

am Jo. 13. 7.

an Ps. 147. 8.

ao Mat. 5. 45.

ap Ac. 14. 17.

aq De. 11. 14.

ar Joel 2. 23.

as strong.

at Ge. 8. 22.

au Jos. 23. 7.

av ch. 3. 3.

aw 1 Co. 8. 4.

ax Ga. 4. 8.

ay De. 32. 15.

az or, pry as fowls lie in wait.

ba Pr. 1. 11, 17.

bb 18.

bc Hab. 1. 15.

bd Eze. 22. 11.

be ch. 13. 27.

bf or, coop.

bg ch. 44. 22.

bh De. 32. 15.

bi ch. 39. 8.

bj Is. 1. 23.

bk Zec. 7. 10.

bl Job 12. 6.

bm Ps. 73. 12.

bn Mal. 3. 5.

bo ch. 3. 20.

bp or, Astonishment and filthiness.

bq 2 Ch. 36. 16.

br Is. 28. 15.

bs Eze. 13. 6.

bt ch. 14. 13.

bu or, take into their hands.

bv Mi. 2. 11.

hold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

15 Lo, I will bring a ^c nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation whose language thou knowest not: neither understandest what they say.

16 Their quiver is as an open sepulchre: they are all mighty men.

17 And they shall eat up thine ^d harvest and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.

18 Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD, I will not make a full end with you.

19 ^e And it shall come to pass, when I shall say, ^f Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these things unto us? thou shalt answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods: your land, so shall ye serve strangers in land that is not your's.

20 Declare this in the house of Jacob and publish it in Judah, saying,

21 Hear now this, O ^g foolish people, without understanding; which have eyes and see not; which have ears, and hear not:

22 Fear ^h ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand ⁱ for the ^j bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it; and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

23 But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone.

24 Neither say they in their heart, I will now fear the LORD our God, ^k he will give us rain, both the ^l former and the latter, in his season: ^m he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

25 ⁿ Your ^o iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withheld good things from you.

26 For among my people are found wicked men: they ^p lay ^q wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.

27 As a ^r cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

28 They are waxen ^s fat, they shine: ye they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not ^t the cause, the cause of the fatherless, ^u yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.

29 Shall ^v I not visit for these things, saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

30 ^w A wonderful and horrible thing committed in the land;

31 The prophets prophesy ^x falsely, and the priests ^y bear rule by their means; and my people ^z love to have it so: and when I will ye do in the end thereof?

CHAP. VI.

O YE children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem

vernment, &c. 30. *Though thou clothest, &c.* alludes to the arts of the courtesan.

CHAP. V.—6. *a lion, &c.* the king of Babylon and his troops. 7. *harlots' houses*, places for idolatry. 13. *wind*, as wind not regarded. 15. *a nation*,

Babylonia, Isa. xxxix. 3. 27. *birds*, i.e. decoy-bird. They were skilful in drawing men into iniquity. 31. *prophesy falsely, &c.* false prophets and wicked priests seduced the people.

CHAP. VI.—1. *children of Benjamin*, Jerusalem

and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Beth-haccerem: for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction.

2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.

3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch their tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place.

4 Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

5 Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

6 For thus hath the LORD of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem: this is the city to be visited: she is wholly in oppression in the midst of her.

7 As a fountain casteth out her waters, so she casteth out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually is grief and wounds.

8 Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest thy soul depart from thee; lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.

9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets.

10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days.

12 And their houses shall be turned out to others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.

13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. For they said, We will not walk therein.

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a Is. 21. 11. 58. 1.

Eze. 3. 17.

Hab. 2. 1.

b Ne. 3. 14.

c ch. 1. 14.

d or, dwelling at home.

e Is. 1. 2.

f Pr. 1. 31.

g 2 Ki. 25. 1. 4.

h Lu. 19. 43.

i ch. 51. 27.

j Joel 3. 8.

k Ps. 40. 6.

l 50. 7. 9.

m Is. 1. 11.

n Gs. 3.

o Am. 5. 21.

p Mi. 6. 6. &c.

q Is. 60. 6.

r or, pour out the engine of shot.

s Ja. 5. 1. 5.

t Is. 57. 20.

u Ps. 55. 9. 11.

v Eze. 7. 11. 23.

w Eze. 24. 13.

x Ho. 9. 12.

y he loosed, or, disjointed.

z Is. 5. 30.

a ch. 43. 24.

b 50. 43.

c Ex. 6. 12.

d Ac. 7. 61.

e ch. 20. 8.

f Lu. 11. 45.

g Jno. 7. 7.

h 5. 40.

i 2 Ti. 4. 3.

j ch. 25. 31.

k Mi. 1. 10.

l Zec. 12. 10.

m ch. 15. 20.

n De. 28. 30.

o Eze. 22. 13.

p or, Refuse sincere.

q Is. 1. 22.

r Is. 58. 11.

s Mi. 3. 5. 11.

t Eze. 13. 10.

u 2 Pe. 2. 1. 18.

v bruise, or, breach.

w ch. 26. 2.

x ch. 18. 11.

y 26. 13.

z Mat. 3. 8. 10.

a Ja. 4. 8.

b ch. 18. 15.

c Is. 8. 20.

d Mal. 4. 4.

e Lu. 16. 29.

f Mat. 11. 23.

g Mt. 3. 11.

17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet, But they said, We will not hearken.

18 Therefore hearken ye nations, and know O congregation, what is among them.

19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

20 To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.

23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.

24 We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy and fear is on every side.

26 O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

27 I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way.

28 They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: they are brass and iron; they are all corrupters.

29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away.

30 Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.

CHAP. VII.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.

3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the

is in the lot of Benjamin, Josh. xviii. 28. Tekoa, a city in the tribe of Judah. a sign of fire, i. e. a fire signal. Beth-haccerem, three miles from Jerusalem. a shepherd, &c. signify here the Chaldean generals, and their troops. 4, 5, go up at noon—night, no day for searching heat or cold dews. 6, hew ye men trees, for towers, &c. for sieges. 7, grief and sorrows, of the oppressed poor. 9, glean, the righteous would return again and again, gathering additional captives. turn back—as a grape gatherer, &c. is, till none remain. 10, uncircumcised, cir-

cumcision typified a renewal of heart: Rom. ii. 29: Col. ii. 11. 13, given to covetousness, addicted to lust.—Barnes. 15, fall among them that fall, there shall be nothing but a succession of deaths. 16, old paths, of faith and obedience. 17, multitude, prophets. 23, voice roareth, alluding to the enormous terrible war-cry at the onset. 27, set thee, i. e. Jeremiah. 28, brass and iron, impatient and obstinate. 29, The bellows, &c. they have been tried in the furnace, but not purified.

CHAP. VII.—4, lying words, uttered by false pro-

LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these.

5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers for ever and ever.

8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

10 And ye come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD.

12 But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not:

14 Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.

15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.

16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

17 Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.

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a 1 Sa. 15. 22.
Ps. 51. 16, 17.
Ho. 6. 6.

* the matter of.

b Ex. 15. 26.
De. 6. 3.

c Ex. 19. 5.
Le. 26. 12.

d De. 8. 19.
e De. 4. 40.

f Ps. 81. 11.
g De. 29. 19.
Ps. 81. 12.

† or, stubbornness.

‡ were.

h 1 Ki. 18. 21.
Ho. 4. 1, 2.

i Ex. 20. 3.
k 2 Ch. 36. 15.

l Eze. 23. 39.

§ whereupon my name is called.

m Ne. 9. 17, 20.

n Is. 56. 7.

o Jer. 16. 12.

p Mat. 21. 13.

r Eze. 2. 7.

s Jos. 18. 1.
Ju. 18. 31.

t De. 12. 11.

u 1 Sa. 4. 10, 11.

|| or, instruction.

x 2 Ch. 36. 15.

y Job 1. 20.
Is. 15. 2.

z Mi. 1. 16.
y Pr. 1. 24.

1. 65. 12.

2 Ki. 21. 4, 7.

2 Ch. 33. 4, 5.

Eze. 7. 20.

Da. 9. 27.

a 2 Ki. 17. 23.

b 2 Ki. 23. 10.

c Ex. 32. 10.

d Ps. 106. 38.

e De. 17. 3.

f upon.

f ch. 15. 1.

g ch. 44. 17, 19.

h Eze. 6. 5.

† or, frame, or, workmanship of heaven.

i De. 32. 16, 21.

k Is. 24. 7, 8.

Eze. 26. 13.

Ho. 2. 11.

Re. 18. 23.

l Le. 26. 33.

Is. 1. 7.

3. 26.

m Is. 1. 11.

Ho. 8. 13.

Am. 5. 21.

22 For I spake not unto your father nor commanded them in the day that brought them out of the land of Egypt concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices.

23 But this thing commanded I then saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsel and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them:

26 Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers:

27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee.

28 But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

29 Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.

30 For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.

31 And they have built the high place of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart.

32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.

33 And the carcases of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray them away.

34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the street of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

CHAP. VIII.

AT that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah and the bones of his princes, and the

phets. temple, peculiar residence. 6. innocent blood in this place. in the temple, where the Sanhedrin, or great court of judicature, sat. 10. are delivered, i. e. have permission. 11. become a den, like that in which robbers would conceal themselves, after committing the greatest crimes;—thus the people committed the grossest enormities, and then presented their offerings. 12. Shiloh, a city of Ephraim, where the ark, &c. were. see what I did, 1 Sam. iv. 4, 11. 15. Ephraim, the ten tribes so called, because Ephraim was the principal.

queen of heaven, probably Urania, or the moon. 22. I spake not—concerning burnt offerings, &c. moral precepts were given before the ceremonies. 25. daily rising, &c. daily and early sending them like the day-labourer to his work. 29. Cut off thine hair, a token of great mourning: see Isa. xv. note. generation, &c. i. e. sinful race, objects of wrath, Eph. ii. 3. 31. Tophet, see 2 Kings xxiii. 1 note.

CHAP. VIII.—1. bring out, or cast forth out of their graves, probably in search of treasure buried

bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves:

2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.

3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return?

5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

6 I have hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.

7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD.

8 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain.

9 The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?

10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

11 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

12 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

13 I will surely consume them, saith the LORD: there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the ear shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them.

14 Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us be silent there: for the LORD our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD.

15 We looked for peace, but no good

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the fulness thereof.

2 Ki. 23. 5.

Eze. 8. 16.

2b. 22. 19.

2 Ki. 9. 36.

Ps. 83. 10.

Ps. 58. 4, 5.

Eze. 10. 11.

Job 32. 22.

7. 15, 16.

Re. 9. 6.

upon.

the country of them that are far off.

Is. 39. 3.

De. 32. 21.

Is. 1. 4.

Joel 2. 6.

Na. 2. 10.

2 Pe. 3. 9.

Ge. 37. 25.

43. 11.

gone up.

Is. 1. 3.

Ca. 2. 12.

Who will give my head, &c.

Is. 22. 4.

La. 2. 11.

3. 48.

Ro. 2. 17.

or, the false pen of the scribes worketh for falsehood.

Is. 10. 1.

or, Have they been ashamed, &c.

Ps. 64. 3.

Is. 59. 13, 15.

the wisdom of what thing.

De. 28. 30.

Am. 5. 11.

Zep. 1. 13.

1 Sa. 2. 12.

Ho. 4. 1.

Mi. 7. 5, 6.

or, friend.

Is. 56. 11.

or, mock.

Eze. 13. 10.

or, In gathering I will consume them.

Is. 2. 15.

Mal. 3. 3.

Is. 5. 1, &c.

Joel 1. 7.

Ho. 11. 8.

Mat. 21. 19.

Lu. 13. 6, &c.

in the midst of him.

or, wait for him.

or, poison.

or, pasture.

came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!

16 The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones; for they are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein.

17 For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, saith the LORD.

18 When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me.

19 Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?

20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me.

22 Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

CHAP. IX.

Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.

3 And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD.

4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders.

5 And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.

6 Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

7 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people?

8 Their tongue is as an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait.

9 Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the ha-

th the bodies. 7. stork—turtle, &c. birds of passage. judgment, providence or word. 8. pen the scribes, these copiers of the law used their own ink glasses. 9. wise—ashamed, of the wisdom which they boasted. 10. Dan, by this territory which had been entered. 11. serpents, &c. the malignant, comparable to those noxious creatures. 12. faint, the prophet was so at the thought of the approaching calamity. 20. harvest—summer, these

being past, the Egyptians could not aid them in winter. 21. I am black, I go mourning. 22. no balm in Gilead, it was famous for a healing gum of a tree near Jericho. The idea is, it was not for want of ability in Jehovah, but on account of their relinquishing him, they would perish.

CHAP. IX.—2. a lodging, &c. a traveller's hut. 6. through deceit, of sin. 7. melt, as metals in a furnace. 10. For the mountains, &c. having neither

bitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are * burned up, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; † both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone.

11 And I will make Jerusalem † heaps, and † a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah † desolate, without an inhabitant.

12 * Who * is the wise man, that may understand this? and who is he to whom the mouth of the LORD hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perisheth and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth through?

13 And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;

14 But have walked after the * imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, † which their fathers taught them:

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will † feed them, even this people, † with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

16 I will * scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; † and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

17 † Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for † the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come:

18 And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.

19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because † our dwellings have cast us out.

20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation.

21 For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets.

22 Speak, Thus saith the LORD, Even the carcasses of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather them.

23 † Thus saith the LORD, † Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

24 But † let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: † for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

25 † Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I † will † punish all them which

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* or, desolate.

† from the fowl even to, &c.

‡ cut off into corners, or, having the corners of their hair polled.

a ch. 49. 32.

b Is. 25. 2.

c Eze. 44. 7.

d Ro. 2. 28. 29.

e Is. 13. 22.

f desolation.

g Ho. 14. 9.

h Le. 18. 3.

i statutes, or, ordinances are vanity.

j Is. 44. 9, &c.

k 45. 20.

l or, stubbornness.

m Ga. 1. 14.

n Ps. 115. 5.

o Hab. 2. 19.

p 1 Co. 12. 2.

q Ps. 80. 5.

r Ex. 3. 15. 19.

s La. 15. 11.

t Le. 26. 33.

u De. 28. 64.

v Eze. 5. 2. 12.

w Re. 15. 4.

x or, it liketh thee.

y 2 Ch. 35. 25.

z Mat. 9. 23.

aa in one, or, at once.

ab Ro. 1. 21. 22.

ac Da. 10. 5.

ad God of truth.

ae Ps. 31. 5.

af Le. 18. 28.

ag 1 Ti. 6. 17.

ah king of eternity.

ai In the Chaldean language.

aj Is. 2. 18.

ak Zec. 13. 2.

al Ge. 1. 6. 9.

am Is. 40. 22.

an or, noise.

ao Ec. 9. 11.

ap or, for rain.

aq or, is more brutish than to know.

ar Pr. 30. 2.

as 1 Co. 1. 31.

at 2 Co. 10. 17.

au Mi. 6. 8.

av Ps. 16. 5.

aw 73. 26.

ax La. 3. 24.

ay Ro. 2. 8. 9.

az visit upon.

are circumcised with the uncircumcised

26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corner that dwell in the wilderness: for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are † uncircumcised: the heart.

CHAP. X.

HEAR ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:

2 Thus saith the LORD, † Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

3 For the customs of the people are vain: for † one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.

4 They deck it with silver and with gold, they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

5 They are upright as the palm tree: but speak not; they must needs be born, because they cannot go. Be not afraid them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.

6 Forasmuch as there is none † ill unto thee, O LORD; thou art great, and thy name is great in might.

7 Who † would not fear thee, O King of nations? for † to thee doth it appertain, forasmuch as among all the wise men the nations, and in all their kingdom there is none like unto thee.

8 But they are † altogether † brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanity.

9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and † gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple their clothing: they are all the work of cunning men.

10 But the LORD is the † true God, † is † the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

11 † Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even † they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

12 He † hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and † hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

13 When he uttereth his voice, there is † multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightning with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

14 Every man † is † brutish in his knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.

15 They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

16 The † portion of Jacob is not † less than them: for he is the former of all things.

pasture nor flocks. habitations of the wilderness, or pastures of the plain.

11. heaps, of ruins. den of dragons, † dwelling of wolves. 12. Who, &c. had they minded the law and prophets, they might have known the reason of their calamities.

15. wormwood—denote severe inflictions. 17. mourning women, hired mourners to lament over the dead, as

ancient and yet existing custom. cunning, the skillful: see 2 Chron. xxxv. 25; Amos v. 16.

CHAP. X. — 2. signs, &c. they had monthly recognitions. 3. customs, rites, ceremonies. cutteth a tree, to make a god. 7. it appertain, to thee belongs honour and majesty.

8. the stock, of which an idol is made. 9. Uphaz, supposed to be Ophir.

and ^a Israel is the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts is his name.
 17 ^b Gather ^c up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress.
 18 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I ^d bring out the inhabitants of the land this once, and will distress them, ^e that they may find it so.
 19 ^f Who is me for my hurt! my wound grievous: but I said, Truly this is a ^g man, and ^h I must bear it.
 20 My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my ⁱ riches are broken: my children are gone from me, and they are not: ^j there is one to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.
 21 For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore ^k they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.
 22 Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of dragons.
 23 ^l O LORD, I know that the ^m way of man is not in himself: it is not in man at walketh to direct his steps.
 24 O LORD, ⁿ correct me, but with thy ^o rod: not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.
 25 Pour ^p out thy fury upon the heathen: that know thee not, and upon the nations that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.
 26 ^q HE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
 27 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;
 28 And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; ^r Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant.
 29 Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, ^s from the iron furnace, saying, ^t Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:
 30 That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey, ^u it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O LORD.
 31 Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, ^v and do them.
 32 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, ^w rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.

CHAP. XI.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
 2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;
 3 And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; ^a Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant.
 4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, ^b from the iron furnace, saying, ^c Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:
 5 That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey, ^d it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O LORD.
 6 Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, ^e and do them.
 7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, ^f rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.

B. C. 600.
^a De. 32. 9.
^b Ps. 74. 2.
^c or, stubbornness.
^d ch. 6. 1.
^e Eze. 12. 3, &c.
^f inhabitress
^g 1 Sa. 25. 29.
^h Eze. 6. 10.
ⁱ Eze. 22. 25.
^j Ho. 6. 9.
^k Ps. 77. 10.
^l Eze. 20. 13.
^m Mi. 7. 9.
ⁿ go forth of.
^o Pr. 1. 23.
^p Is. 1. 15.
^q Kr. 16. 1.
^r 20. 24.
^s evil.
^t Ps. 6. 1.
^u 38. 1.
^v diminish me.
^w Ps. 79. 6.
^x shame,
^y Ho. 9. 10.
^z Job 13. 21.
^{aa} 1 Th. 4. 5.
^{ab} 2 Th. 1. 8.
^{ac} Ex. 32. 10.
^{ad} 1 Juo. 5. 16.
^{ae} evil.
^{af} it is to my beloved in my house?
^{ag} Ps. 50. 16.
^{ah} 1. 11, &c.
^{ai} Eze. 16. 25, &c.
^{aj} Hag. 2. 12.
^{ak} 14.
^{al} Tit. 1. 15.
^{am} or, when thy evil is.
^{an} Pr. 2. 14.
^{ao} Ps. 52. 8.
^{ap} Ro. 11. 17.
^{aq} De. 27. 26.
^{ar} Ga. 3. 10.
^{as} ch. 2. 21.
^{at} Is. 5. 2.
^{au} De. 4. 50.
^{av} 1 Ki. 8. 51.
^{aw} Le. 26. 3, 12.
^{ax} Amen,
^{ay} De. 27. 15.
^{az} 26.
^{ba} stalk with his bread.
^{bb} Ps. 83. 4.
^{bc} Ro. 2. 13.
^{bd} Ja. 1. 22.
^{be} 1 Sa. 16. 7.
^{bf} 1 Ch. 28. 9.
^{bg} Ps. 7. 9.
^{bh} Re. 2. 23.
^{bi} ch. 35. 15.

8 Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the ^a imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but they did them not.
 9 And the LORD said unto me, ^b A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
 10 They are turned back to ^c the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.
 11 ^d Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and ^e though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.
 12 Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their ^f trouble.
 13 For according to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to ^g that ^h shameful thing, even altars to burn incense unto Baal.
 14 Therefore ⁱ pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their ^j trouble.
 15 What ^k hath ^l my beloved to do in mine house, seeing she hath ^m wrought lewdness with many, and ⁿ the holy flesh is passed from thee? ^o when thou dost evil, then thou ^p rejoicest.
 16 The LORD called thy name, ^q A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.
 17 For the LORD of hosts, ^r that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.
 18 ^s And the LORD hath given me knowledge of it, and I know it: then thou shewedst me their doings.
 19 But I ^t was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the ^u tree with the fruit thereof, ^v and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.
 20 But O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that ^w triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.
 21 Therefore thus saith the LORD of the men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying,

rod of his inheritance, marked out for his position, as by a measuring rod. 17. Gather, &c. commanding the speedy quitting of the strange hold captivity. 18. rising out, as a warrior throws away a sling. And it so, as God had threatened. 19. Who is me, Zion's exclamation. 20. to stretch, none to set up even a shepherd's staff—perfect desolation. 21. bruit, report, or commotion. 22. with judgment, with moderation. 23. Pour, &c. predicts punishment on Judah's enemies.

CHAP. XI.—2. covenant, made with their fathers, verse 4. 4. Iron furnace, i. e. a state of great affliction. 5. answered I, i. e. the prophet. 7. rising early, &c. 'earnestly admonishing.' 9. a conspiracy, to revolt against God. 15. my beloved, the Jewish church. holy flesh, of the sacrifices. 16. green olive, this represented Israel flourishing. 18. their doings, thought to allude abruptly to their conspiracy against the prophet. 19. like a lamb, &c. insensible to danger. 20. let me see, &c. do justice between me and them. 21—23. Anathoth, the pro-

^a Prophecy not in the name of the LORD, that thou die not by our hand :

²² Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will *punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:

²³ And there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, *even* ²⁴ the year of their visitation.

CHAP. XII.

RIGHTEOUS ^a art thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet ^b let me talk with thee of ^c thy judgments: ^d Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? ^e wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

² Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they ^f grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: ³ thou ^g art near in their mouth, and far from their reins.

³ But thou, O LORD, ^h knowest me: thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart *toward thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for ⁱ the day of slaughter.

⁴ How long shall ^j the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, ^k for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? ⁵ the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end.

⁵ ^l If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and ^m if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in ⁿ the swelling of Jordan?

⁶ For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee: yea, they ^o have called a multitude after thee: ^p believe them not, though they speak ^q fair words unto thee.

⁷ ^r I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given ^s the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.

⁸ Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest; it ^t crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it.

⁹ Mine heritage is unto me as ^u a speckled bird, the birds round about are against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, ^v come to ^w devour.

¹⁰ Many ^x pastors have destroyed ^y my vineyard, they have ^z trodden my portion under foot, they have made my ^a pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

¹¹ They have made it desolate, and ^b being desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because ^c I no man layeth it to heart.

¹² The spoilers are come upon all high

B. C. 608.

^a Is. 30. 10. Am. 7. 13, 16. Mi. 2. 6.

^b *evil upon.* Le. 26. 16. De. 28. 38. Mi. 6. 15.

^c Hag. 1. 6. ^d or, ye.

^e Lu. 19. 44. ^f Zec. 2. 8.

^g Ps. 51. 4. ^h ch. 32. 37. De. 30. 3.

ⁱ or, let me reason the case with thee.

^j Job 12. 6. Ps. 37. 1, 35. 73. 3, &c.

^k Hab. 1. 4. Mal. 3. 15.

^l Eze. 28. 25. ^m Am. 9. 14.

ⁿ *eo on.* Is. 29. 13. Mar. 7. 6.

^o Ps. 17. 3. 139. 1.

^p *with thee.* Ep. 2. 20, 21.

^q 1 Pe. 2. 5. ^r Ja. 5. 5.

^s Is. 60. 12. ^t ch. 23. 10.

^u Ho. 4. 3. ^v Ps. 107. 34.

^w Ho. 4. 3. ^x He. 1. 1.

^y Jno. 15. 14. ^z ch. 49. 19.

^a 50. 44. Jos. 3. 15.

^b 1 Ch. 12. 15. ^c or, cried after thee fully.

^d Pr. 26. 25. ^e *good things*

^f *the love.* ^g *giveth out his voice,*

^h or, yelleth. ⁱ or, taloned.

^j Mat. 5. 13. ^k or, cause them to come.

^l ch. 7. 33. Is. 56. 9.

^m ch. 6. 3. ⁿ Is. 5. 1, 5.

^o Le. 26. 19. ^p Is. 63. 18.

^q *portion of desire.* ^r or, stubbornness.

^s Is. 42. 25.

places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.

¹³ They ^t have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, ^u but shall not profit: and ^v they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

¹⁴ ^w Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil neighbours, that ^x touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will ^y pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

¹⁵ And ^z it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, ^a and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

¹⁶ And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be ^b built in the midst of my people.

¹⁷ But if they will not ^c obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

CHAP. XIII.

THUS ^a saith the LORD unto me, Go and get thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water.

² So I got a girdle ^b according to the word of the LORD, and put it on my loins.

³ And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying,

⁴ Take the girdle that thou hast got, which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

⁵ So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

⁶ And it came to pass after many days, that the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there.

⁷ Then I went to Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it: and, behold, the girdle was marred, ^a it was profitable for nothing.

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

⁹ Thus saith the LORD, After this manner ^b will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

¹⁰ This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

¹¹ For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins

phet's own city: see chap. i. 1.

CHAP. XII.—1. *Wherefore, &c.* the prophet is perplexed at the prosperity of the wicked. 2. *reins, thoughts:* see Ps. vii. 9. 4. *He, God, or the prophet.* not see our last end, not see those calamities come upon us. *beasts are consumed, and the birds,* the one having no grass, the others no fruit, from its barrenness. 5. *run, &c.* interpreted, that the dangers from Anathoth were nothing to what he should suffer from the great men in Jerusalem. God here speaks. The allusion is to running footmen. *swelling of Jordan,* ravages of war, compared to inundations. Jordan often overflowed its banks. 6. *called a multitude, &c.* pursued after thee. 7. *house,* God's temple. *heritage,* his people. 8. *as a*

lion, they have raged against me. 9. *a speckled bird,* rather, 'rapacious bird,' to which other birds are opposed.

CHAP. XIII.—1. *girdle, &c.* this action was to represent the impurity of the Jews, and their rejection on that account. Some think it was only in vision, the Euphrates being far distant: but Scott observes, that in taking journeys of several hundreds of miles each, at the Divine command, the prophet might shame the disobedience of the people, and render the sign the more descriptive of their coming hardships. 3. *second time,* denoted the certain accomplishment of the prediction: Gen. xii. 32. 5. *hid it by Euphrates,* to show the country where the Jews were to be carried captive.

of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that ^b they might be unto me for a people, and ^c for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

12 ^d Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine; and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?

13 Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, ^e with drunkenness.

14 And ^f I will dash them: one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, ^g but destroy them.

15 ^h Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken.

16 Give ⁱ glory to the LORD your God, before he cause ^j darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye ^k look for light, he turn it into ^l the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.

17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for ^m your pride; and ⁿ mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is carried away captive.

18 Say unto ^o the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: for your ^p principalities shall come down, even the crown of your glory.

19 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open ^q them: Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them ^r that come from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?

21 What wilt thou say when he shall ^s punish thee? for thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee: shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail?

22 ^t And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are ^u thy skirts discovered, and thy heels made bare.

23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? ^v then may ye also do good, that are ^w accustomed to do evil.

24 Therefore will I scatter them ^x as the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.

25 This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

B. C. 602.

a La. 1. 8.

Eze. 23. 25.

Ho. 2. 10.

b Ex. 19. 5.

c ch. 33. 9.

d ch. 2. 20.

Is. 65. 7.

Eze. 6. 13.

* after when

yet?

† the words

of the

dearths, or,

restraints.

e Is. 3. 26.

f 1 Sa. 5. 12.

g Is. 51. 17, 21.

h Ps. 2. 9.

i a man

against his

brother.

j 2 Sa. 15. 30.

k from de-

stroying

them.

l Jos. 7. 19.

m Is. 5. 30.

n 8. 22.

o Am. 8. 9.

p ch. 2. 24.

q Is. 59. 9.

r Ps. 44. 19.

s Ps. 25. 11.

t Ep. 1. 6.

u La. 1. 2, 16.

v 2. 18.

w ch. 17. 13.

x Ac. 23. 20.

y 1 Ti. 1. 1.

z ch. 22. 26.

aa 2 Ki. 24. 12.

bb || or, head

tires.

cc || Is. 59. 1.

dd || Ex. 29. 45.

ee || Le. 26. 11.

ff || thy name

is called

upon us.

gg Da. 9. 18, 19.

hh || ch. 6. 22.

ii || Ho. 8. 13.

jj || visit upon.

kk || Ex. 32. 10.

ll || Is. 1. 15.

mm || Eze. 8. 18.

nn || ch. 16. 10.

oo || Is. 3. 17.

pp || 47. 2, 3.

qq || Eze. 16. 37.

rr || 39.

ss || Na. 3. 5.

tt || ch. 9. 16.

uu || or, shall be

violently

taken away

c Mat. 19. 24.

d || taught.

e Ps. 1. 4.

f Ho. 13. 3.

g || peace of

truth.

26 Therefore ^a will I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear.

27 I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations ^d on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? ^e when shall it once be?

CHAP. XIV.

THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning ^f the dearth.

2 Judah mourneth, and ^g the gates thereof languish; and ^h they are black unto the ground; and ⁱ the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, ^j and covered their heads.

4 Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.

5 Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook ^k it, because there was no grass.

6 And ^l the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because ^m there was no grass.

7 ⁿ O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou ^o it ^p for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

8 O ^q the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night?

9 Why shouldest thou be as a man astonished, as a mighty man ^r that cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, ^s art in the midst of us, and ^t we are called by thy name; leave us not.

10 ^u Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; ^v he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

11 Then said the LORD unto me, ^w Pray not for this people for ^x their good.

12 When ^y they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but ^z I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

13 ^{aa} Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you ^{ab} assured peace in this place.

14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and

12. bottle, denotes inhabitant. filled, the greatness of the calamities. wine, wrath. 16. darkness, calamity, stumble, alluding perhaps to the dangers of benighted caravans. dark mountains, may express dangers and difficulties. 21. taught them, by free intercourse: witness also Hezekiah showing the treasures to the ambassadors from Babylon. 22. skirts discovered, alluding to the custom of stripping captives, and exposing them to indignities. heels made bare, from captives' fetters. 23. Can the Ethiopian, proverbial, to show that no ordinary means would be effectual for their reformation.

CHAP. XIV.—1. the dearth, the calamity meant

here is not known. 2. gates, put for the crowds there. black, in mourning. cry, may allude to fasting. 3. little ones, children, the servants being dismissed, for want of food, or it may mean menials. pits, rain water cisterns. covered their heads, as mourners. 5. forsook it, tender as the animal is of its young, it left it to find food to enable it to give suck. 7. do thou it, rather, 'do thou act.' 9. as a man astonished, 'as one asleep.'—Sept. i.e. Jehovah acted as if asleep, and as if he had no power to save. The allusion is to a mighty warrior suddenly set upon, and losing his presence of mind.—Rosenmüller. art in the midst, having his dwelling in the

divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, ^a yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; ^d and they shall have none to bury them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them.

17 [¶] Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; ^e Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: ^f for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

18 If I go forth into [†] the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest [‡] go about into a land that they know not.

19 Hast [†] thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and ^m there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and ⁿ there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!

20 We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for ⁿ we have sinned against thee.

21 Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: ^o remember, break not thy covenant with us.

22 Are [†] there any among the ^a vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? [†] art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.

CHAP. XV.

THEN said the LORD unto me, Though ^a Moses and ^b Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth.

2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD; ^c Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity.

3 And I will ^e appoint over them four [‡] kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and [†] the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy.

4 And I will [§] cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of [†] Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for [†] that which he did in Jerusalem.

5 For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee?

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^{*} to ask of thy peace.^a ch. 5. 12, 13.^b Ho. 13. 14.[†] or, whatsoever is dear^c Is. 9. 13.^d Am. 4. 10, 11.^e Ps. 79. 3.[†] or, mother city[‡] a youngman spoiling.[§] or, mother and the young men^e La. 1. 16.^f 1 Sa. 2. 5.^g ch. 8. 21.^h Am. 8. 9.ⁱ Eze. 7. 15.^k Job 3. 1, &c.[§] or, make merchandise[†] against a land, and men acknowledge it not.[†] ch. 5. 31.[†] La. 5. 22.[†] ch. 15. 18.^{||} or, intreat the enemy for thee.ⁿ Ps. 103. 6.ⁿ Da. 9. 8.ⁿ Lu. 15. 18.^o Ps. 71. 20.^o 105. 15.^p Ps. 44. 12.^q Zec. 10. 1, 2.^r De. 32. 21.^s Is. 30. 23.^t De. 32. 22.^u Ps. 69. 7.^x Ex. 32. 11.^y 1 Sa. 7. 9.^z Eze. 3. 1, 3.^z Re. 10. 9, 10.^a Job 23. 12.^a Ps. 119. 72.[†] thy name is called upon me.^b Ps. 1. 1.^c 25. 4, 5.^c Eze. 5. 2, 12.^d Zec. 11. 9.^d ch. 33. 15.^e Le. 23. 16.[†] &c.^f ch. 1. 18, 19.^g Job 6. 15.[†] &c.[†] be not sure.[‡] families.^h Zec. 3. 7.ⁱ De. 28. 26.^k Eze. 22. 25.[§] give them for a removing.^l 2 Ki. 21. 11.[†] &c.

or who shall go aside ^{*} to ask how thou doest?

6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; ^b I am weary with repenting.

7 And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of ^c children, I will destroy my people, since they return not from their ways.

8 Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them against the [†] mother of the young men a spoiler at noonday: I have caused him to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city.

9 She ^f that hath borne seven languisheth: she hath given up the ghost; ^h her sun is gone down while it was yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.

10 [¶] Woe ^k is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them doth curse me.

11 The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will ^{||} cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

12 Shall iron break the northern iron and the steel?

13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the ^p spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.

14 And I will make thee to pass with thine enemies into a land which thou knowest not: for ^a a fire is kindled in mine anger, which shall burn upon you.

15 [¶] O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that ^v for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.

16 Thy words were found, and I did ^z eat them; and ^a thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for ^{*} I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

17 I ^b sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my ^d pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me ^f as a liar, and ^g as waters that [†] fail?

19 [¶] Therefore thus saith the LORD, ^h If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou ^k take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.

20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I ^{am} with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

temple. 17. virgin daughter, cities never taken were so called. Jerusalem had never been taken from the Jews. 21. throne, &c. i. e. thy temple. 22. vanities, i. e. idols.

CHAP. XV.—1. Though Moses and Samuel, powerful pleaders, yet, &c. the prophet's request is denied. 3. tear, rather, 'drag about.'—Blayney, &c. 7. fan, as chaff is driven away with the fan. 9. She, Je-

rusalem, seven, i. e. many. 10. Woe, the prophet laments his own suffering condition. 12. the northern iron, that from the Euxine coast was very strong, an emblem of the Chaldean army. 16. eat them, treasured them up in my memory. 18. waters that fail, an allusion to the mirage, or it may mean a deficiency of the latter rains. 19. return, to a proper spirit.

21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

CHAP. XVI.

THE word of the LORD came also unto me, saying,

2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.

3 For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land;

4 They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

5 For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, even lovingkindness and mercies.

6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor put themselves, nor make themselves bald for them:

7 Neither shall men tear themselves for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.

8 Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink.

9 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

10 And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?

11 Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law;

12 And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me:

13 Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there

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a Is. 48. 13.

b 1 Co. 7. 26, 27

c Am. 4. 2.

d Hab. 1. 15.

e ch. 22. 18, 19.

f Ps. 83. 10.

g Job 34. 21.

h Fr. 5. 21.

i Ps. 79. 2.

k Is. 40. 2.

l Eze. 43. 7, 9.

m Eze. 24. 17.

n 22. 33.

o or, mourning.

p feast.

q Ps. 18. 2.

r ch. 17. 17.

s Is. 44. 10.

t ch. 22. 18.

u Le. 19. 28.

v De. 14. 1.

w Is. 37. 19.

x Ga. 1. 8.

y or, break.

z bread for them.

a De. 26. 14.

b Job 42. 11.

c Eze. 24. 17.

d Pr. 31. 6, 7.

e Ex. 15. 3.

f Am. 5. 8.

g or, JEHO-

h FAH.

i Ps. 83. 18.

k Mat. 24. 33.

l 1 Co. 5. 11.

m Ep. 5. 11.

n Job 19. 24.

o nail.

p Pr. 3. 3.

q 2 Co. 3. 3.

r Is. 24. 7, 8.

s Eze. 26. 13.

t Ho. 2. 11.

u Re. 18. 23.

v Ju. 3. 7.

w 2 Ch. 24. 18.

x 33. 3, 19.

y Is. 1. 29.

z ch. 15. 13.

a De. 29. 24.

b in thyself.

c Is. 30. 1, 2.

d 31. 1.

e Is. 31. 3.

f ch. 7. 26.

g ch. 48. 6.

h ch. 13. 10.

i Job 20. 17.

j or, stub-

k bornness.

l De. 29. 23.

m k De. 4. 26, 28.

n 28. 36, 63.

o ch. 15. 14.

p Ps. 2. 12.

q 34. 8.

r Pr. 16. 20.

s Is. 30. 18.

t Ep. 1. 13, 14.

shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.

14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

15 But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

17 For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.

18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

19 O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

20 Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods?

21 Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The LORD.

CHAP. XVII.

THE sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;

2 Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills.

3 O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures to the spoil, and thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders.

4 And thou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, which shall burn for ever.

5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

oppressors. 18. double, God's usual proportion of punishment.—Lowth. carcasses, offered to idols.

CHAP. XVII.—1. sin of Judah, i.e. idolatry pen, &c. still used much in India. graven, graving on hard stone was early brought to perfection in Egypt. 3. mountain, Zion, whose adjacent country might be called a field. 5. maketh flesh his arm, confides in his own power rather than God. 6. heath, a sapless, useless shrub. salt, that is, barren, Deut. xxx. 33.

CHAP. XVI.—2. not take thee a wife, since calamity drew near. 6. nor cut, &c. prohibited customs, yet adopted by the Jews: see Lev. xix. 28. 7. tear, &c. or, 'break bread for them,' marg. bread being rent to mourners, supposing they would else forget their food. cup of consolation, i.e. of wine, to cheer the sorrowful. 8. not also go into the house of feasting, to show that social comforts were about to depart. 16. fishers—hunters, signify enemies and

8 For he shall be ^a as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of ^{*} drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

9 [†] The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

10 I the LORD ^c search the heart, I try the reins, ^d even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings.

11 As the partridge [†] sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, ^f shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be ^h a fool.

12 [†] A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, ^k all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be ^l written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for ^m thou art my praise.

15 ⁿ Behold, they say unto me, ^o Where is the word of the LORD? let it come now.

16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor ^p to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was *right* before thee.

17 Be not a terror unto me: thou art my hope in the day of evil.

18 Let them be confounded that persecute me, but ^r let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and ^t destroy them with double destruction.

19 [†] Thus said the LORD unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

20 And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:

21 Thus saith the LORD; ^u Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring ^v it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, ^w but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I ^x commanded your fathers.

23 But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein;

25 Then ^y shall there enter into the gates

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^a Job 8. 16.
^b Ps. 1. 3.

^c or, restraint.

^d Zec. 7. 7.
^e 1 Sa. 16. 7.

^f 1 Ch. 28. 9.
^g Ps. 7. 9.

^h 139. 23, 24.
ⁱ Pr. 17. 3.

^j Ro. 8. 27.
^k Re. 2. 23.

^l Ps. 63. 12.
^m Ro. 2. 6.

ⁿ Ps. 107. 22.
^o 116. 17.

^p He. 13. 15.
^q or, gathereth young which she hath not brought forth.

^r Ps. 55. 23.
^s La. 4. 11.

^t Am. 1. 4. & c.
^u Lu. 12. 20.

^v i. ch. 52. 13.
^w 2 Ki. 25. 9.

^x k Ps. 73. 27.
^y Is. 1. 28.

^z Lu. 10. 20.
^{aa} Ac. 9. 6.

^{ab} He. 1. 1.
^{ac} De. 10. 21.

^{ad} Is. 5. 19.
^{ae} Eze. 12. 22.

^{af} Am. 5. 18.
^{ag} 2 Pe. 3. 4.

^{ah} or, frames, or, seats.

^{ai} or, was marred, as clay in the hand of the potter.

^{aj} after thee.

^{ak} returned and made.

^{al} Ps. 45. 9.
^{am} Ro. 9. 20, 21.

^{an} Ps. 25. 2.
^{ao} Is. 64. 8.

^{ap} break them with a double breach.

^{aq} ch. 1. 10.
^{ar} Eze. 18. 21.

^{as} 33. 11.
^{at} Lu. 13. 3. 5.

^{au} ch. 26. 3.
^{av} Jon. 3. 10.

^{aw} Nu. 15. 32.
^{ax} & c.

^{ay} Ne. 13. 19.
^{az} Lu. 23. 56.

^{ba} Re. 1. 10.
^{bb} 2 Ki. 17. 13.

^{bc} Ac. 26. 20.
^{bd} Ex. 20. 8.

^{be} Eze. 20. 12.
^{bf} ch. 2. 10.

^{bg} 1 Co. 5. 1.
^{bh} ch. 22. 4.

of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever.

26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from ^b the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing ^c sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the LORD.

27 But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then ^d will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, ^e and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

CHAP. XVIII.

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there ^m I will cause thee to hear my words.

3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the ⁿ wheels.

4 And the vessel that he made ^o of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he ^p made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

6 O house of Israel, ^q cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, ^r as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to ^s pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it;

8 If ^t that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, ^u I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

9 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;

10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

11 ^v Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: ^w return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

12 And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

13 Therefore thus saith the LORD; ^x Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing.

8. as a tree, &c. see Psalm i. 3, note. 9. heart, i. e. dispositions and desires. *deceitful*, 'insidious, tortuous, ever ready to turn aside from God.' *desperately wicked*, 'grievously infirm.' *know it*, through all its disguises. 11. the partridge, the Greek partridge will sit upon strange eggs for want of its own, when the stranger returns to its nest, and drives it away. 12. A glorious, &c. and therefore a secure refuge. 13. written in the earth, writing on dust or sand was and is common in the east, in the

absence of other materials. It means, being trampled upon and blotted out. *living waters*, a well was indispensable to human comfort in the east. 16. from being a pastor, &c. I have not withdrawn from my office. *the woeful day*, for fulfilling his prophecies. 18. bring upon them, &c. that they might know God by his judgments.

CHAP. XVIII.—3. wheels, or stones, probably resembling mill-stones. 12. There is no hope, if safety

14 Will a man leave the ^a snow of Lebanon which cometh from the rock of the field? or shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken?

15 Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up;

16 To make their land desolate, and a perpetual ^d hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head.

17 I ^f will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; ^g I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

18 ^h Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; ⁱ for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him ^j with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me.

20 Shall ^k evil be recompensed for good? for ^l they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, and to turn away thy wrath from them.

21 Therefore ^o deliver up their children to the famine, and ^p pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and ^q let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to death; ^r let ^s their young men be slain by the sword in battle.

22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.

23 Yet, LORD, thou knowest all their counsel against me: ^t to slay me: ^u forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal thus with them in ^v the time of thine anger.

CHAP. XIX.

THUS saith the LORD, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and ^w take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests;

2 And go forth unto ^x the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the ^y east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee,

3 And say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which who-soever heareth, his ears shall ^z tingle.

4 Because they ^{aa} have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled

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* or, my fields for a rock, or for the snow of Lebanon? shall the running waters be forsaken for the strange coldwaters?

a ch. 32. 35.

b Le. 18. 21.

c Jos. 15. 8.

d 1 Ki. 9. 8.

e Le. 26. 17.

f De. 28. 25.

g Ps. 48. 7.

h ch. 2. 27.

i Re. 19. 18. 21.

j Le. 10. 11.

k Mal. 2. 7.

l Jno. 7. 48. 49.

m or, for.

n Is. 9. 20.

o La. 4. 10.

p Eze. 5. 10.

q Ps. 109. 4. 5.

r Ps. 35. 7.

s ch. 51. 63. 64.

t Ps. 109. 9. 10.

u 2 Ti. 4. 14.

v Ps. 2. 9.

w Is. 30. 14.

x La. 4. 2.

y Re. 2. 27.

z pour them out.

aa Ex. 22. 24.

bb La. 5. 3.

cc be healed.

dd 2 Ch. 36. 17.

ee Am. 4. 10.

ff 2 Ki. 23. 10.

gg Zep. 1. 5.

hh for death.

ii Ps. 35. 4.

jj 103. 14.

kk Is. 2. 9.

ll Is. 10. 3.

mm Lu. 21. 22.

nn Ro. 2. 5.

oo 2 Ch. 20. 5.

pp Lu. 21. 37. 38.

qq Ac. 5. 20.

rr Jos. 15. 8.

ss 2 Ki. 23. 10.

tt 2 Ch. 36. 16.

uu Ac. 7. 51. 52.

vv sun gate.

ww b 1 Ch. 24. 14.

xx c Ac. 4. 1.

yy d Mat. 5. 10.

zz 12.

aaa Ac. 16. 22.

bbb 24.

ccc 1 Sa. 3. 11.

ddd 2 Ki. 21. 12.

eee f De. 28. 20.

fff Is. 65. 11.

this place with the blood of innocents;

5 They ^a have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, ^b which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind:

6 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor ^c The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter.

7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; ^d and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and their ^e carcasses will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

8 And I will make this city desolate, and an hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof.

9 And I will cause them to eat the ^f flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.

10 Then ^g shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee,

11 And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^h Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot ⁱ be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury.

12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof, and even make this city as Tophet:

13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled ^j as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses upon whose ^k roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

14 Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in ^l the court of the LORD's house; and said to all the people,

15 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because ^m they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

CHAP. XX.

NOW Pashur the son of ⁿ Immer the priest, who was also ^o chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.

2 Then Pashur ^p smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the LORD.

3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto

depends on reformation. 16. hissing, expresses contempt, 1 Kings ix. 8. 17. shew them the back, in the east nothing chagrins a visitor more. 18. smite, &c. revile him. 21. Therefore, &c. since they are incorrigible, they must be left to punishment.

CHAP. XIX.—1. ancients, or elders. 2. valley, of Tophet, ver. 6, or Hinnom, to whom it formerly belonged: Josh. xv. 8. 3. ears—tingle, proverbial

for astonishment and horror: 1 Sam. iii. 11; 2 Kin. xxi. 12. 9. eat the flesh, &c. verified Lam. ii. 20—22; iv. 10.

CHAP. XX.—3. stocks, this word implies some instrument of torture, and is supposed to mean a five-holed piece of wood in which arms, legs, and head were fixed; but some take it for a pillory, in which the face of the prisoner was twisted round backward. Pashur, means 'roomy round about,'

him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pashur, but * Magor-missabib.

4 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, ^a I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.

5 Moreover I ^c will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.

6 And thou, Pashur; and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, ^d and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies.

7 ^f O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was ^g deceived: ⁱ thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: ^k I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.

8 For since I spake, I cried out, ^m I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.

9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But ⁿ his word was in mine heart as a ^o burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and ^p I could not stay.

10 ^q For ^r I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. ^s All ^t my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

11 But ^u the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: ^v their ^w everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

12 But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, ^x let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

13 Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for ^y he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

14 ^z Cursed ^{aa} be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.

15 Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad.

16 And let that man be ^{ab} as the cities which the LORD overthrow, and repented not: and let him ^{ac} hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide:

17 Because ^{ad} he slew me not from the

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* i. e. fear round about, Ps. 31. 13.

^a Mat. 27. 45.

^b Job 3. 20.

^c He. 10. 36.

^d Ps. 90. 10.

^e La. 3. 1.

^f Ac. 5. 41.

^g 1Co. 4. 9. 13.

^h He. 12. 2.

ⁱ Pe. 4. 14.

^j 16.

^k 2 Ki. 20. 17.

^l 24. 12. 16.

^m 25. 13. &c.

ⁿ ch. 29. 25.

^o 37. 3.

^p 2 Ki. 25. 18.

^q Ps. 44. 1. 4.

^r Is. 59. 1, 2.

^s ch. 28. 15.

^t 29. 21.

^u 2 Pe. 2. 1. 3.

^v or, enticed.

^w ch. 1. 6. 7.

^x La. 3. 14.

^y Is. 13. 4.

^z Zec. 14. 2.

^{aa} Mat. 22. 7.

^{ab} ch. 6. 7.

^{ac} Ex. 6. 6.

^{ad} Job 32. 18. 19.

^{ae} Ps. 39. 3.

^{af} Ac. 18. 5.

^{ag} ch. 39. 5.

^{ah} 52. 9.

^{ai} Ps. 31. 13.

^{aj} Every man of my peace.

^{ak} Job 19. 19.

^{al} Ps. 41. 9.

^{am} 55. 13, 14.

^{an} Lu. 11. 53. 54.

^{ao} ch. 1. 8, 19.

^{ap} De. 28. 50.

^{aq} 2 Ch. 36. 17.

^{ar} De. 30. 19.

^{as} ch. 23. 40.

^{at} Ps. 54. 7.

^{au} 59. 10.

^{av} ch. 39. 18.

^{aw} 45. 5.

^{ax} b Ps. 35. 9, 10.

^{ay} 109. 30. 31.

^{az} ch. 44. 11.

^{ba} Le. 17. 10.

^{bb} Am. 9. 4.

^{bc} ch. 15. 10.

^{bd} Job 3. 3.

^{be} Ge. 19. 25.

^{bf} Lu. 17. 29.

^{bg} 2 Pe. 2. 6.

^{bh} Jude 7.

^{bi} § Judge.

^{bj} ch. 22. 3.

^{bk} Ps. 101. 8.

^{bl} Zec. 7. 9.

^{bm} ch. 18. 22.

^{bn} Job 3. 10, 11.

womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great with me.

18 Wherefore ^b came I forth out of the womb to ^c see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with ^d shame?

CHAP. XXI.

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and ^f Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying,

2 Enquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all his ^g wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

3 ^h Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah:

4 Thus saith the LORD God of Israel: Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and ⁱ I will assemble them into the midst of this city.

5 And I myself will fight against you with an ^j outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.

6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.

7 And afterward, saith the LORD, ^k I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, ^l neither have pity, nor have mercy.

8 ^m And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, ⁿ I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.

9 He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and ^o his life shall be unto him for a prey.

10 For I have ^p set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

11 ^q And touching the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear ye the word of the LORD;

12 O house of David, thus saith the LORD; ^r Execute ^s judgment in the morning, and deliver him that is spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none

expressing felicity or security. 7. thou hast deceived, &c. may be rendered, 'thou didst persuade me,' i. e. to undertake the office; in consequence of which, I am in derision daily, a daily laughing-stock. 9. as a burning fire—I could not stay, a most remarkable figure of the power of Divine impulse. 10. defaming, &c. rather, 'the defaming of many, saying, Report ye that terror is round about, and we will report it.' Enemies spread reports of his danger, and pretended friends looked for its fulfilment. enticed, to say

something to entangle him. 15. brought tidings, &c. in some parts of the east a confidential servant is on the watch, who hastens to the father with the first news of the birth of a son. 16. cry in the morning—shouting, &c. interpreted to mean the noise of an invading, and then triumphant enemy.

CHAP. XXI.—12. Execute judgment—deliver, &c. this suggests that things of this kind were not done, in the morning, or diligently, but this was the usual time for the judicial court to sit.

can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

13 Behold, ^b I am against thee, O ^{*} inhabitant of the valley, and rock of the plain, saith the LORD; which say, ^c Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?

14 But I will [§] punish you according to the ^d fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and ^f it shall devour all things round about it.

CHAP. XXII.

THUS saith the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word.

2 And say, [†] Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates:

3 Thus saith the LORD; [‡] Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

4 For if ye do this thing indeed, [§] then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting ^{*} upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

5 But if ye will not hear these words, [†] I swear by myself, saith the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation.

6 For thus saith the LORD unto the king's house of Judah; Thou art Gilead unto me, and the head of Lebanon: yet surely I will make thee a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited.

7 And [†] I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down [‡] thy choice cedars, and cast them into the fire.

8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, [§] Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city?

9 Then they shall answer, ^c Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

10 [†] Weep ye not for ^d the dead, neither bemoan him: but weep sore for him that goeth away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.

11 For thus saith the LORD touching Shallum ^f the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place; He shall not return thither any more:

12 But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

13 [†] Woe [‡] unto him that buildeth his house by iniquitousness, and his cham-

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^a Le.¹⁹ 13.
^b De.²⁴ 14, 15
^c Mi. 3. 10.
^d Hab. 2. 9.
^e Ja. 5. 4.

^f Eze. 13. 8.
[†] ^{*} inableness
[‡] ch. 49. 4.

[§] through-
aired.

[†] or, my
windows.

[‡] visit upon.
[§] Pr. 1. 31.

^c Is. 3. 10, 11.
^d 2 Ki. 23. 25
^e ch. 52. 13.

^f 2 Ch. 36. 19.
[†] Ps. 125. 2.
[‡] Is. 3. 10.

[§] Eze. 19. 6.
[†] ch. 17. 20.

[‡] or, incur-
sion.

[§] ch. 21. 12.
[†] ch. 16. 4, 6.
[‡] 1 Ki. 13. 30.

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^a 2 Ch. 36. 6.
^b ch. 17. 25.

[†] for David
upon his
throne.

[‡] prosperi-
ties.

[§] ch. 3. 25.
723, &c.

[†] De. 32. 40.
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Am. 6. 8.
He. 6. 13, 17.

[‡] ch. 23. 1.
[§] inableness

[†] Is. 54. 16, 17.
Eze. 9. 1-7.

[‡] ch. 6. 24.
[§] Is. 37. 24.

[†] ch. 21. 14.
[‡] 2 Ki. 24. 6, 8.

[§] 1 Ch. 3. 16.
[†] Ca. 8. 6.

Hag. 2. 23.
^a De. 29. 24, 25

^b 1 Ki. 9. 8, 9.
^c ch. 34. 20.

^d 2 Ki. 23. 17.
^e 2 Ch. 34. 25.

^f 2 Ki. 22. 23.
[†] 2 Ch. 36. 10.

[‡] lift up their
mind.

[§] ch. 44. 14.
[†] 1 Ch. 3. 15.

[‡] 2 Ki. 23. 30.
[§] Ps. 31. 12.

[†] Ho. 8. 8.
[‡] De. 32. 1.

[§] Is. 1. 2.
34. 1.
Mi. 1. 2.

[†] 2 Ki. 23. 35.

bers by wrong; ^a that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;

14 That saith, I will build me a wide house and [†] large chambers, and cutteth him out [‡] windows; and it is ciled with cedar, and painted with vermilion.

15 Shalt thou reign, because thou closest thyself in cedar? [§] did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, and then [†] [‡] it was well with him?

16 He thought the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me? saith the LORD.

17 But [†] thine eyes and thine heart are not but for thy covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it.

18 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah; [†] They shall not lament for him, saying, [‡] Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, saying, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory!

19 He [†] shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 [†] Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bashan, and cry from the passages: for all thy lovers are destroyed.

21 I spake unto thee in thy [†] prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. [‡] This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice.

22 The wind shall eat up all [†] thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness.

23 O inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, [†] the pain as of a woman in travail!

24 As I live, saith the LORD, [†] though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah [‡] were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;

25 And [†] I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 And [†] I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.

27 But to the land whereunto they [†] desire to return, thither shall they not return.

28 Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? [†] is he [‡] a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?

29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.

30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this

13. of the valley and rock, Jerusalem, between the lower and higher part of which lay a valley called Tyropæon, which divided the two hills on which the city was built; indeed, the whole city was on high on a rock, and around it a valley or plain. Fortified with hills and mountains, the inhabitants thought themselves secure.

CHAP. XXII.—10. not for the dead, not for Josiah, but for Shallum, his son and successor, who was carried captive into Egypt, and died there, ver. 11, 12; 2 Kings xlii. 30—34. 13. chambers by wrong, or upper apartments by oppression. These constituted the principal parts of oriental houses. 19. burial of an ass, Nebuchadnezzar caused his corpse to be thrown without the city walls, chap. xxxvi. 30. 20.

Go up, &c. i. e. proclaim from the loftiest places, passages, or borders: or Lebanon and Bashan may represent the royal power and great men, lovers, idols, and foreign alliances on which they rested.

21. from thy youth, from the time they came out of Egypt, and first became a church. 22. The wind shall eat up, &c. they should be carried away like chaff before the wind, or perish as trees and fruits are blasted with an east wind. pastors, i. e. rulers, that should protect and lead her, and provide for her safety.

23. inhabitant of Lebanon, that famous forest was within the Jewish border, and the country guarded as with Lebanon's natural fastnesses. 24. signet, symbol of a thing esteemed peculiarly precious: Sol. Song viii. 1; Haggai ii. 13.

man ^a childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, ^b sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

CHAP. XXIII.

WOE ^a be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: ^a behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

3 And ^b I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

5 ^c Behold, ^d the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, ^e and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

6 In ^f his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and ^g this is his name whereby he shall be called, ^h THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 Therefore, behold, ⁱ the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

8 But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, ^j and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

9 ^k Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; ^l all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his boliness.

10 For the land is full of adulterers; for ^m because of ⁿ swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their ^o course is evil, and their force is not right.

11 For ^p both prophet and priest are profane; yea, ^q in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD.

12 Wherefore ^r their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

13 And I have seen ^s folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and ^t caused my people Israel to err.

14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem ^u an horrible thing: they commit

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^a Mat. 1. 12.
^b ch. 36. 30.

^c De. 32. 32.
^d Is. 1. 9, 10.

^e ch. 10. 21.
^f Eze. 34. 2.

^g or, *hypocrisy*.

^h Ex. 32. 34.
ⁱ ch. 14. 14.

^j ch. 32. 37.
^k Eze. 34. 13, &c.

^l Eze. 13. 10.
^m Zec. 10. 2.

ⁿ or, *stubbornness*.
^o ch. 13. 10.

^p Mi. 3. 11.
^q Job 15. 8.

^r Co. 2. 16.
^s or, *secret*.

^t Is. 4. 2.
^u 11. 1.

^v 40. 10, 11.
^w Da. 9. 24.

^x Zec. 3. 8.
^y 6. 12.

^z Jno. 1. 45.
^{aa} ch. 25. 32.

^{ab} 30. 23, 24.
^{ac} Ps. 72. 2.

^{ad} Is. 32. 1, 18.
^{ae} 9. 7.

^{af} o De. 33. 28.
^{ag} Zec. 14. 11.

^{ah} ch. 33. 16.
^{ai} 1 Co. 1. 30.

^{aj} *Jehovah-tsidkenu*.

^{ak} Ge. 49. 1.

^{al} ch. 16. 14, 15.
^{am} Jno. 20. 21.

^{an} Ro. 10. 15.
^{ao} Ac. 26. 18.

^{ap} 20.
^{aq} 1 Th. 5. 6.

^{ar} Is. 43. 5, 6.
^{as} Ps. 139. 7.

^{at} &c.
^{au} Am. 9. 2, 3.

^{av} Hab. 3. 16.
^{aw} 1 Ki. 8. 27.

^{ax} Ep. 1. 23.
^{ay} a Ho. 4. 2. 3.

^{az} or, *cursing*.
^{ba} or, *violence*.

^{bb} ch. 6. 13.
^{bc} Zep. 3. 4.

^{bd} ch. 32. 34.
^{be} Eze. 8. 11.

^{bf} 23. 39.
^{bg} Ju. 3. 7.

^{bh} 8. 33, 34.
^{bi} Ps. 35. 6.

^{bj} Pr. 4. 19.
^{bk} with whom is.

^{bl} ch. 11. 23.
^{bm} unsavoury or, an absurd thing.

^{bn} Is. 9. 16.
^{bo} or, *Althiness*.

adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as ^c Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is ^d profaneness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain they ^e speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.

17 They say still unto you that despise me, The LORD hath said, ^f Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the ^g imagination of his own heart, ^h No evil shall come upon you.

18 For ⁱ who hath stood in the ^j counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?

19 Behold, a ^k whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: ^l in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

21 I ^m have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

22 But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have ⁿ turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23 Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

24 Can any ^o hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. ^p Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long shall ^q this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, ^r and say their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

28 The prophet ^s that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

29 Is not my word like a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

CHAP. XXIII. — 1. *pastors*, civil and religious rulers. 3. *the remnant*, that had not perished or died, and chose to return from Babylon. 4. *shepherds*, such as Zerubbabel, Nehemiah, and others after the captivity. Some interpret it of Christian kings and princes. 5. *a righteous branch*, the Messiah: Isa. iv. 2; xi. 1; Zech. iii. 8; vi. 12. 7. *shall no more say*, &c. this deliverance shall so far outshine the deliverance out of Egypt. 10. *adulterers*, both corporeal and spiritual. *swearing*, false swearing, cursing, swearing by the heathen gods.

pleasant places, &c. probably pastures of the uncultivated waste. 13. *prophets of Samaria*, the ten tribes, among whom in Ahab's time there were many false prophets. 15. *wormwood*—gall, bitter affliction and calamity. 18. *who hath stood*, &c. which of the false prophets. 23. *Am I a God at hand*, &c. i. e. I am omnipresent. 28. *let him tell a dream*, just as a dream, and no more, the fruit of his own imagination. 29. *as a fire*, consuming the dross, and purifying the gold. *hammer*, a symbol of power: chap. i. 23; Nah. ii. 1.

30 Therefore, behold, ^a I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

31 Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, ^a that use their tongues, and say, He saith.

32 Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by ^f their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

33 [†] And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is [†] the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD.

34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even [†] punish that man and his house.

35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

36 And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for [†] every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.

37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

38 But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;

39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, [†] will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and [†] cast you out of my presence:

40 And I will bring [†] an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

CHAP. XXIV.

THE [†] LORD shewed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar [†] king of Babylon had carried away captive [†] Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

2 One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very [†] naughty figs, which could not be eaten, [†] they were so bad.

3 Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

4 [†] Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so will [†] I acknowledge [†] them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good.

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^a ch. 14. 14, 15.^b De. 28. 20.^b ch. 12. 15.^c ch. 32. 41.^c ch. 33. 7.^c ch. 42. 10.[•] or, that

smooth.

^d De. 30. 6.^e Eze. 11. 19.^e ch. 36. 27.^f ch. 32. 38.^g He. 8. 10.^h 11. 16.ⁱ Zep. 3. 4.^j ch. 29. 13.^k ch. 29. 17.^l Mal. 1. 1.^m ch. XLIII.

XLIV.

[†] for removing,

or,

vestation.

[†] ch. 15. 4.[†] 34. 17.[†] De. 28. 25, 37.[†] 1 Ki. 9. 7.[†] 2 Ch. 7. 20.[†] Ps. 44. 13, 14.[†] visit upon.[†] Mat. 12. 36.[†] Lu. 19. 22.[†] 2 Pe. 2. 17, 18.[†] ch. 36. 1.[†] Ps. 49. 1, 2.[†] Mar. 7. 14.[†] 16.[†] Ho. 4. 6.[†] ch. 7. 13.[†] Jno. 8. 47.[†] Ps. 51. 11.[†] Mat. 25. 41.[†] 2 Th. 1. 9.[†] ch. 20. 11.[†] 2 Ki. 17. 13.[†] Jon. 3. 8.[†] Lu. 13. 3. 5.[†] Ac. 26. 20.[†] Ja. 4. 8. 10.[†] Am. 7. 1, 4.[†] 8. 1.[†] 2 Ki. 24. 12,

&c.

[†] 2 Ch. 36. 10.[†] y ch. 22. 24,

&c.

[†] 29. 2.[†] De. 32. 21.[†] Lu. 14. 34.[†] 35.[†] § for badness[†] b ch. 1. 15.[†] c ch. 27. 6.[†] 43. 10.[†] Is. 44. 28.[†] 45. 1.[†] d Jno. 10. 27.[†] 1 Co. 8. 3.[†] || the captivity.[†] • cause to

perish from

them.

[†] Is. 24. 7.[†] Eze. 26. 13.[†] Ho. 2. 11.[†] Re. 18. 23.

6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and ^b I will bring them again to this land: and ^c I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.

7 And I will give them ^d an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be ^e my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with [†] their whole heart.

8 [†] And as the evil [†] figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith the LORD, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and [†] them that dwell in the land of Egypt:

9 And I will deliver them [†] to [†] be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, [†] to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them.

10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

CHAP. XXV.

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah [†] in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;

2 The which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto [†] all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that is the three and twentieth year, the word of the LORD hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; [†] but ye have not hearkened.

4 And the LORD hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear.

5 They said, [†] Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever:

6 And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt.

7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the LORD; that ye might [†] provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

8 [†] Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words,

9 Behold, I will send and take [†] all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, [†] my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

10 Moreover I will [†] take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice

30. steal my words, from the true prophets, to mingle them with their falsehoods. 33. burden, or oracle.

CHAP. XXIV.—5. acknowledge them, the pious

Jews, many of whom were carried captive, as Daniel and Ezekiel.

CHAP. XXV.—4. rising early, see chap. xi. 7

of the bride, ^a the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle.

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 ^b And it shall come to pass, ^d when [†] seventy years are accomplished, [†] that I will [†] punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and I will make it perpetual desolations.

13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations.

14 For many nations and great kings shall [†] serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

15 ^e For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the ^m wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.

16 And ⁿ they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.

17 Then took I the cup at the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:

18 *To wit*, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as it is this day:

19 Pharaoh ^r king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people:

20 And all the mingled people, and all the kings of ^s the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and ^t the remnant of Ashdod,

21 ^u Edom, and ^v Moab, and the children of Ammon,

22 And all the kings of ^w Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the ^x isles which are beyond the sea,

23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all ^y that are in the utmost corners,

24 And ^z all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the "mingled people that dwell in the desert,

25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,

26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

27 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; [†] Drink ye, and [†] be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.

28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take

B. C. 606.

^a Ec. 12. 4.

^b Pr. 11. 31.

^c Lu. 23. 31.

^d 1 Pe. 4. 17.

^e upon which my name is called.

^f Da. 9. 18, 19.

^g 2 Ch. 36. 21.

^h Da. 9. 2.

ⁱ Eze. 38. 21.

^j Beginning 606.

^k 2 Ki. 24. 1.

^l Ending 536.

^m Eze. 1. 1.

ⁿ visit upon.

^o Is. 14. 22, 23.

^p Is. 42. 13.

^q 1 Ki. 9. 3.

^r Ps. 132. 14.

^s 1 ch. 27. 7.

^t Ho. 4. 1.

^u Mi. 6. 2.

^v Joel 3. 2.

^w Job 21. 20.

^x Re. 14. 10.

^y Eze. 23. 31.

^z Na. 3. 11.

^{aa} Is. 66. 16.

^{ab} Ps. 79. 3.

^{ac} Re. 11. 9.

^{ad} your days for slaughter.

^{ae} a vessel of desire.

^{af} ch. 46. 2, 25.

^{ag} flight shall perish from the shepherds, and escaping from, &c.

^{ah} Am. 2. 14.

^{ai} Job 1. 1.

^{aj} Is. 20. 1.

^{ak} ch. 49. 7, &c.

^{al} ch. 48. 1.

^{am} ch. 47. 4.

^{an} or, region by the sea side.

^{ao} Ps. 76. 2.

^{ap} a desolation.

^{aq} cut off into corners, or, having the corners of the hair polled.

^{ar} ch. 9. 26.

^{as} 49. 32.

^{at} 2 Ch. 9. 14.

^{au} Eze. 30. 5.

^{av} ch. 19. 14.

^{aw} Eze. 3. 10.

^{ax} Mat. 28. 20.

^{ay} Ac. 20. 27.

^{az} ch. 36. 3.

^{ba} Hab. 2. 16.

^{bb} Is. 51. 21.

^{bc} 63. 6.

^{bd} Jon. 3. 8, 9.

the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ye shall certainly drink.

29 For, lo, ^b I begin to bring evil on the city ^c which is ^c called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for ^e I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.

30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall ^f roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon ^h his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread ⁱ the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.

31 A noise shall come ^{even} to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath ^k a controversy with the nations, ^l he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.

32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

33 And ^o the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from ^{one} end of the earth even unto the ^{other} end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, ^p neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

34 ^q Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for ^r the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like ^u a pleasant vessel.

35 And ^v the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape.

36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the LORD hath spoiled their pasture.

37 And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

38 He hath forsaken ^y his covert, as the lion: for their land is ^z desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

CHAP. XXVI.

IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD; Stand in ^b the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, ^c all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; ^d diminish not a word:

3 If ^e so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may ^f repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

10. sound of the millstones, the eastern women grind corn early every day, and this sound, accompanied with their singing, is a characteristic of an eastern city, the absence of which marks its desolate condition. the light, &c. the easterns are never without lights. 14. serve themselves, exact service from them. 15. Take the wine-cup, &c. a poetic image or parable from the custom in feasts of drinking in a circle, to which the prophet acts as ruler of the feast. 17. made all the nations, &c. this could not be done literally, and was therefore done in vision. 19, &c.

Pharaoh, &c. here are included Egypt, Arabia, Philistia, Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre, and Zidon, and those parts of Phœnicia and Syria that lay on the coast of the Mediterranean; also the Persians and Medes. 26. Sheshach, this means Babylon, perhaps another name for it: see chap. ii. 41. 30. roar, denounce and inflict fearful punishment. 31. he will plead with all flesh, he judgeth the whole race of the wicked.—Booth. 38. He, that is, Nebuchadnezzar.

CHAP. XXVI.—2. in the Lord's house i. e. in the

4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; "If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,

5 To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;

6 Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

7 So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

8 ¶ Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, "Thou shalt surely die.

9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 ¶ When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house.

11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, "This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

12 ¶ Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.

13 Therefore now ^m amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

14 As for me, behold, ^o I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you.

15 But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye ^p shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

16 ¶ Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man is not worthy to die: for he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.

17 Then ^q rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the assembly of the people, saying,

18 Micah ^r the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^s Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem

B. C. 606.

^a Le. 26. 14, &c.

De. 28. 15.

^b 2 Ch. 32. 26.

^c The face of the LORD.

^d ch. 11. 7.

25. 3, 4.

^e Ex. 32. 14.

2 Sa. 24. 16.

^f Ac. 5. 39.

^g ch. 7. 12, 14.

1 Sa. 4. 10, 11.

^h Ps. 78. 60.

ⁱ ch. 24. 9.

Is. 65. 15.

^j Mat. 23. 31

Mar. 14. 55

Ac. 5. 33.

7. 52.

^k Mat. 10. 23,

28, 29.

16. 25.

^l or, at the door.

^m sons of the people.

ⁿ ch. 39. 14.

2 Ki. 22. 12,

14.

^o The judgment of death is for this man.

^p ch. 38. 4.

Ac. 6. 11. 14

^q or, hath the LORD said

^r ch. 7. 3.

^s Eze. 4. 1.

24. 3, &c.

^t ch. 38. 5.

^u as it is good and right in your eyes.

^v or, concerning their masters, saying.

^w Ac. 7. 60.

1 Th. 2. 15, 16

^x Ps. 146. 6.

Is. 45. 12.

^y Ps. 115. 16.

Da. 4. 17, 25,

32.

^z Ac. 5. 34, &c.

^{aa} Eze. 29. 18,

20.

^{ab} Da. 2. 38.

^{ac} Mi. 1. 1.

^{ad} 2 Ch. 35. 20.

^{ae} Da. 5. 26.

^{af} ch. 25. 14.

^{ag} Mi. 3. 12.

shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? ^a did he not fear the LORD, and besought ^{* the LORD}, and the LORD ^a repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? ^{*} Thus might ye procure great evil against our souls.

20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the LORD, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath-jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah:

21 And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death: but when Urijah heard it, ⁱ he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt;

22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, *namely*, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and *certain* men with him into Egypt.

23 And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the [†] common people.

24 Nevertheless [‡] the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

CHAP. XXVII.

IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus [¶] saith the LORD to me; Make thee bonds and yokes, [¶] and put them upon thy neck,

3 And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah;

4 And command them [¶] to say unto their masters, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your masters;

5 I [¶] have made the earth, the man and the beast that ^{are} upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and [¶] have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.

6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, [¶] my servant; and [¶] the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.

7 And [¶] all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, [¶] until the very time of his land come: [¶] and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.

outer court, where the multitude assembled at the great festivals. 5. *rising up early*, see ch. xi. 7, note. 6. *like Shiloh*, where the ark was till taken by the Philistines, and then God forsook it: Psa. lxxviii. 60. a curse to, or among. 10. *When the princes*—heard, &c. these words seem to have been spoken in the presence of the Sanhedrim. 18. *Micah*, &c. comp. Mic. iii. 12. the Morasthite, or of Marasthah, a city of the tribe of Judah. Josh. xv. 41. plowed, so conquerors treated a city they resolved to exterminate: see Judg. ix. 45; Mic. iii. 8—12; Matt. xxiv. 1, 2.

the mountain, Moriah, on which the temple stood, as the high places of the forest, covered with grass, shrubs, thorns, briars. 20. a man that prophesied, &c. this was in reply to Jeremiah's advocates; or it might be further urged by them, and mean, Did Jehoiakim prosper, who slew Urijah? No. 21. Shaphan, he had been one of Josiah's courtiers and counsellors: 2 Kings xxii. 12.

CHAP. XXVII.—2. bonds and yokes, symbolical of the subjection of the nations mentioned to the king of Babylon. 7. time of his land, when Babylon

8 And it shall come to pass, *that* the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, ^a with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.

9 Therefore ^a hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your ^a dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:

10 For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish.

11 But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

12 ^a I spake also to ^a Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.

13 Why ^a will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD hath spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?

14 Therefore ^a hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy ^a a lie unto you.

15 For I have not sent them, saith the LORD, yet they prophesy ^a a lie in my name; that "I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.

16 Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Harken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, ^a the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon: for they prophesy ^a a lie unto you.

17 Harken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city be laid waste?

18 But if they *be* prophets, and if the word of the LORD be with them, ^a let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and *in* the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.

19 ^a For thus saith the LORD of hosts ^a concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city,

20 Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away ^a captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;

21 Yea, thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels

B. C. 598.

^a 2 Ki. 25. 13.

2 Ch. 36. 18.

^b ch. 29. 10.

32. 5.

Pr. 21. 30.

Da. 9. 2.

^c Eze. 14. 21.

^d Ezr. 1. 7.

7. 19.

^e Ex. 7. 11.

De. 18. 10.

&c.

Is. 47. 12. 14

Ac. 8. 11.

Re. 9. 21.

22. 15.

^f ch. 27. 1.

^g dreams.

^h ch. 27. 12.

ⁱ two years

of days.

^k ch. 28. 1.

38. 17.

^l Pr. 1. 33.

Eze. 18. 31.

^m captivity.

ⁿ Ge. 27. 40.

Is. 9. 4.

Na. 1. 13.

^o Is. 28. 10. 13

2 Co. 11. 13

..15.

^p ch. 14. 14.

23. 21.

29. 8. 9.

Mat. 7. 15.

2 Pe. 2. 1. 3.

1 Jno. 4. 1.

^q De. 27. 15. 26

1 Ki. 1. 36.

1 Co. 14. 16.

2 Co. 1. 20.

Re. 3. 14.

^r in a lie, or

lyingly.

^s Mat. 24. 24.

2 Th. 2. 9. 12

2 Ti. 4. 3. 4.

^t 2 Ch. 36. 7, 10

Da. 1. 2.

^u De. 18. 22.

Pr. 14. 7.

Eze. 13. 10.

..16.

^v Job 42. 8. 9.

Eze. 22. 30.

Mal. 1. 9.

Ja. 5. 16. 18.

^w ch. 27. 2.

^x Mal. 3. 13.

^y ch. 52. 17, 20.

21.

2 Ki. 25. 13.

&c.

^z ch. 24. 1.

2 Ki. 24. 14.

15.

^{aa} Ps. 149. 8.

La. 2. 14.

that remain *in* the house of the LORD and *in* the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem;

22 They shall be ^a carried to Babylon and there shall they be ^a until the day that I visit them, saith the LORD; ^a then ^a will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND ^a it came to pass the same year in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, *that* Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which *was* of Gibeon spake unto me in the house of the LORD in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken ^a the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 Within ^a two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon:

4 And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the ^a captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, saith the LORD: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 ^a Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of the LORD,

6 Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

7 Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people;

8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

9 The ^a prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, *then* shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.

10 ^a Then Hananiah the prophet took the ^a yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it.

11 And Hananiah ^a spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 ^a Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the prophet, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

13 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD; ^a Thou hast broken the

should fall, and be reduced to bondage. 19. pillars, of brass, that stood in the temple, Boaz and Jachin: 1 Kings vii. 15, 21. sea, of molten brass, 1 Kings vii. 23, 25. bases, also of brass, 1 Kings vii. 37: see further 2 Kings xxiv. 12—16. 22. visit the Chaldeans in wrath, and the Jews in mercy.

CHAP. XXVIII.—1. *Azur the prophet*, i.e. the false prophet. *Gibeon*, a priests' city. 6. *perform thy words*, Jeremiah's love to his country would have readily induced him to be called a false prophet, if its destiny could be reversed. 10. *yoke from off-neck*, carried there as a memorial of his prophecy.

yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.

14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; ^a I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

15 Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but ^f thou makest this people to trust in a lie.

16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will cast thee ^g from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, ^h because thou hast taught ⁱ rebellion against the LORD.

17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

CHAP. XXIX.

NOW these are the words of ^t the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

2 (After that ^m Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the ⁿ eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;)

3 By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying,

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, ^p whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;

5 Build ^q ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

6 Take ^r ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

7 And ^s seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, ^t and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

8 ^u For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let ^v not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

9 For thy prophesy ^w falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.

10 ^x For thus saith the LORD. That after ^y seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of

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^a end and expectation.

^b De. 28. 48.

^c Le. 26. 39, &c.

^d De. 30. 1, &c.

^e ch. 24. 7.

^f Ps. 32. 6.

^g Is. 55. 6.

^h ch. 32. 37.

ⁱ ch. 29. 31, 32.

^j Eze. 13. 22.

^k Zec. 13. 3.

^l Ge. 7. 4.

^m Ex. 32. 12.

ⁿ De. 6. 15.

^o Am. 9. 8.

^p Ac. 13. 8. 11

^q revolt.

^r Es. 9. 20.

^s Ac. 15. 23.

^t 2 Co. 7. 8.

^u He. 13. 22.

^v ch. 24. 8.

^w De. 28. 25.

^x 2 Ch. 29. 8.

^y ch. 22. 26.

^z 28. 4.

^{aa} 2 Ki. 24. 12, &c.

^{ab} for a curse.

^{ac} or, chamberlains.

^{ad} ch. 42. 18.

^{ae} He. 12. 25.

^{af} Is. 5. 5.

^{ag} 59. 1. 2.

^{ah} Am. 3. 6.

^{ai} ver. 28.

^{aj} Eze. 28. 26.

^{ak} 1 Ti. 5. 14.

^{al} Ge. 48. 20.

^{am} Is. 65. 15.

^{an} 1 Co. 16. 22.

^{ao} Da. 6. 4. 5.

^{ap} Ro. 13. 1. 5.

^{aq} 1 Pe. 2. 13. 17.

^{ar} Da. 3. 6.

^{as} Eze. 6. 10.

^{at} 1 Ti. 2. 2.

^{au} ch. 23. 14.

^{av} ch. 14. 14.

^{aw} 27. 14. 15.

^{ax} Mat. 24. 4. 5.

^{ay} 24.

^{az} Ro. 16. 18.

^{ba} 2 Co. 11. 13.

^{bb} 15.

^{bc} Ep. 5. 6.

^{bd} Ps. 139. 1.

^{be} Pr. 5. 21.

^{bf} Mal. 3. 5.

^{bg} He. 4. 13.

^{bh} or, dreamer

^{bi} in a lie.

^{bj} ch. 21. 1.

^{bk} 2 Ki. 25. 18.

^{bl} ch. 25. 12.

^{bm} 27. 22.

^{bn} 2 Ch. 36. 21.

^{bo} 22.

^{bp} Eze. 1. 1.

^{bq} Da. 9. 2, &c.

^{br} 2 Ki. 9. 11.

^{bs} Ac. 26. 24.

peace, and not of evil, to give you an ^c expected end.

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ^b ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me ^c with all your heart.

14 And ^d I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and ^e I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

15 ^f Because ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon;

16 Know that thus saith the LORD of the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and of all the people that dwelleth in this city, and of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity;

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like ^h vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

18 And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and ⁱ will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, ^j to be ^k a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them:

19 Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which ^l I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD.

20 ^m Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy a lie unto you in my name; Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes;

22 And ⁿ of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah which are in Babylon, saying, The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, ^o whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;

23 Because ^p they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them: ^q even I know, and am a witness, saith the LORD.

24 ^r Thus shalt thou also speak to Shemaiah the ^s Nehelamite, saying,

25 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, ^t and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man that is ^u mad, and maketh

13. yokes of iron, more expressive of their severe servitude.

CHAP. XXIX.—1. prophets, Daniel and Ezekiel. 11. an expected end, a desirable one. 19. rising up, see chap. xi. 7, note. 22. roasted, &c. either as a capital punishment, or offered in sacrifice to idols;

a punishment not uncommon: Da. iii. 2; 2 Mac. vii. 1. Probably they encouraged sedition by their false prophecies. 24. Nehelamite, or dreamer, marg. He pretended to inspired dreams. 26. mad, or actuated by some demon: an ecstatic rapture sometimes distinguished the prophets.

himself a prophet, that thou^a shouldest put him in prison, and in the stocks.

27 Now therefore why hast thou not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth,^d which maketh himself a prophet to you?

28 For therefore he sent unto us in Babylon, saying, This captivity is long; build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

30 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie:

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the LORD; because he hath taught rebellion against the LORD.

CHAP. XXX.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.

3 For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

4 And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

6 Ask ye now, and see whether I a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

10 Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed I will save from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

11 For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered

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^a ch. 20. 2.

^b ch. 4. 27.

^c Ps. 6. 1.

^d Is. 27. 8.

^e Nu. 16. 3.

^f Mat. 27. 63.

^g 2 Ti. 3. 8.

^h ch. 15. 18.

ⁱ 2 Ch. 36. 16.

^j Eze. 28. 26.

^k for binding up, or, pressing.

^l ch. 8. 22.

^m Ep. 2. 1.

ⁿ 1 Pe. 2. 24.

^o La. 1. 2.

^p Job 13. 24.

^q 16. 9.

^r 19. 11.

^s Job 30. 21.

^t ch. 15. 18.

^u ch. 28. 15, 16.

^v 2 Pe. 2. 1.

^w Ex. 23. 22.

^x Is. 33. 1.

^y 41. 11.

^z revolt.

^{aa} Ps. 102. 13.

^{ab} ch. 32. 44.

^{ac} Eze. 39. 25.

^{ad} Am. 9. 14, 15.

^{ae} or, little hill.

^{af} ch. 16. 15.

^{ag} Is. 35. 10.

^{ah} 51. 11.

^{ai} Zec. 10. 8.

^{aj} Is. 1. 26.

^{ak} or, there is fear, and not peace.

^{al} a male.

^{am} Ge. 49. 10.

^{an} ch. 4. 31.

^{ao} 6. 24.

^{ap} Nu. 16. 5.

^{aq} Joel 2. 11, 31.

^{ar} Am. 5. 16.

^{as} Zep. 1. 14, &c.

^{at} Da. 12. 1.

^{au} Eze. 11. 20.

^{av} 36. 28.

^{aw} 37. 27.

^{ax} cutting.

^{ay} or, remain.

^{az} Is. 55. 3, 4.

^{ba} Eze. 34. 23.

^{bb} 37. 24.

^{bc} Ho. 3. 5.

^{bd} Lu. 1. 69.

^{be} Ac. 2. 30.

^{bf} 13. 23.

^{bg} Is. 41. 13.

^{bh} 43. 5.

^{bi} 44. 2.

^{bj} Ge. 49. 1.

^{bk} ch. 3. 18.

^{bl} Am. 9. 8.

^{bm} Nu. 10. 33.

^{bn} De. 1. 33.

^{bo} Ps. 95. 11.

^{bp} Is. 63. 14.

^{bq} Mat. 11. 28.

^{br} He. 4. 8, 9.

thee,^b yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee^c in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

12 For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous.

13 There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines.

14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased.

15 Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

16 Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.

17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

18 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and I have mercy on his dwelling-places; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

20 Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

21 And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.

22 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

23 Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.

24 The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.

CHAP. XXXI.

AT the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

2 Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.

CHAP. XXX.—2. in a book, so preserved among the rolls or registers of state. 3. Israel, as the body of the ten tribes did not return with Judah, this chapter and the next are thought to refer to a yet future restoration. 9. But they shall serve, &c. the Chaldee reads it, They shall obey or hearken to the Messiah, or Christ, the Son of David, their king.

11. with the wound of an enemy, as severe as that.

18. her own heap, or ruins. palace, perhaps put for noble buildings, signifying that the city shall be rebuilt in a grand manner. 24. latter days, when too late to prevent it.

CHAP. XXXI.—2. in the wilderness, meaning, as God was gracious to his people who survived in the wilderness, so will he be to his people in their desolate condition. Israel, when I went, &c. Israel marched

3 The LORD hath appeared * of old unto me, saying, Yea, ^b I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore [†] with lovingkindness have I ^d drawn thee.

4 Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy [†] tabrets, ^f and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

5 Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall [‡] eat them as common things.

6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, [‡] Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

7 For thus saith the LORD; [‡] Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

9 They ^p shall come with weeping, and with ^q supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk ^r by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my ^s firstborn.

10 [†] Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel ^u will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

11 For ^v the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to ^w the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden: ^x and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and ^y my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

15 ^z Thus saith the LORD; ^{aa} A voice

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* from afar.

^a Jos. 18. 25.

^b Mal. 1. 2.

^c Ro. 11. 28, 29.

[†] or, have I

[‡] extended

loving-

kindness

unto thee.

^d Ho. 11. 4.

^e Ge. 42. 13.

[‡] or, timbrels.

^f Ex. 15. 20.

^g Ju. 11. 34.

^h Ps. 149. 3.

ⁱ Ezr. 1. 5.

^j Ho. 1. 11.

^k Ro. 11. 25.

[§] profane

them.

^l De. 20. 6.

^m 28. 30.

ⁿ Is. 2. 3.

^o Mi. 4. 2.

^p La. 5. 21.

^q Is. 12. 5, 6.

^r De. 30. 2.

^s De. 32. 36.

^t Is. 53. 15.

^u Ho. 11. 8.

^v sound.

^w Is. 57. 18.

^x Ho. 14. 4.

^y ch. 50. 4.

^z Ps. 126. 5, 6.

^{aa} or, favours.

^{ab} Zec. 12. 10.

^{ac} Is. 35. 8.

^{ad} Ex. 4. 22.

^{ae} ch. 3. 6, &c.

^{af} Is. 40. 11.

^{ag} Is. 44. 23.

^{ah} 48. 20.

^{ai} Ps. 122. 5, 8.

^{aj} Is. 1. 26.

^{ak} Zec. 8. 3.

^{al} Ho. 3. 5.

^{am} ch. 33. 12, 13.

^{an} Is. 65. 19.

^{ao} Re. 21. 4.

^{ap} Eze. 36. 9.

^{aq} 11.

^{ar} Ho. 2. 23.

^{as} Zec. 10. 9.

^{at} Is. 25. 6.

^{au} Mat. 5. 6.

^{av} Ep. 1. 3.

^{aw} ch. 44. 27.

^{ax} ch. 1. 10.

^{ay} 18. 7.

^{az} Mat. 2. 17, 18.

was heard in ^a Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because ^c they were not.

16 Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and ^e they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

17 And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, ^f that thy children shall come again to their own border.

18 ^g I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: ^h turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God.

19 Surely ⁱ after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

20 ^j Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: ^k therefore my bowels are troubled for him; ^l I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.

22 ^m How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; ⁿ The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, and ^o mountain of holiness.

24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and ^p in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks.

25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

27 ^q Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that ^r I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.

28 And it shall come to pass, that like as I have ^s watched over them, ^t I will pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down,

on towards his rest.—Boothr.

3. unto me, 'for me.' 4. go forth, &c. as the women went forth in times of rejoicing: see Exod. xv. 20; Judg. xi. 31; 1 Sam. xviii. 6.

5. of Samaria, equivalent to, of Israel. 6. mount Ephraim, the same with the mountains of Samaria, for Samaria was the head or metropolis of Ephraim.

7. shout, &c. proclaim throughout the world the deliverance of the church. 8. with them the blind, &c. signifying, no difficulties should hinder their return.

9. with weeping, &c. the restored should repent and pray. rivers, essential to the traveller's comfort in hot countries, straight, or smooth way.

12. soul—as a watered garden, flourishing and fruitful: Isa. lviii. 11. 15. Ramah, between this and Bethlehem was Rachel's sepulchre, Gen. xxxv. 16—21.

Rahel, she was mother to Joseph and Benjamin, from whose tribes descended a large proportion of the kingdom of Israel; and from Benjamin, numbers of the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

weeping, &c. poetically intro-

duced as rising from her grave and looking in vain for her offspring.

18. Ephraim, the ten tribes, or perhaps put for the whole body. as a bullock, &c. i.e. impatient.

19. smote, &c. sorrow is still so expressed in the east, the right thigh being smitten. reproach of my youth, punishment of the cherished sin of Israel—idolatry.

20. Is Ephraim, &c. interrogation often, as here, affirms strongly. pleasant, beloved. spake against, by threatnings.

21. waymarks, refers to the return from Babylon to Palestine. Travelers often set up heaps of stones to mark their route across the desert.

22. a woman, &c. most interpreters explain this as a prediction of the miraculous conception. Henry says, the church shall prevail against the mighty. Rosenmüller and Schnurrer translate it, 'a woman shall defend a man,' so great shall be the peace and security.

23. As yet, 'Again.' 26. awaked, this having been shown to the prophet in vision. 27. sow &c. i.e. the desolate land shall be replenished.

and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, ^b to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.

29 In ^c those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.

30 But ^d every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31 ^e Behold, the ^e days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that ^f I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, ^g although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

33 But ^h this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, ⁱ I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; ^j and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for ^k they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for ^l I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

35 ^m Thus saith the LORD, ⁿ which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth ^o the sea when the waves thereof roar; ^p The LORD of hosts is his name:

36 If ^q those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, *then* the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

37 Thus saith the LORD; ^r If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

38 ^s Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the city shall be built to the LORD ^t from the tower of Hanameel unto the gate of the corner.

39 And ^u the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Gath.

40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, ^v unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, ^w shall be holy unto the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

CHAP. XXXII.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD ^x in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

2 For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up ^y in the court of the prison, which *was* in the king of Judah's house.

3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD,

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a ch. 34. 2.
b ch. 21. 6.
c Eze. 18. 2, 3.
d Ga. 6. 5, 7.
e Eze. 37. 26.
f He. 8. 8, 12.
g 10. 16, 17.
h ch. 27. 22.
i ch. 21. 4.
j De. 1. 31.
k or, should I have continued an husband unto them?
l Le. 25. 24, 35.
m Ru. 4. 4.
n ch. 32. 40.
o Ps. 10. 8.
p Eze. 11. 19, 20.
q 36. 26, 27.
r 2 Co. 3. 3.
s ch. 24. 7.
t Is. 54. 13.
u Jno. 6. 45.
v 1 Co. 2. 10.
w 1 Jno. 2. 20.
x ch. 50. 20.
y Mi. 7. 18.
z Ac. 10. 43.
aa 13. 39.
ab Ro. 11. 27.
ac Ge. 23. 16.
ad Zec. 11. 12.

+ or, seven shekels and ten pieces of silver.
f Ge. 1. 16.
g Ps. 72. 5, 17.
h 89. 23, 36, 37.
i 119. 89.

+ wrote in the book.
s Is. 51. 15.
t ch. 10. 16.
u Ps. 148. 6.
v Is. 54. 9, 10.
w ch. 33. 22.
x Is. 8. 2.
y Ne. 3. 1.
z Zec. 14. 10.
aa Eze. 40. 8.
ab Zec. 2. 1.
ac 2 Ch. 23. 15.
ad Ne. 3. 28.
ae Joel 3. 17.
af 2 Ki. 19. 15.
ag 2 Ki. 25. 1, 2.
ah Je. 39. 1.
ai Ge. 18. 14.
aj Lu. 1. 37.

§ or, hid from thee.
f Ex. 20. 6.
g 34. 7.
h De. 5. 9, 10.
i ch. 37. 21.
j Ne. 3. 25.
k Is. 9. 6.
l Is. 28. 29.
m || doing.
n Job 34. 21.
o Ps. 33. 13.
p Pr. 5. 21.

^a Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it:

4 And Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes:

5 And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be ^f until I visit him, saith the LORD: ^g though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper.

6 ^h And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

7 Behold, Hanameel the son of Shalum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth: for the ⁱ right of redemption is thine to buy it.

8 So Hanameel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine; buy it for thyself. Then I knew that this *was* the word of the LORD.

9 And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that *was* in Anathoth, and ^j weighed him the money, *even* ^k seventeen shekels of silver.

10 And I ^l subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed ^m him the money in the balances.

11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open:

12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the ⁿ witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison.

13 ^o And I charged Baruch before them, saying,

14 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.

15 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.

16 ^p Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the LORD, saying,

17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, ^q thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and ^r there is nothing ^s too hard for thee:

18 Thou shewest ^t lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the ^u Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is his name,

19 Great ^v in counsel, and mighty in ^w work: for thine ^x eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give

29. The fathers, &c. proverbial for, 'the children suffer for their fathers' sins.' 31. a new covenant, in contradistinction to the national Sinai covenant. 34. shall teach, &c. does not imply that means should

cease, but spiritual light should increase. 40. roll-
ley, probably Tophet.

CHAP. XXXII.—5. visit him, in taking him away
by death. 10. I subscribed the evidence, 'I had a

every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings :

20 Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, and in Israel, and among other men ; and hast made thee ^b a name, as at this day ;

21 And ^c hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror ;

22 And hast given them this land, which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey ;

23 And they came in, and possessed it ; but / they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law ; they have done nothing of all that thou commandedst all them to do : therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them :

24 Behold the ^{*} mounts, they are come unto the city to take it : and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight against it, because of [†] the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence : and what thou hast spoken is come to pass ; and, behold, thou seest it.

25 And thou hast said unto me, O Lord GOD, Buy thee the field for money, and take witnesses : for [‡] the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 [§] Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

27 Behold, I am the LORD, the [¶] God of all flesh : is there any thing too hard for me ?

28 Therefore thus saith the LORD : Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it :

29 And the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and ^{*} set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger.

30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah [†] have only done evil before me from their youth : for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith the LORD.

31 For [‡] this city hath been to me as [§] a provocation of mine anger, and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day ; [¶] that I should remove it from before my face,

32 Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, ^{*} they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33 And they have turned unto me the [†] back, and not the face : though I taught them, [‡] rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.

34 But they [§] set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it.

35 And they built the high places of Baal, which [¶] are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their

B. C. 590.

^a Le. 18. 21.
^b 1 Ki. 11. 33.
^c Ex. 9. 16.
^d 1 Ch. 17. 21.
^e Is. 63. 12.
^f Da. 9. 15.
^g Ex. 6. 6.
^h 2 Sa. 7. 23.
ⁱ 1 Ch. 17. 21.
^j Ps. 135. 11, 12.

^k ch. 23. 3.
^l 29. 14.
^m De. 30. 3.
ⁿ Eze. 37. 21.
^o Ex. 3. 5, 17.
^p Ne. 9. 36.
^q Da. 9. 10. 14.

^r ch. 23. 6.
^s 33. 16.
^t He. 8. 10.
^u 11. 16.
^v Re. 21. 7.
^w ch. 24. 7.
^x Eze. 11. 19, 20.

^y or, engines of snail.
^z ch. 33. 4.
^{aa} all days.
^{ab} ch. 14. 12.
^{ac} Is. 55. 3.
^{ad} Ga. 3. 14. 17.
^{ae} He. 13. 20.

^{af} from after them.
^{ag} ch. 31. 33.
^{ah} De. 30. 9.
^{ai} Zep. 3. 17.
^{aj} or, though.
^{ak} ver. 36.

^{al} ch. 24. 6.
^{am} 31. 25.
^{an} Am. 9. 15.
^{ao} in truth, or, stably.

^{ap} Nu. 16. 22.
^{aq} ch. 21. 10.
^{ar} 37. 8, 10.
^{as} 52. 13.
^{at} Is. 64. 10, 11.
^{au} La. 4. 11.
^{av} Mat. 22. 7.

^{aw} ch. 33. 7, 11, 23.
^{ax} ch. 2. 7.
^{ay} 3. 25.
^{az} 7. 22, 26.
^{ba} Eze. 20. 23.

^{bb} Ac. 7. 51. 53.
^{bc} Lu. 13. 33, 34.
^{bd} for my anger.
^{be} Is. 37. 26.

^{bf} 2 Ki. 23. 27.
^{bg} 24. 3.
^{bh} or, JEHO-
^{bi} VAH.

^{bj} Ex. 15. 3.
^{bk} Am. 5. 8.
^{bl} 9. 6.
^{bm} ch. 29. 12.
^{bn} Ps. 91. 15.

^{bo} or, hidden.
^{bp} Is. 48. 6.
^{bq} Is. 1. 4, 6.
^{br} Da. 9. 8.

^{bs} neck.
^{bt} Jno. 8. 2.
^{bu} ch. 7. 30, 31.
^{bv} 23. 11.
^{bw} Eze. 8. 5, 6.

^{bx} ch. 30. 17.

daughters to pass through the fire unto ^a Molech ; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

36 [†] And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babelon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence ;

37 Behold, I will [‡] gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath ; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them [§] to dwell safely :

38 And they shall be [¶] my people, and I will be their God :

39 And I will ^{*} give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me [†] for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them :

40 And [‡] I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away I from them, to do them good ; but [§] I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

41 Yea, [¶] I will rejoice over them to do them good, and [‡] I will plant them in this land [§] assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

42 For thus saith the LORD : Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

43 And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate without man or beast ; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south : for [†] I will cause their captivity to return, saith the LORD.

CHAP. XXXIII.

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD the [¶] maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it ; [†] the [‡] LORD is his name ;

3 Call [§] v unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

4 For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword ;

5 They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but it is to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city.

6 Behold, [‡] I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, ^b as at the first.

8 And I will ^c cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will ^d pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

9 ^e And ^f it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall ^g fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

10 Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, *even* in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast.

11 The ^h voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, ⁱ Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring ^j the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

12 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^k Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be an habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down.

13 In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks ^l pass again under the hands of him that telleth them, saith the LORD.

14 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that ^m I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

15 ⁿ In those days, and at that time, will I cause the ^o Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, ^p The LORD our righteousness.

17 ^q For thus saith the LORD; ^r David shall never ^s want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

18 Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to ^t offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

19 ^u And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,

20 Thus saith the LORD; ^v If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

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^a Ps. 89. 34.

^b Is. 1. 26.

^c Eze. 36. 25.

^d Zec. 13. 1.

^e He. 9. 13. 14.

^f Mi. 7. 18.

^g Ge. 13. 16.

^h Is. 5. 5.

ⁱ Is. 22. 17.

^j Is. 53. 10. 12.

^k Is. 62. 7.

^l Is. 60. 5.

^m Ge. 8. 22.

ⁿ Mal. 3. 6.

^o Ps. 74. 16. 17.

^p Is. 104. 19.

^q Is. 40. 7. 34.

^r Is. 16. 9.

^s Re. 18. 23.

^t Ch. 16. 8.

^u Ch. 5. 13.

^v Ezr. 3. 11.

^w Ps. 136. 1.

^x Is. 12. 4.

^y Ezr. 2. 1.

^z Le. 7. 12.

^{aa} Ps. 107. 22.

^{ab} Is. 116. 17.

^{ac} He. 13. 15.

^{ad} Ch. 39. 1.

^{ae} Is. 52. 4.

^{af} 2 Ki. 25. 1.

^{ag} Is. 50. 19.

^{ah} Is. 65. 10.

^{ai} Ch. 1. 15.

^{aj} The dominion of his hand.

^{ak} Le. 27. 32.

^{al} Lu. 15. 4.

^{am} Jno. 10. 3. 4.

^{an} Ch. 29. 19.

^{ao} His mouth shall speak to thy mouth.

^{ap} Is. 4. 2.

^{aq} Is. 11. 1.

^{ar} 2 Ch. 16. 14.

^{as} Is. 21. 19.

^{at} Da. 2. 46.

^{au} Ch. 22. 18.

^{av} Jehovah-tsidkenu.

^{aw} There shall not be cut off from David.

^{ax} 2 Sa. 7. 16.

^{ay} 1 Ki. 2. 4.

^{az} Ps. 89. 29. 36.

^{ba} Lu. 1. 32. 33.

^{bb} 2 Sa. 12. 7. 12.

^{bc} Mat. 14. 4.

^{bd} Ac. 20. 27.

^{be} Ro. 12. 1.

^{bf} Is. 15. 16.

^{bg} 1 Pe. 2. 5. 9.

^{bh} Re. 1. 6.

^{bi} 2 Ki. 18. 13.

^{bj} Is. 19. 8.

^{bk} 2 Ch. 11. 5. 9.

^{bl} Ps. 89. 37.

^{bm} Is. 54. 9.

21 Then may also ^a my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

22 As ^b the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will ^c I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

24 Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

25 Thus saith the LORD; If ^d my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not ^e appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

26 Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take ^f any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for ^g I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

CHAP. XXXIV.

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, ^a when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, ^b and all the kingdoms of the earth ^c of his dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire:

3 And thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and ^d he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.

4 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword:

5 But thou shalt die in peace: and with ^e the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which were before thee, ^f so shall they burn odours for thee; and ^g they will lament thee, saying, Ah lord! for I have pronounced the word, saith the LORD.

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake ^h all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem,

7 When the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah: for ⁱ these defended cities remained of the cities of Judah.

8 ^j This is the word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with

vii. 21. 22. Levites that minister, see 1 Pet. ii. 5, 9; Rev. i. 6. 24. two families, Israel and Judah.

CHAP. XXXIV.—3. burn, &c. refers to burning aromatics at the interment of kings. 8. Zedekiah had made, &c. Zedekiah, with all the people who were at Jerusalem, had made a covenant: for the covenant was made with God by king and people, and its violation was the greater sin.

earth.—Sept., Arabic. 7. I will cause, &c. I will reverse the captivity of Judah.—Rother. 15. will I cause the Branch, &c. I will raise unto David a righteous progeny.—Dr J. P. Smith. 16. this is the name wherewith she, &c. and this is what he shall be called by her, Jehovah our righteousness.—Bp Horsley. 17. David, &c. completely fulfilled in Christ, as King and Priest: Luke i. 32, 33; Heb.

all the people which were at Jerusalem, to ^b proclaim liberty unto them;

9 That ^c every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, being an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; ^d that none should serve himself of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother.

10 Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, ^e then they obeyed, and let them go.

11 But ^f afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

12 ^g Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

13 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; ^h I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying,

14 At the end of ⁱ seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, which ^j hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear.

15 And ye were ^k now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had ^l made a covenant before me ^m in the house ⁿ which is called by my name:

16 But ye turned and ^o polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: ^p behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the LORD, ^q to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you ^r to be ^s removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when ^t they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof,

19 The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf;

20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their ^u dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth.

21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the

B. C. 591.

^a ch. 37. 5, 11.

^b Ex. 21. 2.

^c Le. 25. 10.

^d Is. 61. 1.

^e Ne. 5. 11.

^f ch. 38. 3.

^g 39. 1, 2, 8.

^h 52. 7, 13.

ⁱ Le. 25. 39.

^j 45.

^k 1 Co. 6. 8.

^l ch. 9. 11.

^m 41. 2, 6.

ⁿ Is. 29. 13.

^o Mar. 6. 29.

^p 2 Ki. 10. 15.

^q 1 Ch. 2. 55.

^r ch. 37. 5.

^s Ec. 8. 11.

^t Ho. 6. 4.

^u Mat. 12. 43.

^v 45.

^w Ro. 2. 4, 5.

^x 1 Ki. 6. 5.

^y Ex. 24. 3, &c.

^z H. 8. 10, 11.

^{aa} De. 33. 1.

^{ab} 1 Sa. 9. 6.

^{ac} 1 Ti. 6. 11.

^{ad} 2 Ti. 3. 17.

^{ae} Ex. 21. 2.

^{af} 23. 10.

^{ag} De. 15. 12.

^{ah} 2 Ki. 12. 9.

^{ai} 25. 18.

^{aj} 1 Ch. 9. 18, 19.

^{ak} Ps. 84. 10.

^{al} threshold,

^{am} or, vessel.

^{an} for, hath

^{ao} sold him-

^{ap} self.

^{aq} Am. 2. 12.

^{ar} 2 Co. 2. 9.

^{as} 2 Ki. 10. 15.

^{at} Pr. 1. 8, 9.

^{au} 13. 1.

^{av} to day.

^{aw} 2 Ki. 23. 3.

^{ax} Ne. 10. 29.

^{ay} ch. 7. 10.

^{az} where upon

^{ba} my name

^{bb} is called.

^{bc} Ge. 25. 27.

^{bd} Le. 23. 42, 43.

^{be} He. 11. 9, 10.

^{bf} Ex. 20. 7.

^{bg} Le. 19. 12.

^{bh} Ex. 20. 12.

^{bi} Ep. 6. 2, 3.

^{bj} Col. 3. 20.

^{bk} Mat. 7. 2.

^{bl} Ga. 6. 7.

^{bm} Ja. 2. 13.

^{bn} ch. 32. 24, 36.

^{bo} for a re-

^{bp} moving.

^{bq} ch. 29. 18.

^{br} De. 28. 25, 64.

^{bs} Ge. 15. 10, 17.

^{bt} ch. 32. 33.

^{bu} ch. 7. 33.

^{bv} 16. 4.

^{bw} 19. 7.

^{bx} 2 Ch. 36. 15.

^{by} ch. 25. 4, 6.

king of Babylon's army, ^a which are gone up from you.

22 Behold, I will command, saith the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, ^d and take it, and burn it with fire: and ^f I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

CHAP. XXXV.

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

2 Go unto the house of the ^h Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of ^k the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites;

4 And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaiah, ^m a man of God, which ⁿ was by the chamber of the princes, which ^o was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, ^p the keeper of the ^q door:

5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, ^r Drink ye wine, ^s But they said, We will drink no wine: for ^t Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, ^u neither ye, nor your sons for ever:

6 Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have ^v any: but ^w all your days ye shall dwell in tents; ^x that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers.

8 Thus have we ^y obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;

9 Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed:

10 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

11 But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem.

12 ^z Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

13 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not ^{aa} receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the LORD.

14 The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: ^{ab} notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me.

15 I ^{ac} have sent also unto you all my

18. they cut. See a young bullock was sacrificed, divided into two equal parts, and the people walked between them, doubtless to denote, that they consented to be cut in pieces, if they failed in keeping their oath.

CHAP. XXXV.—2. Rechabites, a family originally Kenites, of the posterity of Hobab: see 1 Chr. ii. 55;

Judg. i. 16: worshippers of God, though not circumcised. 6. Ye shall drink no wine, Jonadab feared their copying the drunkards of Ephraim. 14. words—performed, the Rechabites' observance of their father's charge aggravated the disobedience of the Jews.

servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, ^a Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, ^b nor hearkened unto me.

16 Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but ^d this people hath not hearkened unto me:

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, ^f I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: ^g because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.

18 ^h And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; ⁱ Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you:

19 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; ^j Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to ^k stand before me for ever.

CHAP. XXXVI.

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Take thee ^a a roll of a book, and ^b write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against ^c all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of ^d Josiah, even unto this day.

3 It ^e may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may ^f return every man from his evil way; ^g that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

4 Then Jeremiah ^h called Baruch the son of Neriah: and ⁱ Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, ^a I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD:

6 Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house upon ^b the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

7 It may be ^c they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great ^d is the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people.

8 And Baruch the son of Neriah ^e did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, ^f reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

9 And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they

B. C. 607.

^a ch. 18. 11.^b Mat. 23. 37^c .39.^d or, door.^e ch. 26. 10.^f 2 Ki. 15. 35.^g Is. 1. 6.^h Mal. 1. 6.ⁱ Lu. 15. 28.^j 30.^k 2 Ki. 22. 10.^l Jon. 3. 6.^m Ge. 6. 17.ⁿ Le. 26. 14.^o .5c.^p De. 28. 15.^q .5c.^r Mi. 3. 12.^s ch. 7. 13.^t Pr. 1. 24.^u Is. 65. 12.^v 66. 4.^w Ro. 10. 21.^x Ex. 20. 12.^y De. 5. 16.^z Ep. 6. 1. 3.^{aa} Zep. 1. 1.^{ab} There shall^{ac} not a man^{ad} be cut off^{ae} from Jo-^{af} nadab the^{ag} son of^{ah} Rechob to^{ai} stand, &c.^{aj} k Eze. 2. 6, 7.^{ak} Mat. 10. 25.^{al} ch. 15. 19.^{am} l Ac. 24. 25, 26^{an} Is. 8. 1.^{ao} Eze. 2. 9.^{ap} Zec. 5. 1.^{aq} Re. 5. 1. 8.^{ar} ch. 30. 2.^{as} j Jno. 9. 10.^{at} .5c.^{au} r ch. 25. 15.^{av} .5c.^{aw} s ch. 25. 3.^{ax} t Lu. 20. 13.^{ay} 2 Ti. 2. 25, 26^{az} 2 Pe. 3. 9.^{ba} u Jon. 3. 8.^{bb} Ac. 26. 29.^{bc} v Ac. 3. 19.^{bd} 28. 27.^{be} x 1 Ki. 17. 3.^{bf} Pr. 28. 12.^{bg} Lu. 13. 31.^{bh} Ac. 5. 40.^{bi} y ch. 32. 12.^{bj} z ch. 45. 1.^{bk} a 2 Co. 11. 23.^{bl} Ep. 3. 1.^{bm} 6. 20.^{bn} 2 Ti. 2. 9.^{bo} He. 11. 35.^{bp} b Am. 3. 15.^{bq} c Le. 16. 23.^{br} 23. 27. 32.^{bs} Ac. 27. 9.^{bt} d 1 Ki. 22. 8, 27.^{bu} Ps. 50. 17.^{bv} Pr. 1. 30, 31.^{bw} Is. 5. 18, 19.^{bx} Re. 22. 19.^{by} z their sup-^{bz} plication^{ca} shall fail.^{cb} c 2 Ki. 22. 11.^{cc} f Mat. 16. 24.^{cd} 1 Co. 16. 10.^{ce} Phi. 2. 19, 22^{cf} g Lu. 4. 16, &c.

proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem.

10 Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the ^a entry ^c of the new gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all the people.

11 ^h When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, ⁱ had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD,

12 Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the princes sat there, *even* Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of She-maiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.

13 Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

14 Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of ^j Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah ^k took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.

15 And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read ^l it in their ears.

16 Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, ^m they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words.

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, ⁿ Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth?

18 Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote ^o them with ink in the book.

19 Then said the princes unto Baruch, ^p Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be.

20 ^q And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

21 So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

22 Now the king sat in ^r the winter-house in the ninth month: and *there was a fire on the hearth burning before him.*

23 And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, ^s he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that *was on the hearth*, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that *was on the hearth*.

24 Yet they were not afraid, nor ^t rent their garments, *neither* the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

25 Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll. but he would not hear them.

26 But the king commanded Jerahmeel

the son * of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Aziel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them.

27 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

28 Take ^c thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.

29 And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith the LORD: ^d Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast?

30 Therefore thus saith the LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah: ^e He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be ^f cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to ^g the frost.

31 And I will ^h punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity: and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them: ⁱ but they hearkened not.

32 ¶ Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who ^j wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many ^k like words.

CHAP. XXXVII.

AND king ^l Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

2 But ^m neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake by ⁿ the prophet Jeremiah.

3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and ^o Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, ^p Pray now unto the LORD our God for us.

4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison.

5 Then ^q Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: ^r and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

6 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

7 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, ^s that sent you unto me to enquire of me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.

8 And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.

B. C. 605.

* or, of the king.

a Mat. 24. 4, 5.

Ga. 6. 3, 7.

Ep. 5. 6.

Ja. 1. 22.

† your souls.

b ch. 21. 4, 5.

‡ thrust

through.

c Job 23. 13.

33. 14.

Zec. 1. 5, 6.

Mat. 24. 35.

§ made to ascend.

d Job 40. 8.

Is. 45. 9.

Ac. 5. 39.

1 Co. 10. 22.

|| or, to slip

away from

thence, &c.

e ch. 22. 30.

f Lu. 23. 2.

Ac. 6. 11.

24. 5, 9, 13.

2 Co. 6. 8.

g ch. 22. 19.

h Mat. 5. 11, 12.

1 Pe. 3. 16.

4. 14, 16.

* falsehood,

or, a lie.

i Ge. 31. 40.

† visit upon.

ch. 23. 34.

k 2 Co. 11. 23.

27.

l Ge. 39. 20.

2 Ch. 16. 10.

18. 26.

Ac. 5. 18.

12. 4, 6.

m Mat. 23. 37.

n ch. 38. 6.

† or, cells.

o Ro. 16. 22.

p Mar. 6. 20.

s as they.

r ch. 22. 24.

2 Ki. 24. 17.

2 Ch. 36. 10.

Jno. 10. 32.

Ac. 23. 1.

24. 16.

Ga. 4. 16.

t 1 Th. 4. 8.

|| the hand of the prophet.

u ch. 52. 24.

* let my supplication

fall.

v Ac. 8. 21.

x ch. 38. 13, 28.

y 2 Ki. 24. 7.

Eze. 17. 15.

z ch. 34. 21.

a ch. 52. 6.

b ch. 21. 2.

c ch. 37. 3.

d ch. 21. 1.

e ch. 21. 8, 10.

9 Thus saith the LORD: ^a Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart.

10 For ^b though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained ^c but ^d wounded men among them, yet should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 ¶ And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans was ^e broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,

12 Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, ^f to separate himself thence in the midst of the people.

13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward ^g was there, whose name ^h was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, ⁱ Thou fall-est away to the Chaldeans.

14 Then ^j said Jeremiah, ^k It is ^l false; I fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

15 Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, ^m and smote him, ⁿ and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.

16 ¶ When Jeremiah was entered into ^o the dungeon, and into the ^p cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;

17 Then Zedekiah the king sent and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, ^q Is there ^r any word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, ^s What have I offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison?

19 Where ^t are now your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?

20 Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: ^u let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.

21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah ^v into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, ^w until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

THEN Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and ^x Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and ^y Pashur the son of Malchiah, ^z heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he

CHAP. XXXVII.—1. Coniah, afterwards Jeconiah, perhaps changing the name on ascending the throne. 10. For though, &c. God would make the Chaldeans work miracles but he would punish the guilty Jews. 15. the prison, it is usual in the east to make part of the house of a public functionary a prison. 16. dungeon, probably a deep pit in the quadrangle, with

side niches, or 'cells,' for the prisoners. 21. prison, of the king, which was in his house. piece, or loaf, bakers' street, it was and is customary in the east for persons in the same business to reside in the same street: and though families baked for themselves, there were numerous exceptions, and purchasers from numerous causes.

that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live.

3 Thus saith the LORD, "This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it.

4 Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the ^a welfare of this people, but the hurt.

5 Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand; for the king is not he that can do any thing against you.

6 Then ^b took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son ^c of Hammelech, that was in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: ^d so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

7 ^e Now ^f when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon: the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin;

8 Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying,

9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and ^g he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for there is no more bread in the city.

10 Then ^h the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men ⁱ with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die.

11 So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

12 And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, ^j Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so.

13 So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained ^k in the court of the prison.

14 ^l Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the ^m third entry that is in the house of the LORD: and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me.

15 Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, "If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto me?"

16 So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the LORD liveth, ⁿ that make us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into

B. C. 589.

a ch. 21. 10.
32. 3.

b ch. 39. 3.
2 Ki. 24. 12.

c ch. 26. 11.
peace.

d ch. 32. 4.
34. 3.

e 1 Sa. 15. 24.
Job 31. 34.
Pr. 29. 25.
Jno. 12. 42.
19. 12, 13.

f 1 Sa. 31. 4.
g ch. 37. 21.
Ps 109. 5.

h Ac. 26. 29.
2 Co. 5. 11, 20.
6. 1.

i or. of the king.

j He. 10. 36.
k He. 12. 25.

l ch. 39. 16.
m The men of thy peace.

n Ps. 41. 9.
o ch. 39. 6.
41. 10.

p he will die.

q thou shalt burn, &c.

r Pr. 21. 1.

s in thine hand.

t ch. 37. 20.
u Ro. 12. 10, 15.

v 1 Sa. 10. 15.
16. 2, 5.

w 2 Ki. 6. 19.
Ac. 23. 6.

x were silent from him.

y ch. 37. 21.
z ch. 37. 21.
39. 14.

aa 2 Ti. 3. 11.
4. 17, 18.

ab or. principal.

ac ch. 52. 4, 7.
2 Ki. 25. 1, 4.

ad Lu. 23. 67, 68.

ae Eze. 33. 21.
Mt. 12. 13.
Zep. 1. 10.

af Nu. 16. 22.
27. 16.

ag Ec. 12. 7.
Is. 57. 16.
He. 12. 9.

ah ch. 38. 17.

the hand of these men that seek thy life.

17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: If thou wilt assuredly ^a go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house:

18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and ^b thou shalt not escape out of their hand.

19 And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, ^c I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they ^d mock me.

20 But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver thee. ^e Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live.

21 But ^f if thou refuse to go forth, this is the word that the LORD hath shewed me:

22 And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back.

23 So they shall bring out all thy wives and ^g thy children to the Chaldeans: and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and ^h thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire.

24 ⁱ Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die.

25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee:

26 Then thou shalt say unto them, ^j I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.

27 Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him: ^k and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they ^l left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived.

28 So ^m Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken: and he was there when Jerusalem was taken.

CHAP. XXXIX.

IN the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

2 And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was ⁿ broken up.

3 And ^o all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle

CHAP. XXXVIII.—5. not he that can do any thing, perhaps may mean, Do as you please, for I know you will. 6. of Hammelech, or 'of the king.' 7. sitteth, &c. to administer justice. 9. no more bread, &c. prisoners were supported by the public on bread and water. 11. clouts, &c. literally, torn and obsolete cloths, or worn out, cast off, and rotten

cloths; most likely, garments unfitted for further use by insects. 18. go forth, i.e. submit thyself. 22. women—shall say, &c. i.e. these should mock the king.

CHAP. XXXIX.—2. broken up, battered down by engines. 3. came in, the north wall was now stormed, after a siege of eighteen months.

gate, even Nergal-sharezzer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, Rab-saris, Nergal-sharezzer, Rab-mag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon.

4 And ^b it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.

5 But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him.

6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.

7 Moreover, ^a he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him [§] with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

8 And [§] the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained.

10 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields [†] at the same time.

11 Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon ^p gave charge concerning Jeremiah: to Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, saying,

12 Take him, and [§] look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee.

13 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushasban, Rab-saris, and Nergal-sharezzer, Rab-mag, and all the king of Babylon's princes;

14 Even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him ^u unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the people.

15 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

16 Go and speak to ^v Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, ^a I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day before thee.

17 But ^b I will deliver thee in that day, saith the LORD: and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid.

18 For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy

B. C. 588.

^a 1 Ch. 5. 20.

Ps. 37. 40.

Is. 26. 3.

Ep. 1. 12.

^b 2 Ki. 25. 4.

&c.

^c ch. 39. 14.

^d or, manacles.

^e ch. 32. 4.

^f ch. 50. 7.

^g 2 Ki. 23. 33.

^h I spoke with him judgments.

ⁱ ch. 12.

^j De. 23. 24.

^k Da. 9. 11.

^l Ro. 2. 5.

^m 3. 19.

ⁿ ch. 32. 4.

^o Eze. 12. 13.

^p or, are upon.

^q with two brases chains, or, fetters.

^r ch. 39. 12.

^s ch. 52. 13.

^t 2 Ki. 25. 9.

^u set mine eye upon thee.

^v Ge. 20. 15.

^w chief of the executioners, or, slaughtermen, or, chief marshal.

^x Ge. 37. 26.

^y 2 Ki. 25. 22.

&c.

^z in that day.

^a ch. 39. 14.

^b Ju. 20. 1.

^c Job 5. 19.

^d Ac. 24. 23.

^e by the hand of.

^f set thine eyes upon him.

^g Pr. 16. 7.

^h Ac. 7. 10.

ⁱ 1 Pe. 3. 13.

^j ch. 39. 10.

^k ch. 38. 28.

^l ch. 40. 5.

^m ch. 41. 1.

ⁿ ch. 26. 24.

^o ch. 38. 7. 12.

^p Ge. 49. 15.

^q Ps. 37. 3.

^r to stand before.

^s ver. 10.

^t De. 1. 38.

^u Jos. 23. 14, 15.

^v 2 Ch. 35. 21.

^w Da. 9. 12.

^x Lu. 21. 33.

^y Da. 6. 16.

^z Mat. 10. 40.

^a .42.

^b 25. 40.

^c 2 Ti. 1. 16.

18.

life shall be for a prey unto thee: ^a because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.

CHAP. XL.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, ^a after that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in ^a chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon.

2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and ^a said unto him, The LORD thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place.

3 Now the LORD hath brought it, and done according as he hath said: ^a because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.

4 And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which ^a were upon thine hand. ^a If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will ^a look well unto thee: but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, ^a all the land is before thee: whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go.

5 Now while he was not yet gone back he said, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, ^a whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go wheresoever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward, and let him go.

6 Then ^a went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah: and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

7 Now when all the captains of the forces which ^a were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of ^a the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon;

8 Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, ^a even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, and they and their men.

9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and to their men, saying, ^a Fear not ^a to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to serve the Chaldeans, which will come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.

11 Likewise when all the Jews that were

7. put out—eyes. still a practice in the east. 9. those that fell, &c. deserters.

CHAP. XL.—1. Ramah, a city seven miles from Jerusalem: here the captain had his rendezvous, and collected his captives. 5. victuals and a reward, 'provisions and a gratuity.' 7. captains—in

the fields, commanders who had escaped into the country. 8. Netophathite, so called from Netophah, a city in the tribe of Judah. Maachathite, a family so called from Maachah, Caleb's concubine, 1 Chron. ii. 48. 9. sware, i.e. that they should live safely with him, and need not fear further danger.

in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that *were* in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan;

12 Even all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

13 [†] Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

14 And said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that ^c Baalis the king of the Ammonites hath sent ^d Ishmael the son of Nethaniah [†] to slay thee? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam ^f believed them not.

15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, ^h Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it: ⁱ wherefore should he slay thee, that all the Jews which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?

16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou [†] shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

CHAP. XLI.

NOW it came to pass in the seventh month, [†] that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there ^c they did eat bread together in Mizpah.

2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and ^p smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.

3 Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, *even* with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, *and* the men of war.

4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew it,

5 That there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, *even* fourscore men, [†] having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to [†] the house of the LORD.

6 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, [†] weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.

7 And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, *and* cast

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^a Job 2. 4.

Pr. 13. 8.

* *by the hand, or, by the side of Gedaliah, or, near Gedaliah.*

^b 1 Ki. 15. 22.

2 Ch. 16. 6.

^c ch. 41. 10.^d Pr. 26. 23..

26.

Is. 26. 10.

Mi. 7. 5.

^e ch. 43. 6.

[†] *to strike thee in soul?*

^f 1 Co. 13. 5..7.^g ch. 40. 7.^h 1 Sa. 24. 4.

26. 8.

Job 31. 31.

ⁱ Jno. 11. 50.^k ch. 40. 13.^l Mat. 10. 16,

17.

Ro. 3. 8.

^m 2 Sa. 2. 13.ⁿ 2 Ki. 25. 25.^o Da. 11. 26,

27.

Lu. 22. 47,

48.

Jno. 13. 18.

^p Pr. 1. 16.

Ro. 3. 15..18

^r Job 21. 30.

Pr. 28. 17.

Ec. 8. 11,12.

^s 2 Sa. 19. 37,

38.

^t Le. 19. 27,28.

De. 14. 1.

Is. 15. 2.

^u 1 Sa. 1. 7.

2 Ki. 25. 9.

^v ch. 40. 5.

[†] *in going and weeping.*

^x Mat. 15. 8.

them into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that *were* with him.

8 But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, ^a Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and slew them not among their brethren.

9 Now the pit wherein Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had slain ^{*} because of Gedaliah, *was* it ^b which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel: *and* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with *them* that *were* slain.

10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that *were* in Mizpah, ^c *even* the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, ^e whom Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

11 [†] But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all ^k the captains of the forces that *were* with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,

12 Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by ^m the great waters that *are* in Gibeon.

13 Now it came to pass, *that* when all the people which *were* with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, then they were glad.

14 So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah ^r escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites.

16 Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, *even* mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon:

17 And they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of ^g Chimham, which is by Beth-lehem, to go to enter into Egypt.

18 Because of the Chaldeans: for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, ^v whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

CHAP. XLII.

THEN all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, ^x came near,

2 And said unto Jeremiah the prophet,

CHAP. XLI.—1. *of the seed royal*, of some remote branch of it. *eat bread*, kept a festival; thus their treachery was the greater. 5. *Shechem*, &c. were places in the ten tribes. *beards shaven*, &c. mourning for Jerusalem. *cut themselves*, the former mournings were lawful, but here was a mixture of heathenism. *offerings—to the house*, they probably

thought there was a tabernacle or sanctuary erected at Mizpah. 8. *he forbore*, that he might have their treasures. 9. *Asa—made*, probably a large pit to conceal his treasures, or a reservoir for water during the siege: comp. 1 Kings xv. 16—22; Isa. xxxvi. 6. 10. *king's daughters*, probably left in the care of Gedaliah. 14. *cast about*, ^{*} faced about.

* Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and ^b pray for us unto the LORD thy God, *even* for all this remnant; (for we are left but ^c a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:)

3 That the LORD thy God may shew us ^d the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard *you*; behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, *that* ^e whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will ^f keep nothing back from you.

5 Then they said to Jeremiah, ^g The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us.

6 Whether ^h it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee; ⁱ that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.

7 ^j And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah.

8 Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

9 And said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him;

10 If ye will still abide in this land, then ^k will I build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for I ^l repent me of the evil that I have done unto you.

11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: ^m for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.

12 And ⁿ I will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

13 ^o But if ^p ye say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the LORD your God,

14 Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell:

15 And now therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; If ye ^q wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there;

16 Then it shall come to pass, *that* the sword, ^r which ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye were afraid, ^s shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die.

17 So shall ^t it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die ^u by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and ^v none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.

18 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my

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* or, Let our supplication full be before thee.

a ch. 7. 20.

Na. 1. 6.

Re. 14. 10.

b 1 Sa. 7. 8.

12. 19.

Is. 37. 4.

Ja. 5. 16.

c Le. 26. 22.

d Zec. 8. 13.

e Exr. 8. 21.

Pr. 3. 6.

Is. 2. 3.

Mi. 4. 2.

f De. 17. 16.

† testified against you.

† or, ye have used deceit against your souls.

g 1 Ki. 22. 14.

h Ac. 8. 24.

Ja. 5. 16.

i 1 Sa. 3. 18.

Ac. 20. 20.

k Ge. 31. 50.

Mal. 3. 5.

Ro. 1. 9.

Re. 1. 5.

l Ro. 7. 13.

8. 7.

m ch. 7. 23.

De. 6. 3.

Is. 3. 10.

n Eze. 6. 11.

o or, to go to sojourn.

p Ac. 5. 20.

20. 27.

q Hab. 2. 5.

Ja. 4. 6.

r ch. 24. 6.

33. 7.

s Ac. 15. 16.

ch. 18. 8.

De. 32. 36.

t Mat. 5. 11, 12.

u De. 20. 4.

Is. 41. 10.

43. 5.

v Mat. 28. 20.

Ro. 8. 31.

w Ti. 4. 17.

Ps. 106. 45.

46.

Pr. 16. 7.

x ch. 44. 16.

y ch. 40. 11, 12.

z ch. 41. 10.

aa ch. 39. 10.

40. 7.

b Jno. 21. 18.

c De. 17. 16.

Lu. 9. 51.

d Eze. 11. 8.

Jno. 11. 48.

e ch. 2. 16.

44. 1.

Is. 30. 4.

Hanes.

|| shall cleave

* all the men be.

f ch. 24. 10.

g ch. 44. 14, 23.

h Eze. 29. 18.

20.

fury hath been ^a poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ^d ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.

19 ^e The LORD hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah; ^f Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have ^g admonished you this day.

20 For ^h ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, ⁱ Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it.

21 And now I have this day declared it to you: but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any thing for the which he hath sent me unto you.

22 Now therefore know certainly that ^j ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire ^k to go and to sojourn.

CHAP. XLIII.

AND it came to pass, *that* when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people ^a all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, *even* all these words,

2 Then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all ^b the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:

3 But Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, ^c for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.

4 So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Judah.

5 But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took ^d all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah;

6 *Even* men, and women, and children, ^e and the king's daughters, ^f and every person that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and ^g Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah.

7 So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: thus came they *even* to ^h Tahpanhes.

8 ⁱ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9 Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brickkiln, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;

10 And say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, ^j my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones

that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

11 And when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt, and deliver ^c such as are for sale to death; and such as are for captivity to captivity; and such as are for the sword to the sword.

12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of ^d the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives; and he shall ^e array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace.

13 He shall break also the ^{*} images of [†] Beth-shemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall be burn with fire.

CHAP. XLIV.

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at [‡] Migdol, and at [§] Tahpanhes, and at [¶] Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a [¶] desolation, and no man dwelleth therein,

3 Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went [¶] to burn incense, and to [¶] serve other gods, whom they knew not, neither they, ye, nor your fathers.

4 Howbeit [¶] I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, "Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.

5 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods.

6 Wherefore [¶] my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day.

7 Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Wherefore commit ye this great evil [¶] against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of [¶] Judah, to leave you none to remain;

8 In that ye [¶] provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye be gone to dwell, that ye might cut yourselves off, and that ye might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

9 Have ye forgotten the [¶] wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?

10 They are not [¶] humbled even unto this day, neither have they [¶] feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

11 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will

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a ch. 21. 10.

Le. 17. 10.

20. 5, 6.

Am. 9. 4.

b ch. 44. 13.

46. 13.

c ch. 15. 2.

Zec. 11. 9.

d ch. 45. 25.

e Ro. 13. 12.

Ep. 4. 24.

f Col. 3. 12, 14.

g ch. 42. 15.

h ch. 43. 11.

i statues or, standing images.

j or, the house of the sun.

k lift up their soul.

l ch. 46. 14.

m Ex. 14. 2.

n Ro. 9. 27.

o 11. 5, 6.

p ch. 43. 7.

q Is. 19. 13.

r Pr. 11. 21.

s Mat. 7. 13.

t ch. 9. 11.

u 34. 22.

v ch. 6. 16.

w ch. 19. 4.

x ver. 25.

y Nu. 30. 12.

z De. 23. 23.

aa Ju. 11. 36.

ab De. 13. 6.

ac 32. 17.

ad or, frame of heaven.

ae ch. 7. 25.

af 26. 5.

ag 29. 9.

ah 2 Ch. 26. 15.

ai 1 Pe. 4. 3.

aj b read.

ak ch. 42. 18.

al Nu. 11. 5, 6.

am Job 21. 14, 15.

an Mal. 3. 13-15.

ao ch. 7. 18.

ap Nu. 16. 38.

aq De. 7. 3, 4.

ar 1 Ki. 21. 25.

as 2 Ch. 21. 6.

at or, husbands.

au in the midst of Judah.

av b ch. 25. 6, 7.

aw c Is. 64. 9.

ax Eze. 21. 23.

ay 24.

az Ho. 7. 2.

ba Am. 8. 7.

bb Re. 16. 19.

bc wickednesses, or, punishments, &c.

bd Ro. 2. 4, 5.

be 9. 22.

bf 2 Pe. 3. 7, 9.

bg c ch. 25. 11, 18.

bh 38.

bi § contrite.

bj Ps. 51. 17.

bk f Pr. 28. 14.

bl Ro. 11. 20.

bm § 1 Co. 10. 20.

^a set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.

12 And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, and fall in the land of Egypt: they shall even be consumed by the sword and by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine; and ^f they shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.

13 For ^g I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence:

14 So that none of the remnant of Judah which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

15 [¶] Then ^m all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by a great multitude, even all the people that dwell in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16 As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, [¶] we will not hearken unto thee.

17 But we will certainly do [¶] whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the [¶] queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of [¶] victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, [¶] we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

19 And [¶] when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, [¶] without our [¶] men?

20 [¶] Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people which had given him that answer, saying,

21 The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, [¶] did not the LORD remember them, and came it not into his mind?

22 So that [¶] the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land [¶] a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day.

23 Because [¶] ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies;

13. images of Beth-shemesh, the temple of the sun, Isa. xix. 18. They are said to have been of solid gold.

CHAP. XLIV.—1. Migdol, Magdolu, near the Red Sea, Exod. xiv. 2; xxi. 10. Noph, the same as Memphis.

therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day.

21 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah ^c that are in the land of Egypt:

22 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and confirmed with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.

23 Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that ^f my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord God liveth.

24 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.

25 Yet ^g a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine or their's.

26 And this shall be a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall ^h surely stand against you for evil:

27 Thus saith the LORD: Behold, ⁱ I will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave "Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

CHAP. XLV.

THE ^a word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch;

3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; ^b I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

4 Thus saith thou say unto him, The LORD saith thus: Behold, ^c that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

5 And ^d seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee ^e for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

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^a Da. 9.11.12

^b 2 Ki. 33. 29.

^c Ch. 35. 29.

Fulfilled presently.

^d ch. 43. 7.

^e ch. 51.11.12.

Na. 2. 1.

3. 14.

^f Ge. 22. 16.

^g broken in pieces.

^h Eze. 20. 39.

ⁱ fled a flight

^j ch. 6. 25.

49. 29.

^k Da. 11. 19.

^l ch. 1. 10.

31. 28.

^m Eze. 7. 6.

ⁿ ch. 47. 2.

Is. 8. 7, 8.

Da. 11. 22.

^o Is. 27. 13.

^p ver. 17.

^q from me, or them.

^r Cush.

^s Put.

^t Is. 66. 19.

^u Ps. 33. 11.

^v Is. 13. 6.

^w Joel 1. 15.

2. 1.

^x ch. 46.25.26.

Eze. 29. 3.

&c.

^y De. 32. 42.

Is. 34. 6.

^z Eze. 39. 17.

Zep. 1. 7.

^{aa} ch. 39. 5.

^{ab} Is. 47. 1.

^{ac} no cure shall be unto thee.

^{ad} ch. 38.1,4,32

^{ae} ch. 43.10,11.

Eze. xxix.

xxx.

xxxi.

Fulfilled.

571.

^{af} 2 Co. 4.1.16.

Gal. 6. 9.

^{ag} 2 Th. 3. 13.

He. 12.3.5.

^{ah} Ge. 6. 6, 7.

Is. 5. 5.

^{ai} Ro. 12. 16.

^{aj} 1 Co. 7. 26.

32.

^{ak} 1 Ti. 6.6.9.

^{al} multiplied the fuller.

^{am} Le. 26. 37.

^{an} ch. 21. 9.

38. 2.

39. 18.

THE word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles; 2 Against Egypt, ^b against the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

3 Order ^c ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, and put on the brigandines.

5 Wherefore have I seen them dismayed and turned away back? and their mighty ones are ^d beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back: ^e for fear was round about, saith the LORD.

6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall ^f stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

7 Who is this that cometh up ^g as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?

8 Egypt riseth up like a flood, and his waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, and will cover the earth: I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.

9 Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; ^h the Ethiopians and ⁱ the Libyans, that handle the shield; and the Lydians, ^j that handle and bend the bow.

10 For this is ^k the day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and ^l the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord God of hosts ^m hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm, ⁿ O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; for ^o thou shalt not be cured.

12 The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land: for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, and they are fallen both together.

13 ^p The word that the LORD spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and ^q smite the land of Egypt.

14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee.

15 Why are thy valiant men swept away? they stood not, because the LORD did drive them.

16 He ^r made many to fall, yea, ^s one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity from the oppressing sword.

17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of

From the female part of the assembly only. 26. of any man, i. e. of that rebellious company only, for many Jews afterwards worshipped God in Egypt.

CHAP. XLV.—1. The word, &c. this chapter is properly a continuation of chap. xxxvi: its predictions were delivered before Jerusalem was destroyed.

CHAP. XLVI.—1. brigandines, coats of mail. 7. as a flood, he compares their marching army to the rising of the Nile, threatening to overflow all the neighbouring lands. 9. Ethiopians—Libyans, &c.

several nations under the Egyptian dominion, embracing Ethiopians and Arabs. 10. day of the Lord, signifies, day of vengeance. a sacrifice, to Divine justice. 11. not be cured, the announced destruction is here represented as an incurable disease. 17. They did cry, &c.

They cried there, O Pharaoh, king of Egypt; A tumult prevented the appointed meeting. Misapprehension.

Those mentioned in the preceding verse send a mes-

Egypt is but a noise; he hath passed the time appointed.

18 As I live, saith the king, ^b whose name is the LORD of hosts, Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, so shall he come.

19 O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, * furnish thyself ^d to go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

20 Egypt is like a very fair ^f heifer, but destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north.

21 Also her hired men are in the midst of her like [†] fattened bullocks; for they also are turned back, and are fled away together: they did not stand, because ⁱ the day of their calamity was come upon them, and the time of their visitation.

22 The ^k voice thereof shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood.

23 They shall ^m cut down her forest, saith the LORD; though it cannot be searched; because they are more than ⁿ the grasshoppers, and are innumerable.

24 The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of ^p the people of the north.

25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; Behold, I will punish the [§] multitude of ^r No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and ^{all} them that trust in him:

26 And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants: and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith the LORD.

27 [¶] But ^v fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I [†] not leave thee wholly unpunished.

CHAP. XLVII.

THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet ^{*} against the Philistines, [¶] before that Pharaoh smote [§] Gaza.

2 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, [¶] waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and [¶] all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

B. C. 607.

^a Na. 3. 2.^b Is. 47. 4.

48. 2.

^c ch. 48. 18.^{*} make thee

instruments of

captivity.

^d Is. 20. 4.^e Is. 17. 1.^f Ge. 10. 14.^g Ho. 10. 11.^h Am. 1. 7.ⁱ Mi. 1. 16.^j Zec. 9. 5.^k De. 32. 41.^l bullocks of

the stall.

^m gather thy-

self.

ⁿ Ps. 37. 13.^o canst thou.^p Is. 29. 4.^q Is. XV.

XVI.

^r Eze. 25. 9.^s Am. 2. 1, 2.^t Is. 10. 34.^u Nu. 32. 38.

33. 47.

^v or, The

high place.

^w Ju. 6. 5.^x ch. 1. 15.^y or, be

brought to

silence.

^z Is. 15. 1.^{aa} go after.^{ab} Anon, or,

nourish-

her.

^{ac} Eze. 30. 14.

16.

^{ad} Na. 3. 8.^{ae} weeping

with weep-

ing.

^{af} or, a naked

tree.

^{ag} Is. 43. 5.^{ah} Nu. 21. 29.^{ai} Ps. 55. 6.^{aj} or, not ut-

terly cut

thee off.

^{ak} Ju. 5. 23.^{al} Is. 15. 3, 9.^{am} Ki. 20. 42.^{an} Eze. 25. 15.

16.

^{ao} Zep. 2. 4, 5.^{ap} or, negli-

gently.

^{aq} Am. 1. 6, 8.^{ar} Azzah.^{as} Is. 8. 7.^{at} Zep. 1. 12.^{au} the fulness

thereof.

^{av} stood.

3 At the ^a noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong horses, at the rushing of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to their children for feebleness of hands;

4 Because of the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines, and to cut off from Tyrus and Zidon every helper that remaineth: for the LORD will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of [†] the country of [¶] Caphtor.

5 Baldwin [§] is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is cut off with the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself?

6 O thou ^h sword of the LORD, how long will it be ere thou be quiet? [§] put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.

7 How [¶] can it be quiet, seeing the LORD hath given it a charge against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore? there hath he appointed it.

CHAP. XLVIII.

AGAINST [¶] Moab thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Woe unto [¶] Nebo! for it is spoiled: Kirjathaim is confounded and taken: ^{*} Misgab is confounded and dismayed.

2 There shall be no more praise of Moab: in Heshbon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from being a nation. Also thou shalt [†] be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall [†] pursue thee.

3 A voice of crying shall be from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction.

4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

5 For in the going up of Luhith [¶] continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.

6 Flee, save your lives, and be like ^{*} the heath in the wilderness.

7 [¶] For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken; and [¶] Chemosh shall go forth into captivity with his priests and his princes together.

8 And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape: the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD hath spoken.

9 Give [¶] wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein.

10 Cursed ^v be he that doeth the work of the LORD [†] deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

11 [¶] Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he ^a hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste ^{*} remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

12 Therefore, behold, the days come

rage to Pharaoh, alleging what had prevented their joining him at the time and place appointed.—Boothr. 20. like a very fair heifer, that has never been under the yoke. but destruction, the word signifies a cutting off, or cutting up, in allusion to the cutting off the necks of heifers.—Gill. The word destruction is rendered 'the gad-fly' by Boothroyd. 22. go like a serpent, be indistinct, a mere hiss, and not a terrible roar as a lion. 23. her forest, &c. her numerous hosts, her cities and towns. grasshoppers, locusts.

CHAP. XLVII.—2. waters, hostile troops, like a resistless torrent. 3. not look back to their children, shows the greatest consternation.—Ed. 4. Caphtor, a country about Gaza, Deut. ii. 23. 5. cut thyself,

faces, arms, bodies; mourning their condition. 7. the sea shore, or coast; would include Tyre and Sidon.

CHAP. XLVIII.—1. Nebo, a city in the land of Moab. Kirjathaim, a city in the tribe of Reuben, which fell into the hands of the Moabites: Josh. xiii. 19. Misgab, a high fortress. 2. Madmen, 'Madmena.' 3. Horonaim, a city of the Moabites. 5. going up, 'ascend.' The hill country of Moab appears to have commenced here. going down, &c. at Horonaim they again descended into the plain. 6. and be, &c. though ye be as a leafless tree in the desert.—Boothr. 7. Chemosh, their god. 10. deceitfully, 'remissly.' 11. its youth, its first formation, into a kingdom. on his lees, signifying peace

saith the LORD, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles.

13 And Moab shall be ashamed of ^a Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of ^b Beth-el their confidence.

14 ^c How say ye, ^d We are mighty and strong men for the war?

15 Moab is spoiled, and gone up out of her cities, and ^e his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith ^f the king, whose name is the LORD of hosts.

16 The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.

17 All ye that are about him, bemoan him; and all ye that know his name, say, ^g How is the strong staff broken, and the beautiful rod!

18 Thou ^h daughter that dost inhabit ⁱ Dibon, come down from ^j thy glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, and he shall destroy thy strong holds.

19 O inhabitant of ^k Arcer, stand by the war, and espie: ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, and say, What is done?

20 Moab is confounded; for it is broken down: ^l howl and cry: tell ye it in ^m Arnon, that Moab is spoiled,

21 And judgment is come upon the plain country; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath,

22 And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-dibbathaim.

23 And upon Kirathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon,

24 And upon ⁿ Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.

25 The ^o horn of Moab is cut off, and his ^p arm is broken, saith the LORD.

26 ^q Make ^r ye him drunken: ^s for he magnified ^t himself against the LORD: Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.

27 For ^u was not Israel a derision unto thee? ^v was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest of him, thou ^w skippedst for joy.

28 O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and ^x dwell in the rock, and be like ^y the dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

29 We have heard the ^z pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.

30 I know his wrath, saith the LORD; but it shall not be so; ^{aa} this lies shall not so effect it.

31 Therefore ^{ab} will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; ^{ac} mine heart shall mourn for the men of Kir-heres.

B. C. 609.

^a Ju. 11. 21.

^b 1 Ki. 11. 7.

^c Ho. 10. 6.

^d Joel 1. 12.

^e 1 Ki. 12. 29.

^f Is. 16. 6.

^g the choice of his.

^h ch. 50. 27.

ⁱ ch. 46. 18.

^j 51. 57.

^k desolations.

^l Is. 9. 4.

^m 14. 4, 5.

ⁿ Is. 15. 2.

^o Is. 47. 1.

^p Nu. 21. 30.

^q Is. 15. 2.

^r inhabitress.

^s De. 2. 36.

^t Isa. 4. 13, 16.

^u diminished.

^v Is. 16. 7.

^w Nu. 21. 13.

^x Ge. 37. 31.

^y ch. 22. 22.

^z Am. 2. 2.

^{aa} neck.

^{ab} Ps. 75. 10.

^{ac} Eze. 30. 21.

^{ad} De. 28. 49.

^{ae} Da. 7. 4.

^{af} Ho. 8. 1.

^{ag} Hab. 1. 8.

^{ah} Is. 8. 8.

^{ai} ch. 25. 15, 27.

^{aj} 2 Th. 2. 4.

^{ak} or, The cities.

^{al} ch. 20. 6.

^{am} 51. 30.

^{an} Is. 13. 8.

^{ao} 21. 3.

^{ap} Mi. 4. 9.

^{aq} Zep. 2. 8.

^{ar} ch. 2. 26.

^{as} Ps. 83. 4.

^{at} Is. 7. 8.

^{au} or, moved itself.

^{av} Is. 24. 17, 18.

^{aw} Ps. 55. 6, 7.

^{ax} Ca. 2. 14.

^{ay} Is. 16. 8, &c.

^{az} Lu. 14. 11.

^{ba} ch. 11. 23.

^{bb} or, those on whom he stayeth

(Heb. his bars) do not right.

^{bc} Nu. 21. 23.

^{bd} Is. 15. 5.

^{be} 16. 7, 11.

^{bf} Nu. 24. 17.

^{bg} children of noise.

32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage.

33 And ^{ch} joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting; their shouting shall be no shouting.

34 From the cry of Heshbon even unto Elealeh, and even unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even unto Horonaim, as an heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be ^{ci} desolate.

35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the LORD, ^{cd} him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.

36 Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir-heres: because the riches that he hath gotten are perished.

37 For every head shall be bald, and every beard ^{ce} clipped: upon all the hands shall be cuttings, and ^{cf} upon the loins sackcloth.

38 There shall be lamentation generally upon all the housetops of Moab, and in the streets thereof: for I have broken Moab like ^{cg} a vessel wherein is no pleasure, saith the LORD.

39 They shall howl, saying, How is it broken down! how hath Moab turned ^{ch} back with shame! so shall Moab be a derision and a dismay to all them about him.

40 For thus saith the LORD: Behold, ^{ci} he shall fly as an eagle, and shall ^{cj} spread his wings over Moab.

41 ^{ck} Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and ^{cl} the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her years.

42 And Moab shall be destroyed ^{cm} from being a people, because he hath magnified himself against the LORD.

43 Fear, ^{cn} and the pit, and the snare, shall be upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the LORD.

44 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for ^{co} I will bring upon it, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force: but ^{cp} a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sibmah, and ^{cq} shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

and tranquillity: settled wines were thought to acquire strength and flavour. bottles, or horns — Sept. meaning their drinking vessels. 13. of Beth-el, i. e. the golden calf set up there. 14. We are mighty, &c. the Moabites were strong, haughty, and arrogant. 17. staff-rod, symbols of royal power. 18. Dibon, a city of Moab. in thirst, i. e. destitution. spoiler, king of Babylon. 19. Arcer, a city of Moab. is done, that is, by the conqueror. 20. Arnon, a country of Moab, and boundary river. 25. horn, power — arm, strength. 26. drunken, with the cup of Divine wrath. 27. Israel a derision, their laughing stock when they witnessed their captivities. among thieves, Israel had sent no bands to rob Moab. 31. Kir-heres, a city of Moab. 32. Sibmah, a city of

Moab, abounding with vines. Jazer, a city previously destroyed and wept over. thy plants, &c. understood to mean that the people were transplanted to another country, over the sea of Jazer, the Asphaltite lake. 34. as an heifer, the howling of a young cow running from place to place in search of her calf. howlers — desolate, fouled by the Chaldean army in passing. 36. pipes, used for mourning. 37. bald, &c. tokens of mourning. 38. broken, into a thousand shivers, so it means — Schmidt, no pleasure, being useless or filthy. 40. he, Nebuchadnezzar. 41. Kerioth, a city in Moab. 43. Fear, &c. proverbial for escaping one danger to fall into another. 44. visitation, i. e. judgement. 45. under the shadow, &c. the fugitives sought refuge in their celebrated city. but a Ar-

46 Woe ^a be unto thee, O Moab! the people ^a of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken ^a captives, and thy daughters captives.

47 ^a Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

CHAP. XLIX.

CONCERNING [†] the ^a Ammonites, thus saith the LORD; Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why then doth [†] their king inherit [†] Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?

2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in ^a Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.

3 Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, [†] gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for [†] their king shall go into captivity, and his ^m priests and his princes together.

4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, [†] thy flowing valley, O ^a backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come unto me?

5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord God of hosts, from all those that be about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth.

6 And ^a afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD.

7 [†] Concerning ^a Edom, thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^a Is wisdom no more in Teman? [†] is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

8 Flee ye, [†] turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time that I will visit him.

9 If ^a grapegatherers come to thee, would they not leave some gleanings grapes? if thieves by night, they will destroy [†] till they have enough.

10 But ^b I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and ^c he is not.

11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

B. C. 600.

^a Nu. 21. 29.^b ch. 25. 29.

Ob. 16.

[†] in captivity.^c Ge. 22. 16.

Is. 45. 23.

Am. 6. 8.

He. 3. 18.

6. 13.

^d Is. 34. 6.

63. 1.

[†] or, against.[†] Eze. 21. 28.

Am. 1. 13.

Zep. 2. 8, 9.

[†] or, Melcom.[†] Am. 1. 13.[†] Ob. 1. 4.[†] Eze. 25. 5.[†] ch. 4. 8.

6. 26.

Is. 32. 11.

^k Job 39. 27.[†] or, Melcom.

1 Ki. 11. 5, 33.

[†] Am. 9. 2.[†] ch. 48. 7.[†] or, thy valley floweth away.ⁿ ch. 3. 14.^o Ge. 19. 25.

De. 29. 23.

Am. 4. 11.

2 Pe. 2. 6.

Jude 7.

^p Re. 18. 21.

23.

^r ch. 12. 5.^s ch. 48. 47.^t Ex. 15. 11.^u Eze. 25. 12.

Am. 1. 11.

[†] or, convent me in judgment.^v Job 41. 10.

Re. 6. 17.

^x Ob. 8.^y Is. 19. 11.^z Ac. 4. 28.

Ep. 1. 11.

[†] or, they are turned back^a Ob. 5.[†] their sufficiency.[†] weedy sea.^b Mal. 1. 3.^c Is. 17. 14.^d Zec. 9. 1, 2.[†] melted.

12 For thus saith the LORD; Behold, ^b they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and art thou he that shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink of it.

13 For ^c I have sworn by myself, saith the LORD, that ^d Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

14 I have heard a ^e rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, saying, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

15 For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, and despised among men.

16 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldst make thy ^k nest as high as the eagle, [†] I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.

17 Also Edom shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.

18 As ^o in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD, ^p no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the ^r swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for ^s who is like me? and who will ^t appoint me the time? and ^u who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

20 Therefore hear the ^v counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the [†] Red sea.

22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah; and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 [†] Concerning ^d Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are [†] fainthearted;

&c. instead of being protected, they are consumed. 47. bring. &c. the Moabites were restored to their country, but it may also have respect to gospel days.

CHAP. XLIX.—1. inherit, or possess. When the ten tribes were carried away, the Ammonites took possession of a part of the land. 2. Rabbah, the metropolis of the Ammonites. be heir, &c. i. e. inherit their land again which the Ammonites possessed.

3. Ai, in this place means a city in the land of Ammon. by the hedges, to seek shelter. 4. backsliding, either signifying an apostate from the religion of Lot, or being rebellious. 6. bring again, 'reverse.'

7. Teman, a city in Edom. 8. dwell deep, plunge into the deserts away from pursuers. Dedan, a city of Idumea. calamity of Esau, merited and designed for him. 11. Leave, &c. it is a question who is addressed here: Boothroyd considers that Edom is addressed as a descendant of Abraham. It means, 'Be not concerned for your family; escape, and leave them to Providence.'

13. Bozrah, a frontier town sometimes held by Edom, and sometimes by Ammon. 15. despised among men. 16.

Thy terribleness, these are joined by Boothroyd, as by Blayney, thus, 'despised among men, who are a terror to thee.' in the clefts, here was the chief city of the Edomites, to which Petfa answers. Its dwellings might first be simple caves: art improved and adorned them; and their remains still continue—magnificent sculptured solid rocks from four hundred to seven hundred feet high, with hills piled around. The town was three thousand feet in circumference, and entered by a narrow chasm seven hundred feet deep. 19. he, Nebuchadnezzar. I will suddenly make him, &c. 'I will cause him to run upon it suddenly.'—De Dieu: so Gataker and Booth. that I may appoint over her, that can defend it. who will appoint me the time, 'who can prescribe to me.' Booth. 20. Teman, a principal place in Edom. the least, &c. i. e. the meanest soldier shall overcome Edom. 21. Red sea, this was distant, and the cry extending thither imports their severe sufferings. 22. he, Nebuchadnezzar. as the eagle, swift, voracious. spread his wings, invest the city. 23. Damascus, metropolis of Syria. Hamath—Arpad, cities

14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.

15 Shout against her round about: she hath ^c given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for ^d it is the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; ^e as she hath done, do unto her.

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that noddeth the ^f sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword ^g they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

17 ^h Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first ⁱ the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this ^j Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

18 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

19 And ^k I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.

20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, ^l the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and ^m there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for ⁿ I will pardon them whom I reserve.

21 ^o Go up against the land of Mesathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of ^p Pekod: waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the LORD, and do ^q according to all that I have commanded thee.

22 A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction.

23 How is ^r the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, ^s and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.

25 The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth ^t the weapons of his indignation: for this is the work of the Lord God of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

26 Come against her ^u from the utmost border, open her storehouses: ^v cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

27 Slay all her ^w bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.

29 Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof

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^a Re. 18. 6.

^b Is. 47. 10.

^c 2 Th. 2. 4.

^d 1 Ch. 29. 24.

^e 2 Ch. 30. 8.

^f La. 5. 6.

^g Eze. 17. 18.

^h ch. 51. 6, 11.

ⁱ Ps. 137. 8.

^j Re. 18. 6.

^k Ja. 4. 6.

^l 1 Pe. 5. 5.

^m pride.

ⁿ or, scythe.

^o pride.

^p Is. 13. 14.

^q 2 Ki. 17. 6.

^r 2 Ki. 24. 10.

^s Is. 47. 1.

^t Ps. 35. 1.

^u 43. 1.

^v Pr. 22. 23.

^w Mi. 7. 9.

^x Is. 65. 10.

^y Eze. 34. 13.

^z 14.

^{aa} De. 5. 30.

^{ab} Is. 47. 13.

^{ac} ch. 31. 34.

^{ad} Ac. 3. 19, 26.

^{ae} Ro. 8. 33, 34.

^{af} He. 8. 10. 12.

^{ag} Is. 41. 25.

^{ah} 2 Th. 2. 9. 11.

^{ai} bars, or, chief stay.

^{aj} Is. 1. 9.

^{ak} Ro. 11. 6, 26.

^{al} 27.

^{am} Eze. 30. 5.

^{an} or, of the rebels.

^{ao} Eze. 23. 23.

^{ap} Na. 3. 13.

^{aq} or, visitation.

^{ar} 2 Sa. 16. 11.

^{as} 2 Ki. 18. 25.

^{at} 2 Ch. 36. 23.

^{au} Is. 10. 6.

^{av} 44. 28.

^{aw} 48. 14.

^{ax} Is. 44. 27.

^{ay} Re. 16. 12.

^{az} Is. 14. 6.

^{ba} Is. 13. 21, 22.

^{bb} Re. 18. 2.

^{bc} Is. 13. 20.

^{bd} Da. 5. 30, 31.

^{be} Ge. 19. 25.

^{bf} Is. 13. 5.

^{bg} Re. 17. 16.

^{bh} from the end.

^{bi} or, tread her.

^{bj} ch. 6. 22.

^{bk} Is. 5. 30.

^{bl} Ps. 22. 12.

^{bm} Is. 34. 7.

escape: ^a recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: ^b for she hath been proud against the LORD against the Holy One of Israel.

30 Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD.

31 Behold, ^c I am against thee, O thou ^d most proud, saith the Lord God of hosts: for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee.

32 And ^e the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

33 ^f Thus saith the LORD of hosts: The children of Israel and the children of Judah were oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

34 Their Redeemer is strong: ^g the LORD of hosts is his name: he shall ^h thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

35 ⁱ A sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and ^j upon her princes, and upon ^k her wise men.

36 A sword is ^l upon the liars; and they shall die: a sword is upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed.

37 A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all ^m the mingled people that are in the midst of her; and ⁿ they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

38 A ^o drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols.

39 Therefore ^p the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell therein: ^q and it shall be no more inhabited for ever: neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

40 As ^r God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

41 Behold, ^s a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

42 They ^t shall hold the bow and the lance: they are cruel, and will not shew mercy: ^u their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, every one put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.

43 The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble; anguish took hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in travail.

44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and

shall be the last of the nations.'—Boothr. 16. they shall turn. &c. i.e. the allies and hired soldiers of Babylon. 17. king of Assyria, Shalmaneser. 19, 20. bring again, some understand of a general restoration; others, of a restoration to Christ's kingdom. 21. of Mesathaim, 'of bitterness.'—Boothr. against the inhabitants, &c. 'punish it and its inha-

bitants, O sword!' 23. the hammer, powerful Babylon, God's instrument to break the nations. 27. bullocks, 'his mighty ones,' fat, fierce, and strong. 28. them that flee, the captive Jews. 30. liars, 'diviners:' so Jarchi and Kimchi. 31. date, become foolish. 44. make them suddenly, 'cause him suddenly to run upon it.'—Boothr.

who ^a is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will ^b appoint me the time? and ^c who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

45 Therefore hear ye ^f the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitation desolate with them.

46 At ^k the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

CHAP. LI.

THUS saith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, ^m a destroying wind;

2 And will send unto Babylon ⁿ fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.

3 Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifeth himself up in his brigandine: and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host.

4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and they that are thrust through in her streets.

5 For ^p Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though ^r their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.

6 Flee ^s out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance; ^t he will render unto her a recompence.

7 Babylon ^u hath been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken: ^v the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations ^w are mad.

8 Babylon is suddenly ^x fallen and destroyed: howl for her; ^y take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and ^z let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.

10 The LORD hath ^a brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.

11 Make ^b bright the arrows; gather the shields: ^c the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the ^d vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.

12 Set ^e up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ^f ambushes: for the LORD hath both devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon.

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^a Is. 46. 11.
^b Re. 17. 1, 15.

^c Job. 6. 13.
^d Ja. 5. 8, 9.

^e 1 Pe. 4. 7.
^f * or, consent me to plead

^g Job 41. 10.
^h Lu. 12. 19.

ⁱ 21.
^j 2 Pe. 2, 3, 14, 15.

^k Is. 14. 24, &c.
^l Ac. 4. 28.

^m Ep. 1. 11.
ⁿ Am. 6. 8.

^o † by his soul.
^p † utter.

^q ch. 10. 12, &c.
^r Ge. 1. 1, 6.

^s Job 9. 8.
^t Ps. 104. 2.

^u Is. 40. 22.
^v Re. 18. 9.

^w † or, noise.
^x Ps. 135. 7.

^y † heart.
^z ch. 4. 11.

^a 2 Ki. 19. 7.
^b Ho. 13. 15.

^c * or, is more brutish than to know.

^d ch. 15. 7.
^e Mar. 3. 12.

^f † Is. 10. 5, 15.
^g † or, in thee, or, by thee.

^h De. 31. 6.
ⁱ 1 Sa. 12. 22.

^j 1 Ki. 6. 13.
^k Is. 49. 14, 15.

^l 54. 4, 10.
^m Ro. 11. 1, 2.

ⁿ Ho. 4. 1.
^o Mi. 7. 18, 20.

^p Zep. 3. 1, 5.
^q 1 Ti. 5. 22.

^r Re. 18. 4.
^s ch. 25. 14.

^t 2 Ch. 36. 17.
^u Re. 17. 4.

^v Re. 14. 8.
^w ch. 25. 16.

^x 2 Is. 21. 9.
^y Re. 14. 8.

^z ch. 46. 11.
^a Is. 13. 4.

^b Is. 13. 2.
^c Zec. 4. 7.

^d Ps. 37. 6.
^e Re. 8. 8.

^f † pure.
^g Is. 13. 17.

^h † everlasting desolations.

ⁱ Zec. 12. 2, 3.
^j 11, 2, 12.

^k Na. 2. 1.
^l 3. 14.

^m † lies in wait.

13 O ^b thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, ^c thine end is come, and ^d the measure of thy covetousness.

14 The ^e LORD of hosts hath sworn ^f by himself, saying, Surely I will fill thee with men, as with caterpillers; and they shall ^g lift up a shout against thee.

15 He ^h hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and ⁱ hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

16 When he uttereth ^j his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and ^k he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

17 Every man ^l is brutish by his knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.

18 They ^m are vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

19 The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things: and ⁿ Israel is the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts is his name.

20 Thou ^o art my battle ax and weapons of war: for ^p with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms;

21 And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider;

22 With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces ^q old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;

23 I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.

24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD.

25 Behold, I ^r am against thee, ^s O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, ^t and will make thee a burnt mountain.

26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be ^u desolate for ever, saith the LORD.

27 Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers.

44. and who is, &c. ^a and who is the chosen one who can defend it? ^b and who will appoint, &c. ^c who can prescribe to me? — Boothroyd.

CHAP. LI. — 1. wind, i.e. armies ruinous as the pestilential wind: chap. iv. 11. 2. fanners, such should the conquerors be, scattering her as chaff. 7. cup, instrument of vengeance. mad, overcome with joy at her fall: so Davidson. 9. We, Babylon's allies. 10. The Lord, &c. the Jews here speak. brought forth our righteousness, vindicated their cause, though they themselves were not righteous. 11. Make bright, &c. addressed to the Chal-

deans, showing their useless resistance. 13. many waters, the great river Euphrates, with neighbouring lakes, marshes, and canals. 14. caterpillers, locusts. 15. He, &c. the same as chap. x. 12—16. 20. my battle ax, viz. Cyrus and his army. 25. mountain, Babylon, so called from its mighty mass of buildings, and its great power. destroying, alluding to the volcanic mountain; it was oppressive and corrupting. a burnt mountain, a heap of sterile ashes, a mere desolation; and so it is all around. 27. Ararat, Minni, thought to be the greater and less Armenia. Ashchenaz, Bochart understands to mean

28 Prepare against her the nations with ^a the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.

29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.

30 The mighty men of Babylon have forgotten to fight, they have remained in their holds: their might hath failed; ^d they became as women: they have burned her dwellingplaces; ^e her bars are broken.

31 One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at one end,

32 And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

33 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: The daughter of Babylon ²⁸ ^g like a threshingfloor, ^h it ⁱ is time to thresh her: yet a little while, ^j and the time of her harvest shall come.

34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out.

35 * The violence done to me and to my ^k flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

36 Therefore thus saith the LORD: Behold, I will plead thy cause, and ^l take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

37 And ^m Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, ⁿ an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant.

38 They shall roar together like lions: they shall ^o yell as lions' whelps.

39 In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.

40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats.

41 How is ^p Sheshach taken! and how is ^q the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!

42 The ^r sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.

43 Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth ^s any son of man pass thereby.

44 And ^t I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth

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^a Ge. 10. 2.

^b Da. 5. 28, 31.

^c Ac. 2. 40.

^d 2 Co. 6. 17.

^e or, let not.

^f 2 Ki. 19. 7.

^g Is. 19. 16.

^h La. 2. 9.

ⁱ Am. 1. 5.

^j visit upon.

^k Is. 44. 23.

^l 49. 13.

^m Re. 18. 20.

ⁿ or, Both

^o Babylon is

^p to fall, O

^q ye slain of

^r Israel, and

^s with Baby-

^t lon, &c.

^u Is. 21. 10.

^v Mi. 4. 13.

^w or, in the

^x time that

^y he thresh-

^z eth her.

^{aa} Is. 41. 15.

^{ab} Hab. 3. 12.

^{ac} Is. 17. 5. &c.

^{ad} Ho. 6. 11.

^{ae} Joel 3. 13.

^{af} Mat. 13. 30.

^{ag} Re. 14. 15, 18.

^{ah} or, the

^{ai} country.

^{aj} ch. 44. 28.

^{ak} Ps. 41. 15, 16.

^{al} 79. 4.

^{am} * My vio-

^{an} lence.

^{ao} or, remain-

^{ap} der.

^{aq} inhabitress.

^{ar} Am. 9. 2.

^{as} Ob. 4.

^{at} Ro. 12. 19.

^{au} He. 10. 30, 31.

^{av} Is. 13. 22.

^{aw} Re. 18. 2.

^{ax} ch. 25. 9, 18.

^{ay} or, shake

^{az} themselves.

^{ba} ch. 50. 29.

^{bb} Ps. 94. 1.

^{bc} 2 Th. 1. 6.

^{bd} Re. 19. 2.

^{be} ch. 25. 26.

^{bf} Is. 13. 19.

^{bg} Da. 4. 30.

^{bh} Is. 8. 7, 8.

^{bi} Lu. 21. 25.

^{bj} ch. 46. 18.

^{bk} 48. 15.

^{bl} or, The

^{bm} walls of

^{bn} broad Ba-

^{bo} bylon.

^{bp} or, made

^{bq} naked.

^{br} Hab. 2. 13.

^{bs} Is. 46. 1.

that which he hath swallowed up; and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wail of Babylon shall fall.

45 My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and ^b deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD.

46 And * lest your heart faint, and ye fear ^c for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will ^d do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

48 Then ^e the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD.

49 ^f As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all ^g the earth.

50 Ye ^h that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

51 We ⁱ are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD's house.

52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan.

53 Though ^j Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should forth the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.

54 A sound of a cry cometh from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans:

55 Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered.

56 Because the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: ^k for the LORD God of recompences shall surely requite.

57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith ^l the king, whose name is the LORD of hosts.

58 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: ^m The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly ⁿ broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and ^o the people shall labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.

Phrygia and Troas, part of that country being called *Ascania* by *Homer*. 31. at one end, from end to end.—*Booths*. 32. stopped, or surprised; probably the entrances from the river. reeds, may refer to some slight fortifications on the river. 34. devoured me, i.e. Zion and Jerusalem. dragon, a species of serpent which swallows animals alive. 36. sea, Euphrates; it was drained by Cyrus, so as to become fordable into the city, through which it ran. 38. roar, in noisy revelry. 39. heat, i.e. inebriety, while inflamed with strong drink. 40. rams with he goats, denoting the promiscuous destruction of prince and people. 42. sea, metaphorically put for

invaders. 44. Bel, the idol of Babylon, to whom the best spoils were consecrated. 46. the rumour, &c. there were internal convulsions; then Belshazzar was defeated; then came the siege; and the year after, the city was taken. 48. heaven and the earth, figurative language, in which these are described as witnesses of God's righteous dealings. 50. the Lord afar, i.e. his worship at Jerusalem. 51. We, &c. i.e. the Jews are confounded at the state of Jerusalem. 52. do judgment, destroy the gods that had profaned the sanctuaries. 55. the great price, of her numerous inhabitants. 57. drunk, with the wine of Divine wrath.

59 ¶ The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Ne-
riah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went
I with Zedekiah the king of Judah into
Babylon in the fourth year of his reign.
And thus Seraiah was a quiet prince.

60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the
evil that should come upon Babylon, even
all these words that are written against
Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When
thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see,
and shalt read all these words;

62 Then shalt thou say, O LORD, thou
hast spoken against this place, to cut it
off, that none shall remain in it, neither
man nor beast, but that it shall be [†] desolate
for ever.

63 And it shall be, when thou hast
made an end of reading this book, [§] that
thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it
into the midst of Euphrates:

64 And thou shalt say, Thus shall Ba-
bylon sink, and shall not rise from the
evil that I will bring upon her: ^h and
they shall be weary. ⁱ Thus far are the
words of Jeremiah.

CHAP. LII.

ZEDEKIAH was [†] one and twenty
years old when he [§] began to reign, and
he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.
And his mother's name was Hamutal
the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

2 And he did that which was evil in the
eyes of the LORD, according to all that
Jehoiakim had done.

3 For [†] through the anger of the LORD
it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah,
till he had cast them out from his pre-
sence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the
king of Babylon.

4 [†] And it came to pass in the ^o ninth
year of his reign, in the tenth month, in
the tenth day of the month, that Nebu-
chadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and
all his army, against Jerusalem, and
[†] pitched against it, and built forts against
it round about.

5 So the city was besieged unto the
eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

6 And in the fourth month, in the ninth
day of the month, [†] the famine was sore
in the city, so that there was no bread for
the people of the land.

7 Then the city was broken up, and all
the men of war fled, and went forth out of
the city by night by the way of the gate
between the two walls, which was by the
king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were
by the city round about;) and they went
by the way of the plain.

8 ¶ But the army of the Chaldeans
pursued after the king, and overtook Ze-
dekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all
his army was scattered from him.

9 Then [§] they took the king, and carried
him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah
in the land of Hamath; where he gave
judgment upon him.

10 And [†] the king of Babylon slew the
sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew
also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

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* blinded.

† or, fetters.

‡ or, on the

behalf of.

§ house of the

wards.

|| or, prince

of Menu-

cha, or,

chief cham-

berlain.

a Zec. 7. 5.

s. 19.

b ver. 23.

c ch. 39. 9.

* chief of the

execution-

ers, or

slaughte-

rmen, or,

chief mar-

shal.

† stood be-

fore.

d Ps. 74. 6. 8.

79. 1.

Is. 64. 10. 11.

e Col. 4. 16.

f ch. 50. 3. 39.

† desolations.

g Re. 18. 21.

h ver. 58.

i Job 31. 40.

Ps. 72. 20.

k ch. 27. 19.

1 Ki. 7. 15, 23,

27. 50.

l 2 Ki. 24. 18.

§ reigned.

m Ex. 27. 3.

2 Ki. 25. 14.

..16.

|| or, instru-

ments to

remove the

ashes.

* or, basons.

n Pr. 23. 2.

† or, censers.

o ch. 39. 1.

2 Ki. 25. 1.

27.

Zec. 8. 19.

‡ their brass.

p 1 Ki. 7. 47.

q Le. 26. 25.

Lu. 19. 43.

21. 29.

s 2 Ki. 25. 17.

2 Ch. 3. 15.

§ thread.

t De. 28. 52, 53

32. 24.

u 1 Ki. 7. 20.

v 2 Ki. 25. 18.

x ch. 21. 1.

29. 25.

y ch. 32. 4.

|| threshold.

Ps. 84. 10.

* saw the

face of the

king.

z Eze. 12. 13.

† or, scribe

of the cap-

tain of the

host.

11 Then he ^{*} put out the eyes of Zede-
kiah; and the king of Babylon bound him
in [†] chains, and carried him to Babylon,
and put him in [§] prison till the day of his
death.

12 ¶ Now ^a in the fifth month, in the
tenth day of the month, ^b which was the
nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king
of Babylon, ^c came Nebuzar-adan, ^{*} cap-
tain of the guard, which [†] served the king
of Babylon, into Jerusalem,

13 And ^d burned the house of the LORD,
and the king's house; and all the houses
of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the
great men, burned he with fire:

14 And all the army of the Chaldeans,
that were with the captain of the guard,
brake down all the walls of Jerusalem
round about.

15 Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of
the guard carried away captive certain of
the poor of the people, and the residue of
the people that remained in the city, and
those that fell away, that fell to the king of
Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.

16 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the
guard left certain of the poor of the land
for vinedressers and for husbandmen.

17 Also the [†] pillars of brass that were
in the house of the LORD, and the bases,
and the brasen sea that was in the house
of the LORD, the Chaldeans brake, and
carried all the brass of them to Babylon.

18 The [†] caldrons also, and the [†] shovels,
and the snuffers, and the ^{*} bowls, and the
spoons, and all the vessels of brass where-
with they ministered, took they away.

19 And the basons, and the [†] firepans,
and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the
candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups;
that which was of gold in gold, and that
which was of silver in silver, took the
captain of the guard away.

20 The two pillars, one sea, and twelve
brasen bulls that were under the bases,
which king Solomon had made in the
house of the LORD: [†] the ^p brass of all
these vessels was without weight.

21 And concerning the [†] pillars, the
height of one pillar was eighteen cubits;
and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass
it; and the thickness thereof was four
fingers: it was hollow.

22 And a chapter of brass was upon it;
and the height of one chapter was five
cubits, with network and pomegranates
upon the chapters round about, all of
brass. The second pillar also and the
pomegranates were like unto these.

23 And there were ninety and six pome-
granates on a side; and [†] all the pome-
granates upon the network were an hundred
round about.

24 ¶ And [†] the captain of the guard took
Seraiah the chief priest, [†] and Zephaniah
the second priest, and the three keepers of
the [†] door:

25 He took also out of the city an eunuch,
which had the charge of the men of war;
and seven men of them that ^{*} were near
the king's person, which were found in the
city; and the [†] principal scribe of the host,
who mustered the people of the land; and

59. *this Seraiah*, &c. 'For Seraiah carried a present.'
Blayney. He probably was a bearer of tribute.
63. *cast it*, &c. a sign of the certainty of the Divine
denunciations.

CHAP. LII.—This chapter shows the fulfilment of

the prophecies. See the notes on the parallel places.
2 Kings xxiv. xxv.: verses 24—30 are not in Kings;
they contain an account of three lesser deportations
of Jews to Babylon. 24. *Seraiah*, a priest, not the
person named chap. li. 59.

threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city.

26 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

28 This ^c is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the ^d seventh year three thousand Jews and three and twenty:

29 In ^e the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two ^f persons:

30 In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five

B. C. 588.

^a 2 Ki. 25. 27..

^b Ge. 40. 13, 20

Job 22. 29.

Ps. 3. 3.

27. 6.

^c 2 Ki. 24. 2.

^d 2 Ki. 24. 12.

^e good things with him.

^f ver. 12.

^g 2 Sa. 9. 13.

1 Ki. 2. 7.

^h souls.

Ge. 12. 5.

Ex. 1. 5.

ⁱ Mat. 6. 11.

^j the matter of the day in his day.

Lu. 11. 3.

persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

31 ^g And ^h it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the first year of his reign ⁱ lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison,

32 And spake ^k kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon,

33 And changed his prison garments: ^l and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life.

34 And for his diet, there was ^m a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, ⁿ every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

The LAMENTATIONS of JEREMIAH.

Bewailing over the desolations of Jerusalem and the captivity of Judah.

CHAP. I.

HOW doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! ^a how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and ^b princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary!

2 She ^c weepeth sore in the ^d night, and her tears are on her cheeks: ^e among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

3 Judah ^f is gone into captivity because of affliction, and ^g because of great servitude: ^h she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.

4 The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness.

5 Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted her ⁱ for the multitude of her transgressions: her ^j children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

6 And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

7 Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her ^k pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, and did mock at her sabbaths.

8 Jerusalem ^l hath grievously sinned; therefore she ^m is removed: all that honoured her despise her, because ⁿ they have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.

9 Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore

B. C. 588.

^a Is. 47. 7, 8.

^b Ezr. 4. 20.

^c or, desirable.

^d Je. 13. 17.

^e Job 7. 3.

^f Ps. 6. 6.

^g Je. 4. 30.

30. 14.

^h Je. 23. 3.

Ne. 13. 1.

ⁱ Je. 38. 9.

^j Je. 52. 27.

^k or, to make the soul to come again

^l for the greatness of servitude.

^m Je. 28. 64, 65

ⁿ or, it is nothing.

^o pass by the way.

^p Da. 9. 12.

^q Je. 30. 14, 15.

Da. 9. 7, 16.

^r Je. 52. 28.

^s or, desirable.

ver. 10.

^t Is. 63. 3.

Re. 14. 19, 20

19. 15.

^u or, the winepress of the virgin.

^v 1 Ki. 8. 46.

^w bring back.

^x is become a removing, or, wandering.

^y Je. 13. 22, 26.

Eze. 16. 37.

Ho. 2. 10.

she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified himself.

10 The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her ^k pleasant things: for she hath seen that the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command ^l that they should not enter into thy congregation.

11 All her people sigh, ^m they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat ⁿ to relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I am become vile.

12 ^o Is it nothing to you, all ye that ^p pass by? behold, and see ^q if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

13 From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaileth against me: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back: he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.

14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, and come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to fall, the LORD hath delivered me into their hands, from whom I am not able to rise up.

15 The LORD hath trodden under foot all my mighty men in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: ^r the LORD hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as in a winepress.

16 For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

17 Zion spreadeth forth her hands, and there is none to comfort her: the LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, that his adversaries should be round about

CHAP. I.—2. *lovers, allies or idols.* 3. *because, 'through,' between the straits, beset on all sides with difficulties.* 4. *ways—mourn, roads deserted.* 5. *are the chief, become her rulers.* 6. *like harts, fearful and timid.* 8. *nakedness, destitution.* 9.

in her skirts, extends throughout her borders. *her last end, the consequences of her sins.* 13. *fire, judgments.* 14. *wreathed, or twisted together.* 16. *the comforter that should, i. e. there is none to comfort me.*

him : Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them.

18 ¹ The LORD is ^b righteous for I have ^c rebelled against his ^{*} commandment : hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow : my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

19 I called for my lovers, but ^d they deceived me : my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls.

20 Behold, O LORD ; for I am in distress : my ^a bowels are troubled ; mine heart is turned within me ; for I have grievously rebelled : ^e abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death.

21 They have heard that I sigh : there is none to comfort me : all mine enemies have heard of my trouble ; they are glad that thou hast done it : thou wilt bring ^f the day that thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me.

22 Let ^g all their wickedness come before thee ; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions : for my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

CHAP. II.

HOW hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, ^h and cast down from heaven unto the earth ⁱ the beauty of Israel, and remembered not ^j his footstool in the day of his anger !

2 The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied : he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah ; he hath brought them down to the ground : ^k he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.

3 He hath cut off in his fierce anger all the horn of Israel : ^l he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, which devoureth round about.

4 He ^m hath bent his bow like an enemy : he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew ⁿ all ^o that were pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion : he poured out his fury like fire.

5 The LORD was as an enemy : he hath swallowed up Israel, he hath swallowed up all her palaces : he hath destroyed his strong holds, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

6 And he hath violently ^p taken away his ^q tabernacle, ^r as if it were of a garden : he hath destroyed his places of the assembly : ^s the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.

7 The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces ; they have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast.

B. C. 588.

^a 2 Ki. 21. 13.

Is. 34. 11.

^b Ne. 9. 33.

Da. 9. 7, 14.

^c 1 Sa. 12. 14.

Is. 15.

^d mouth.^e swallowing

up.

^f Je. 20. 14.^g De. 28. 36.^h 2 Ki. 24. 15.ⁱ 2 Ch. 15. 3.^j Ps. 74. 9.^k Eze. 7. 26.^l Job 30. 27.

Is. 16. 11.

Je. 4. 19.

Ho. 11. 8.

^m Job 2. 13.

Is. 3. 26.

ⁿ De. 32. 25.^o Eze. 7. 15.^p Ps. 6. 7.^q Job 16. 13.^r Ps. 22. 14.^s Is. 13. 6, &c.

Je. 46. 10.

&c.

^t or, pro-

claimed.

^u or, faint.^v Ps. 109. 15.^w Mat. 11. 23.^x Da. 9. 12.^y 2 Sa. 1. 19.^z 1 Ch. 28. 2.

Ps. 99. 5.

132. 7.

^a Je. 2. 8.^b Eze. 13. 2.^c Is. 58. 1.^d made to

touch.

^e Ps. 89. 39.^f 1 Ki. 9. 8.^g by the way.^h Eze. 25. 6.ⁱ Ps. 44. 14.^j Ps. 74. 11.^k Ps. 48. 2.

50. 2.

^l Is. 63. 10.^m Ps. 56. 2.ⁿ Eze. 24. 25.^o the desira-

ble of the

eye.

^p Ps. 35. 21.^q Je. 30. 14.^r Le. 26. 16.

&c.

De. 28. 15.

&c.

^s Ps. 38. 16.

89. 42.

^t Ps. 80. 12.

Is. 5. 5.

^u or, hedge.^v Is. 1. 8.^w Zep. 3. 18.^x Ps. 119. 147.^y Ps. 62. 8.^z shut up.^a Is. 54. 20.^b Je. 19. 9.

Eze. 5. 10.

8 The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion : ^a he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from ^b destroying : therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament ; they languished together.

9 Her gates are sunk into the ground ; he hath destroyed and broken her bars : ^c her king and her princes are among the Gentiles : ^d the law is no more ; her ^e prophets also find no vision from the LORD.

10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, and keep silence : they have cast up dust upon their heads ; they have girded themselves with sackcloth : the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

11 Mine ^f eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, ^g my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people ; because the children and the sucklings ^h swoon in the streets of the city.

12 They say to their mothers, Where is corn and wine ? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom.

13 What thing shall I take to witness for thee ? ⁱ what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem ? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion ? for thy breach is great like the sea : who can heal thee ?

14 Thy ^j prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee ; and they have not ^k discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity ; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment.

15 All ^l that pass ^m by ⁿ clap their hands at thee ; they hiss ^o and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call ^p the perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth ?

16 All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee : they hiss and gnash the teeth : they say, ^q We have swallowed her up : certainly this is the day that we looked for ; we have found, ^r we have seen it.

17 The LORD hath done that which he had ^s devised ; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old : he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied : and he hath caused ^t thine enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.

18 Their heart cried unto the LORD, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night : give thyself no rest ; let not the apple of thine eye cease.

19 Arise, ^u cry out in the night : the beginning of the watches ^v pour out thine heart like water before the face of the LORD : lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger ^w in the top of every street.

20 ^x Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. ^y Shall the

20. abroad, without the city. at home—death, within the city, famine.

CHAP. II.—1. the beauty, all its glory, its temple. footstool, where His visible glory rested, 1 Chron. xxviii. 2. polluted, &c. given the kingdom to unclean Gentiles. 3. horn, power and strength. right hand, protection. 4. as an adversary, with a drawn sword. 5. tabernacle as—a garden, i.e. as a temporary hut in a garden. Isa. i. 8. 7. they have made a noise, &c. i.e. the enemy, when riotously

spoiling God's house. 8 a line, of destruction, as if done by line and rule. 9 the law is no more, it was burnt in the temple, though copies were preserved. 11. liver is poured, expressive of violent grief affecting the bile. 12. saw poured out into, 'departeth in.' 13. What thing, &c. What argument can be used? what thing shall I liken, what kingdom or nation ever suffered the like? great like the sea, large and wide as that. 14. Thy prophets, i.e. false prophets. false burdens, i.e. false prophecies.

women eat their fruit, and children * of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?

21 The * young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain them in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed, and not pitied.

22 Thou hast called as in a solemn day * my terrors round about, so that in the day of the LORD's anger none escaped nor remained: * those that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

CHAP. III.

I AM the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

2 He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light.

3 Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand against me all the day.

4 My * flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath * broken my bones.

5 He hath builded against me, and compassed me with gall and travel.

6 He * hath set me in dark places, as they that be dead of old.

7 He * hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy.

8 Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer.

9 He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked.

10 He * was unto me as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places.

11 He hath turned aside my ways, and * pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate.

12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.

13 He hath caused * the * arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.

14 I was a * derision to all my people; and * their song all the day.

15 He * hath filled me with * bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood.

16 He hath also broken my teeth * with gravel stones, he hath * covered me with ashes.

17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgot * prosperity.

18 And * I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD:

19 * Remembering mine affliction and my misery, * the wormwood and the gall.

20 My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is * humbled in me.

21 This I * recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

22 * It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new * every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

24 The LORD is my * portion, saith my soul: therefore will I hope in him.

25 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

B. C. 588.

* or, swaddled with their hands

a 2 Ch. 36. 17.

b Job 42. 6.

c Je. 6. 25.

d Is. 50. 6.

e Mat. 5. 39.

f Ho. 9. 12, 13.

g Ps. 94. 14.

h Ro. 11. 1. 6.

i He. 12. 10.

† from his heart.

j Job 16. 8.

‡ or, a superior.

k Ps. 51. 8.

l Is. 38. 13.

m Je. 50. 17.

n Hab. 1. 13.

§ or, seeth.

o Ps. 88. 5. 6.

p 143. 3.

q Job 3. 23.

r 19. 8.

s Ho. 2. 6.

t Job 2. 10.

u Is. 45. 7.

v Am. 3. 6.

w Pr. 19. 3.

x or, murmur.

y Mi. 7. 9.

z Ps. 88. 4.

aa Job 10. 16.

ab Da. 9. 5.

ac Ho. 6. 1.

ad Job 6. 4.

ae sons.

af Je. 20. 7.

ag 1 Co. 4. 13.

ah Job 30. 9.

ai Ps. 69. 12.

aj Ru. 1. 20.

ak bitternesses.

al Is. 24. 17.

am Pr. 20. 17.

an Is. 51. 19.

ao or, rolled me in the ashes.

ap § good.

aq Ps. 77. 2.

ar f Ps. 31. 22.

as Is. 63. 15.

at or, Remember.

au Je. 9. 15.

av * my soul.

aw † or, more than all.

ax † bowed.

ay § make to return to my heart.

az Je. 37. 16.

ba 38. 6, 9, 10.

bb Mal. 3. 6.

bc Da. 6. 17.

bd Ps. 69. 2.

be 124. 4, 5.

bf n Ps. 31. 22.

bg o Is. 33. 2.

bh p Ps. 16. 5.

bi Je. 10. 16.

bj Ro. 15. 12.

bk 1 Pe. 1. 21.

bl Ja. 4. 8.

26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

28 He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him.

29 He * putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

30 He * giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.

31 For * the LORD will not cast off for ever:

32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

33 For * he doth not afflict * willingly nor grieve the children of men.

34 To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth,

35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of * the most High.

36 To subvert a man in his cause, * the LORD * approveth not.

37 * Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the LORD commandeth it not?

38 Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not * evil and good?

39 Wherefore * doth a living man * complain, * a man for the punishment of his sins?

40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.

41 Let * us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.

42 We * have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.

43 Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us: thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.

44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through.

45 Thou hast made us as the * offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people.

46 All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.

47 Fear * and a snare is come upon us, * desolation and destruction.

48 Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

49 Mine * eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission,

50 Till the LORD * look down, and behold from heaven.

51 Mine eye affecteth * mine heart * because of all the daughters of my city.

52 Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause.

53 They have cut off my life * in the dungeon, and * cast a stone upon me.

54 Waters * flowed over mine head; then * I said, I am cut off.

55 * I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon.

56 Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.

57 Thou * drewest near in the day that I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not.

* Let him alone, and be silent, when it is laid upon him:

Let him put his mouth in the dust, if so be there may be hope;

Let him give his cheek to the smiter; let him be filled full with reproach.

34. To crush, &c. he is far from violence and wrong.

52, &c. Nine enemies, &c. Jeremiah turns the subject to his personal trials.

CHAP. III.—1. rod, &c. exercise of his avenging power. 6. dead of old, long dead or forgotten.

9. crooked, perplexing. 14. to all my people, rather, 'to all peoples.'

16. broken my teeth, still practised in eastern parts against the vanquished. ashes, this and the former allusion express great affliction.

21. This, refers to what follows. 27. yoke in his youth, be inured early to afflictions. 28, &c. He sitteth alone, &c. Boothroyd reads:—

58 O LORD, thou hast^e pleaded the causes of my soul; ^b thou hast redeemed my life.

59 O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong: ^c judge thou my cause.

60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance and all their^e imaginations against me.

61 Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, and all their imaginations against me;

62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.

63 Behold their^e sitting down, and their rising up; I am their musick.

64^e Render ^k unto them a recompence, O LORD, according to the work of their hands.

65 Give them^e sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them.

66 Persecute and destroy them in anger ^a from under the heavens of the LORD.

CHAP. IV.

HOW is the gold become dim! how is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.

2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed^e ^p as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

3 Even the^e sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people is become cruel, ^q like the ostriches in the wilderness.

4 The^e tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them.

5 They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet^e embrace dunghills.

6 For the^e punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was^e overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her.

7 Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire:

8 Their visage is^e blacker^e than a coal; they are not known in the streets: ^d their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.

9 They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger: for these^e pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field.

10 The hands of the^e pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their^e meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

11 The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

12 The kings of the earth, and all the

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^a Ps. 35. 1.

^b Je. 51. 36.

^c Ps. 71. 23.

^d Ps. 9. 4.

^e 35. 23.

^f Je. 5. 31.

^g Eze. 22. 26.

^h 28.

ⁱ Zep. 3. 4.

^j Je. 11. 19.

^k Mat. 23. 31.

^l 37.

^m Je. 2. 34.

ⁿ or, in that

^o they could

^p not but

^q touch.

^r Nu. 19. 16.

^s Ps. 139. 2.

^t Ps. 28. 4.

^u Je. 11. 20.

^v 2 Ti. 4. 14.

^w or, ye pol-

^x luted.

^y Le. 13. 45.

^z or, obsti-

^{aa} nacy.

^{ab} or, face.

^{ac} De. 25. 19.

^{ad} 2 Ki. 24. 7.

^{ae} 2 Ki. 25. 4, 5.

^{af} Is. 30. 14.

^{ag} Je. 19. 11.

^{ah} 2 Co. 4. 7.

^{ai} Eze. 7. 2, 3, 6.

^{aj} Am. 8. 2.

^{ak} De. 28. 49.

^{al} Je. 4. 13.

^{am} or, sea

^{an} calves.

^{ao} Job 39. 14, 16.

^{ap} Ps. 22. 15.

^{aq} Ec. 11. 9.

^{ar} Ob. 10.

^{as} Job 24. 8.

^{at} or, iniquity

^{au} or, Thine

^{av} iniquity.

^{aw} Is. 49. 2.

^{ax} Ge. 19. 25.

^{ay} Ps. 137. 7.

^{az} or, carry

^{ba} thee cap-

^{bb} tive for.

^{bc} darker

^{bd} than black-

^{be} ness.

^{bf} Joel 2. 6.

^{bg} Na. 2. 10.

^{bh} Ps. 102. 5.

^{bi} flow out.

^{bj} cometh for

^{bk} price.

^{bl} On our

^{bm} necks are

^{bn} we perse-

^{bo} cuted.

^{bp} Je. 28. 14.

^{bq} Is. 49. 15.

^{br} Ge. 24. 2.

^{bs} Ho. 12. 1.

^{bt} De. 28. 57.

^{bu} 2 Ki. 6. 29.

^{bv} Ge. 42. 13.

inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.

13^e For^d the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, ^f that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her,

14 They have wandered as blind men in the streets, ^g they have polluted themselves with blood, ^h so^k that men could not touch their garments.

15 They cried unto them, Depart ye; ⁱ it is^l unclean; depart, depart, touch not: when they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen, They shall no more sojourn there.

16 The^e anger of the LORD hath divided them; he will no more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders.

17 As for us, ⁿ our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save us.

18 They^e hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for^r our end is come.

19 Our persecutors are^e swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.

21^e Rejoice^v and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz; ^w the cup also shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.

22^e The punishment^e of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity: ^b he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will^e discover thy sins.

CHAP. V.

REMEMBER, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach.

2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

3 We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers are as widows.

4 We have drunken our water for money; our wood^e is sold unto us.

5^e Our^e necks are under persecution: we labour, and have no rest.

6 We^e have given the hand^k to the Egyptians, and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

7 Our fathers have sinned, and^k are not; and we have borne their iniquities.

8 Servants have ruled over us: there is none that doth deliver us out of their hand.

to be so strongly fortified and protected. 14. have polluted, &c. 'are polluted;' may allude to the massacre, Jer. lii. 10. 15. They, &c. men cried to them: good men were afraid of approaching them. they said, i.e. some of the heathen said. 17. vain help, expected from Egypt. 20. breath, denotes the vital powers. the anointed, the king. 21. Rejoice, ironically expressed, as Eccles. xi. 9.

CHAP. V.—6. given the hand, in token of submission. 7. borne their iniquities, for they conspired to them. 8. servants, the sons of Ham, who were given to be servants to the sons of Shem: see Gen.

64—66. Render, &c. may be read in the future tense. CHAP. IV.—1. gold, which overlaid the temple. changed, converted to common uses. poured out, 'scattered.' 3. sea monsters, the original is now taken for all animals of the deep that suckle their young. like the ostriches, see Job xxxix. 14—18; cruel necessity forced mothers to neglect their offspring. 5. embrace dunghills, as their bed. 6. no hands, &c. no human hands were employed in her overthrow. 8. blacker, still said to be in the east an effect of hunger. 10. pitiful, 'compassionate.' sodden, 'boiled.' 12. not have believed, knowing it

9 We gat our bread with the *peril* of our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.

10 Our ^a skin was black like an oven because of the [†]terrible famine.

11 They ravished the women in Zion, and the maids in the cities of Judah.

12 Princes are hanged up by their hand: the faces of elders were not honoured.

13 They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood.

14 The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their musick.

15 The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.

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* of our head is fallen.

^a Job 30. 30.

[†] or, terrors, or, storms.

^b Ps. 9. 7.

[‡] for length of days?

^c Ps. 80. 3, 7, 19

Je. 31. 18.

[§] or, For wilt thou utterly reject us?

16 The crown * is fallen from our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned!

17 For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim.

18 Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

19 Thou, O LORD, ^b remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation.

20 Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, and forsake us? so long time?

21 Turn ^c thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

22 [§] But thou hast utterly rejected us; thou art very wroth against us.

ix. 26, 27. 9. sword of the wilderness, they were exposed in their labour to the Arabian freebooter. 12. hanged, the most repulsive punishment to a Jew. 13. to grind, the greatest of degradations. fell, &c.

made wood carriers for their taskmasters. 14. from the gate, lost their authority in judging. from their musick, all pleasure is gone. 16. The crown, even the regalia. 18. foxes, jackals, numerous in Palestine.

The Book of the Prophet EZEKIEL.

This prophet, a captive in Babylon, prophesied in the beginning of the captivity, and during twenty-two years. His prophecies were to admonish and comfort the captives.

CHAP. I.

NOW it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the [†]captives ^a by the river of Chebar, that ^c the heavens were opened, and I saw ^d visions of God.

2 In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year ^e of ^f king Jehoiachin's captivity,

3 The word of the LORD came expressly unto [†] Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and [§] the hand of the LORD was there upon him.

4 [¶] And I looked, and, behold, ^h a whirlwind came ^k out of the north, a great cloud, ^m and a fire [§] infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

5 Also ⁿ out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And ^p this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

7 And their feet were [¶] straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled [¶] like the colour of burnished brass.

8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four [¶] had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

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* or, divided above.

[†] captivity.

^a ch. 43. 3.

^b Is. 6. 2.

^c Mat. 3. 16.

^d Ac. 7. 56.

^e Re. 19. 11.

^f Mat. 17. 9.

^g Ac. 9. 10, 11.

^h 10. 3.

ⁱ 2Co. 12. 1. 4

^j 2 Ki. 24. 12.

^k 15.

^l Jehezkel.

^m Re. 4. 5.

ⁿ ch. 8. 1.

^o 40. 1.

^p 1 Ki. 18. 46.

^q 2 Ki. 3. 15.

^r Je. 23. 19.

^s 25. 32.

^t Zec. 4. 10.

^u Je. 1. 14.

^v 4. 6.

^w 6. 1.

^x Mat. 24. 27.

^y He. 12. 29.

^z catching itself.

^{aa} Re. 4. 6, &c.

^{ab} Da. 10. 6.

^{ac} P ch. 10. 8, &c.

^{ad} Ro. 11. 33.

^{ae} Ep. 3. 10.

^{af} a straight foot.

^{ag} Re. 1. 15.

^{ah} or, strokes.

^{ai} Zec. 4. 10.

^{aj} Nu. 2. 10.

^{ak} or, of life.

^{al} Ro. 8. 2.

11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were ^{*} stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and ^b two covered their bodies.

12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, ^f and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

14 And the living creatures [¶] ran and returned [†] as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

15 [¶] Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was [¶] like unto the colour of a beryl; and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were [¶] a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

17 When they went, they went upon their four sides: and they turned not when they went.

18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their ^{*} rings were [¶] full of eyes round about them four.

19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

20 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit [†] of the living creature was in the wheels.

CHAP. I.—1. thirtieth year, probably of Babylon's greatness, dated from the ascension of Nabopolassar. Chebar, a river of Mesopotamia, near which the captives were placed. 3. hand of the Lord, is here often used for the Divine affluence, or influence on the

mind. 4. a whirlwind, &c. all the appearances here were supernatural, and therefore defy the ordinary rules of explanation. This vision was intended to exhibit the Divine omniscience, omnipotence, and glory.

21 When those went, *these* went; and when those stood, *these* stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit † of the living creature *was* in the wheels.

22 And ^c the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature *was* as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

23 And under the firmament *were* their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.

24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, ^d like the noise of great waters, as ^e the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

25 And there *was* a voice from the firmament *that was* over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings.

26 ^f And above the firmament *that was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, ^g as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne *was* the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

27 And ^h I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

28 As ⁱ the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round about. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, ^j I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

CHAP. II.

AND he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

2 And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to ^k a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: ^l they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day.

4 For ^m they are ⁿ impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.

5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet ^o shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

6 ^p And thou, son of man, ^q be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though ^r briers ^s and thorns *be* with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: ^t be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.

7 And thou shalt speak my words unto

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* rebellion.

† or, of life.

a Ex. 24. 10.

b Re. 10. 9.

c Je. 1. 9.

d ch. 43. 2.

Da. 10. 6.

e Job 37. 4, 5.

f Ps. 29. 3, 4.

g Ps. 33.

h Ex. 26. 19.

i Job. 7. 38.

j Col. 3. 16.

k Je. 15. 16.

l Re. 10. 9.

m Ps. 19. 10.

n 119. 103.

o Ex. 24. 10.

p Re. 21. 19.

q deep of lip,

and heavy

of tongue.

r ch. 8. 2.

s deep of lip,

and heavy

of language.

|| or, ^f I had

sent thee,

f.c. would

they not

have.

m Mat. 11. 21.

n Re. 4. 3.

o 10. 1.

p Jno. 15. 20.

q stiff of fore-

head, and

hard of

heart.

r ch. 3. 23.

Da. 8. 17.

Ac. 9. 4.

Re. 1. 17.

s Is. 50. 7.

Je. 1. 18.

15. 20.

Mi. 3. 8.

t Je. 1. 8, 17.

u Da. 10. 11.

† rebellious

nations.

v ch. 20. 18, 21.

30.

Je. 3. 25.

w hard of

face.

x 1 Ki. 18. 12.

2 Ki. 2. 16.

Ac. 8. 39.

y ch. 33. 33.

Lu. 10. 10.

12.

Jno. 15. 22.

z kissed.

|| Je. 1. 8, 17.

Lu. 12. 4.

Ac. 4. 13, 19.

20.

Ep. 6. 19.

Phi. 1. 28.

|| or, rebels.

Is. 9. 18.

Je. 6. 28.

Mi. 7. 4.

a bitter.

b He. 11. 27.

† hot anger.

b 2 Ki. 3. 15.

them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are * most rebellious.

8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and ^b eat that I give thee.

9 ^c And when I looked, behold, ^c an hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book *was* therein;

10 And he spread it before me: and it *was* written within and without: and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

CHAP. III.

MOREOVER he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.

2 So ^d I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and ^e fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I ^f eat it; and it *was* in my mouth ^g as honey for sweetness.

4 ^h And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.

5 For thou *art* not sent to a people ⁱ of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel;

6 Not to many people ^j of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. ^k Surely, ^k had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.

7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; ^l for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel *are* ^m impudent and hardhearted.

8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.

9 As ⁿ an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: ^o fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.

10 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.

11 And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

12 Then ^p the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed *be* the glory of the LORD from his place.

13 I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that ^q touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.

14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went ^r in bitterness, in the ^r heat of my spirit; but ^s the hand of the LORD *was* strong upon me.

15 ^t Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river

CHAP. II.—6. briers and thorns, &c. images of the wicked: see Isa. xxvii. 4; Mic. vii. 4. 10. without, usually the writing was within only.

CHAP. III.—12. took, &c. thought to mean, conveyed him to another place. Blessed, &c. variously interpreted; it may mean, out of his place, being no

longer in the temple. 13. rushing, or 'shaking:' an emblem, say some, of the great commotions he was about to predict.

14. in bitterness, grieved at the substance of his commission. heat, anxiety. 15. Tel-abib, a town, or a district; places beginning with Tel are still common in that quarter.

of Chebar, and ^a I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

17 Son of man, I have made thee ^d a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man ^f shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; ^g but thou hast delivered thy soul.

20 Again, When a ^h righteous man doth turn from his ⁱ righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered: but his blood will I require at thine hand.

21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous ^j sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

22 ^k And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth ^l into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.

23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I ^m saw by the river of Chebar; ⁿ and I fell on my face.

24 Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house.

25 But thou, O son of man, behold, ^o they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them:

26 And ^p I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them ^q a reprover: for they ^r are a rebellious house.

27 But ^s when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbear, let him forbear: for they ^t are a rebellious house.

CHAP. IV.

THOU also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, ^u even Jerusalem:

2 And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set ^v battering rams against it round about.

3 Moreover take thou unto thee ^w an iron pan, and set it ^x for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt

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^y Job 2. 13.

^z Ps. 137. 1.

^{aa} ch. 12. 6, 11.

^{ab} 24. 24, 27.

^{ac} Lu. 2. 34.

^{ad} He. 1. 1.

^{ae} 2. 4.

^{af} Le. 10. 17.

^{ag} Nu. 18. 1.

^{ah} Is. 53. 11, 12.

^{ai} Mat. 8. 17.

^{aj} He. 9. 28.

^{ak} 1 Pe. 2. 24.

^{al} Is. 52. 8.

^{am} 56. 10.

^{an} 62. 6.

^{ao} Je. 6. 17.

^{ap} Ac. 20. 28.

^{aq} 31.

^{ar} He. 13. 17.

^{as} Beginning from 975.

^{at} 1 Ki. 12. 23.

^{au} ending 585.

^{av} Nu. 14. 34.

^{aw} f ch. 33. 6.

^{ax} Jno. 8. 21, 24.

^{ay} e a day for a year, a day for a year.

^{az} Is. 49. 4, 5.

^{ba} Ac. 13. 45, 46.

^{bb} 20. 26.

^{bc} 2 Co. 2. 15.

^{bd} 17.

^{be} h ch. 18. 24.

^{bf} 33. 12, 13.

^{bg} Mat. 13. 24.

^{bh} 21.

^{bi} He. 10. 38.

^{bj} i ch. 3. 25.

^{bk} † righteousness.

^{bl} † from thy side to thy side.

^{bm} s or, spelt.

^{bn} & ch. 8. 4.

^{bo} l ch. 1. 1.

^{bp} m Re. 1. 17.

^{bq} n Ho. 9. 3.

^{br} o Ac. 10. 14.

^{bs} p ch. 4. 8.

^{bt} r Ex. 22. 31.

^{bu} Le. 11. 40.

^{bv} 17. 15.

^{bw} s De. 14. 3.

^{bx} Is. 65. 4.

^{by} t ch. 24. 27.

^{bz} Lu. 1. 20, 22.

^{ca} † a man reproving.

^{cb} u ch. 24. 27.

^{cc} 33. 22.

^{cd} v ch. 14. 3.

^{ce} Le. 26. 26.

^{cf} Ps. 105. 16.

^{cg} Is. 3. 1.

^{ch} z ch. 12. 19.

^{ci} y ch. 24. 23.

^{cj} Le. 26. 39.

^{ck} z ch. 44. 20.

^{cl} Is. 21. 5.

^{cm} Is. 7. 20.

^{cn} * or, chief leaders.

^{co} ch. 21. 22.

^{cp} † or, a flat plate, or, slice.

lay siege against it. ^d This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

4 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it ^e thou shalt bear their iniquity.

5 For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: ^f so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

6 And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee ^g each day for a year.

7 Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it.

8 And, ^h behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege.

9 ⁱ Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and ^j fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.

10 And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it.

11 Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink.

12 And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.

13 And the LORD said, Even thus ^k shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them.

14 Then said I, Ah Lord God! behold, ^l my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of ^m that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there ⁿ abominable flesh into my mouth.

15 Then he said unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith.

16 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the ^o staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall ^p eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment:

17 That they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and ^q consume away for their iniquity.

CHAP. V.

AND thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, ^r and cause ^s it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the hair.

2 Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take

astonished, at his vision. 20. I lay, &c. i. e. suffer what will be the occasion of his ruin. 26. dumb, i. e. keep silence.

CHAP. IV.—4. lie, &c. probably his usual position, but he had many occasions to rise. 7. arm—un-

covered, an emblem of warlike preparation, tucking up the flowing sleeve. 12. with dung, &c. the dung of animals is common eastern fuel, but human dung implied great necessity.

CHAP. V.—1. knife, 'instrument.' 2. the city,

a third part, and smite about it with a knife: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.

3 Thou^a shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy^{*} skirts.

4 Then take of them again, and^b cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; for thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.

5^c Thus saith the Lord God; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.

6 And she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them.

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye multiplied more than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments,^d neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that are round about you;

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.

9 And^e I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations.

10 Therefore the fathers^f shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I^g scatter into all the winds.

11 Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord God; Surely, because thou hast^h defiled my sanctuary with all thyⁱ detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

12^j A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and^k I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and^l I will draw out a sword after them.

13 Thus shall mine anger^m be accomplished, and I willⁿ cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the Lord have spoken it in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them.

14 Moreover^o I will make thee waste, and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by.

15 So it shall be a^p reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in^q furious rebukes. I the Lord have spoken it.

16 When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for

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Ye. 40. 6.

52. 16.

* wings.

b ch. 14. 21.

34. 25.

Le. 25. 22.

De. 32. 24.

c Je. 41. 1, &c.

44. 14.

d ch. 33. 22.

e ch. 36. 1.

Mi. 6. 1, 2.

† or, sun

images.

ver. 6.

f Le. 26. 30.

5 ch. 16. 47.

Give. 2. 10, 11.

g give.

h La. 4. 6.

Da. 9. 12.

Am. 3. 2.

i Le. 26. 29.

De. 28. 53.

2 Ki. 6. 29.

Je. 19. 9.

La. 2. 20.

4. 10.

k ch. 11. 10, 12

l ch. 12. 14.

Le. 26. 33.

De. 28. 64.

Zec. 2. 6.

m ch. 14. 22.

Je. 44. 28.

46. 28.

Ro. 9. 27.

11. 5, 6.

n ch. 7. 20.

8. 5, &c.

23. 33.

o ch. 36. 14.

p ch. 11. 21.

q ch. 7. 4, 9.

8. 18.

9. 10.

r Ps. 78. 40.

Is. 7. 13.

43. 24.

63. 10.

s ch. 6. 12.

Je. 15. 2.

21. 9.

t ch. 20. 7, 24.

Nu. 15. 30.

2 Pt. 2. 14.

u ch. 20. 43.

36. 31.

v Le. 26. 29.

w Job 42. 6.

x Je. 9. 16.

y ch. 12. 14.

z ch. 6. 12.

7. 8.

La. 4. 11.

a ch. 21. 17.

b ch. 32. 36.

1. 1. 24.

c ch. 21. 14.

d ch. 36. 6.

38. 19.

e Ne. 2. 17.

f De. 28. 37.

g 1 Ki. 9. 7.

h Ps. 79. 4.

i Je. 24. 9.

j La. 2. 15.

k ch. 25. 17.

l Je. 2. 20.

their destruction, and which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread:

17 So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and^d pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it.

CHAP. VI.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face toward^e the mountains of Israel and prophesy against them,

3 And say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the vallies; Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.

4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your^f images shall be broken: and^g I will cast down your slain men before your idols.

5 And I will lay the dead carcases of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars.

6 In all your dwellingplaces the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.

7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and^h ye shall know that I am the LORD.

8ⁱ Yet^m will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.

9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because^j I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and^k with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and^l they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

10 And they shall know that I am the LORD, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

11ⁿ Thus saith the Lord God; Smite^b with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.

13 Then shall ye know that I am the LORD, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars,^o upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place

engraved on the tile. 3. *few*, denoting the few left in the land by Nebuzar-adan, Jer. xlii. 4. 4. *thereof*, &c. destruction should spread itself among the small residue, in consequence of Ishmael's conspiracy against Gedaliah: see Jer. xlii. &c. 7. *neither have done*, but have done.—*Booth*, as MSS. 17. *evil*

beasts, of prey, abounding in depopulated countries: these are also symbols of barbarous conquerors.

CHAP. VI.—2. *mountains*, Judaea was a mountainous country, and on their mountains the Jews built idol-altars, which the prophet denounces with their worshippers. 11. *Smite*—stamp, in sign of

where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols.

14 So will I ^a stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, ^{*}more desolate than the wilderness toward ^b Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. VII.

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel; ^f An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.

3 Now is the end *come* upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will ^g recompense upon thee all thine abominations.

4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but ^h I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come.

6 An end is come, the end is come: it [†] watcheth for thee; behold, it is come.

7 The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: [†] the time is come, the day of trouble is near, and not the [‡] sounding again of the mountains.

8 Now will I shortly [¶] pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations.

9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense ^{*} thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that ^o I *am* the LORD that smiteth.

10 Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded.

11 Violence ^{*} is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of any of [‡] their's: [†] neither shall there be wailing for them.

12 The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.

13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, ^{*} although they were yet alive: for the vision is touching the whole multitude thereof, *which* shall not return; neither shall any strengthen himself [†] in [†] the iniquity of his life.

14 They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.

15 The ^{*} sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and he

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^a Is. 5. 25.^{*} or, *desolate from the wilderness.*^b Nu. 33. 46.^c Je. 48. 22.^d Is. 13. 7.^e Je. 6. 24.[†] go into water.^d Is. 3. 24.^e Ps. 55. 5.^f Am. 8. 2.^g Mat. 24. 13.^h 14.ⁱ Pe. 4. 7.[†] for a separation, or, uncleanness.^g Pr. 11. 4.[§] or, *their iniquity is their stumbling-block*^{||} give.^{||} ch. 44. 12.ⁱ Je. 7. 30.^k He. 10. 30.^{*} or, *made it unto them an unclean thing.*[†] awaketh against thee.^l Zep. 1. 14, 15^l 1 Pe. 4. 17.[†] or, *burglers*[§] or, *echo.*² Ki. 21. 16.ⁿ ch. 20. 8, 21.^{||} or, *they inherit their holy places.*^{*} upon thee.[†] Cutting off.[†] Mi. 6. 9.[†] Ga. 6. 7.[†] Re. 20. 13.^p Je. 4. 20.^r Ps. 74. 9.^r La. 2. 9.[§] Je. 6. 7.[†] or, *tumult.*[§] or, *their tumultuous persons.*[†] Je. 16. 5, 6.^{||} with their judgments.^{*} though their life were yet among the living.^u Ac. 10. 33.^v ch. 1. 3.[†] or, *whose life is in his iniquity.*[†] his iniquity.^x La. 1. 20.^y Da. 5. 5.^z Ac. 8. 39.² Co. 12. 2, 4.

that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

16 [¶] But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity.

17 All ^o hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall [†] be weak as water.

18 They shall also ^d gird themselves with sackcloth, and ^e horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.

19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be [†] removed: their [§] silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because [§] it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity.

20 [¶] As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty: [†] but they made the images of their abominations and of their detestable things therein: therefore have I ^o set it far from them.

21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute it.

22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret place: for the [†] robbers shall enter into it, and defile it.

23 [¶] Make a chain: for ^m the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.

24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and ^{||} their holy places shall be defiled.

25 [†] Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and *there shall be none.*

26 Mischief [†] shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; [†] then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.

27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and ^{||} according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. VIII.

AND it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and [¶] the elders of Judah sat before me, that [¶] the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me.

2 Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber.

3 And he [¶] put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and [¶] the spirit lifted me up between the

grief and indignation. 14. *Diblath*, supposed the same as in Numb. xxxiii. 47. a district of Moab, and part of the horrible wilderness traversed by the Israelites: Deut. viii. 15.

CHAP. VII. — 7. *the morning*, now commences the day of punishment. *sounding again*, 'vociferation' of festal choruses to mountain gods. — *Rosenmüller*. Or, not like the joyful shoutings of the vintage: Isa. xvi. 9, 10. 10. *The rod*, &c. Nebuchadnezzar's

power, pride, violence, and rapacity. were prepared to punish the Jews. 16. *shall escape*, had indeed escape, and no more. *like doves of the valleys*, which desert the places of noise and strife. 19. *it is the stumblingblock*, &c. covetousness and idolatry were their great crimes. 20. *As for the beauty*, &c. i. e. they devoted their jewels and gold to domestic idols. *he set it in majesty*, they turned it to pride. — *Bp. Newcome*. 23. *a chain*, to bind the captives.

CHAP. VIII. — 1. *elders*, in captivity with him.

earth and the heaven, and ^a brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; ^b where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which ^d provoketh to jealousy.

4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I ^f saw in the plain.

5 ^g Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.

6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations.

7 ^h And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall.

8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door.

9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.

10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about.

11 And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, ⁱ The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

13 ^j He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

15 ^k Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these.

16 And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, ^l between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, ^m with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and ⁿ their faces toward the east; and they worshipped ^o the sun toward the east.

17 ^p Then he said unto me, Hast thou

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^a ch. 11. 1, 24.

^b 40. 2.

^c or, *is there any thing lighter than to commit.*

^d Je. 7. 30.

^e 32. 34.

^f ch. 9. 9.

^g De. 32. 16, 21.

^h ch. 5. 13.

ⁱ 16. 42.

^j 24. 13.

^k ch. 1. 28.

^l 32, 23.

^m ch. 7. 4, 9.

ⁿ Pr. 1. 26.

^o Is. 1. 15.

^p Je. 11. 11.

^q 14. 12.

^r Mi. 3. 4.

^s Zec. 7. 13.

^t Lu. 13. 25.

^u *is turned.*

^v *a weapon of his breaking in pieces.*

^w Le. 16. 4.

^x Re. 15. 6

^y *upon his loins.*

^z *mark a mark.*

^{aa} Ex. 12. 7.

^{ab} Re. 7. 3.

^{ac} 9. 4.

^{ad} 13. 16, 17.

^{ae} 20. 4.

^{af} Ps. 119. 53.

^{ag} 136.

^{ah} Je. 13. 17.

^{ai} 2 Co. 12. 21.

^{aj} 2 Pe. 2. 8.

^{ak} *mine ears.*

^{al} *to destruction.*

^{am} 2 Ch. 36. 17.

^{an} Re. 9. 4.

^{ao} Je. 25. 29.

^{ap} 1 Pe. 4. 17.

^{aq} ch. 9. 9.

^{ar} Nu. 14. 5.

^{as} 16. 4, 22.

^{at} 45.

^{au} Jos. 7. 6.

^{av} 2 Ki. 21. 16.

^{aw} *filled with.*

^{ax} *or, wearing of judgment.*

^{ay} Ps. 10. 11.

^{az} Is. 29. 15.

^{ba} Joel 2. 17.

^{bb} ch. 11. 21.

^{bc} Je. 2. 27.

^{bd} 32. 33.

^{be} Ac. 7. 42, 43.

^{bf} De. 4. 19.

^{bg} 2 Ki. 23. 5, 11.

^{bh} Job 31. 26.

^{bi} Je. 41. 17.

^{bj} *returned the word.*

seen this, O son of man? ^c Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have ^e filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.

18 Therefore ^e will I also deal in fury: mine ^e eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they ^h cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

CHAP. IX.

HE cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which ⁱ lieth toward the north, and every man ⁱ a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them ⁱ was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn ⁱ by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which ⁱ had the writer's inkhorn by his side;

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and ⁱ set ⁱ a mark upon the foreheads of the men ⁱ that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

5 ⁱ And to the others he said in ⁱ mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

6 Slay ⁱ utterly ⁱ old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but ⁱ come not near any man upon whom ⁱ is the mark; and ⁱ begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which ⁱ were before the house.

7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.

8 ⁱ And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I ⁱ fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah LORD GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and ⁱ the land is ⁱ full of blood, and the city full of ⁱ perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and ⁱ the LORD seeth not.

10 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but ⁱ I will recompense their way upon their head.

11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which ⁱ had the inkhorn by his side. ⁱ Reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

^a image, &c. might be Moloch or Baal. 5. and behold, &c. the Spirit showing to his mind the city and temple as plain as if he had been there in person. The whole is in vision, as he could not dig in the temple. 10. creeping things, &c. such were the gods of the Egyptians, after whom the Jews copied. pourtrayed upon the wall, the walls of Egyptian temples and tombs were sculptured with animals and hieroglyphics. 14. weeping for Tammuz, according to Jerome, this was the Hebrew name for Adonis, a Syrian idol: see *Mythology*. The Egyptians thus

mourned for Apis, and the women who mourned were obliged to prostitute themselves to strangers for money. 17. put the branch, &c. send forth a scornful noise through their nostrils. — *Branch*.

CHAP. IX.—1. with a loud voice, denoting terrible judgments. 3. inkhorn by his side, thrust slantingly into the girdle, in the eastern manner. 4. mark, alludes to the eastern custom of marking servants in the forehead.—*Earth*. 6. began at the ancient men, the seventy elders who offered incense to the painted idols: see chap. viii. 10, 11.

CHAP. X.

THEN I looked, and, behold, in the ^afirmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

2 And ^bhe spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, *even* under the cherub, and fill ^cthine hand with ^dcoals of fire from between the cherubims, and ^escatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight.

3 Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

4 Then ^fthe glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and ^gthe house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory.

5 And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard *even* to the outer court, as ^hthe voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh.

6 And it came to pass, *that* when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubims; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.

7 And one cherub ⁱstretched forth his hand from between the cherubims unto the fire that was between the cherubims, and took *thereof*, and put it into the hands of *him that was clothed with linen: who took it*, and went out.

8 ^jAnd ^kthere appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 And ^lwhen I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was as the colour of a beryl stone.

10 And *as* for their appearances, they four had one likeness, as ^mif a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.

11 When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.

12 And their whole ⁿbody, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, *were* full of eyes round about, *even* the wheels that they four had.

13 As for the wheels, ^oit was cried unto them in my hearing, O wheel.

14 And ^pevery one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 And the cherubims were lifted up. This is ^qthe living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.

16 And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount

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^a ch. 1. 22, 26.^b or, of life.^c ch. 9. 2, 3.^d Ho. 9. 12.^e Mat. 23. 37.^f ..39.^g the hollow of thine hand.^h ch. 1. 13.ⁱ ch. 11. 22.^j Re. 8. 5.^k en. 1. 28.^l was lifted up.^m ch. 1. 1.ⁿ ch. 43. 5.

1 Ki. 8. 10, 11.

Hag. 2. 9.

Re. 15. 8.

^o ch. 1. 6.^p Ps. 29. 3, &c.

Jno. 12. 28.

^q He. 12. 18, 19.

Re. 10. 3, 4.

^r 11. 2.^s ch. 3. 12, 14.^t 8. 3.

2 Ki. 2. 16.

Ac. 8. 39.

2 Co. 12. 2. 4

^u sent forth.^v ch. 10. 19.^w ch. 8. 16.^x ch. 1. 8.

Is. 6. 6.

^y ch. 1. 15, &c.^z or, It is

not for us

to build

houses near

^{aa} ch. 12. 22, 27.

2 Pe. 3. 4.

^{ab} ch. 24. 5, &c.

Je. 1. 13.

^{ac} Ac. 4. 31.

10. 44.

^{ad} Ps. 97. 2.

Ro. 11. 33.

^{ae} Mar. 2. 8.

Jno. 2. 24.

He. 4. 13.

^{af} ch. 22. 3, 4.^{ag} flesh.^{ah} ch. 24. 3, 6.

10, 11.

^{ai} Mi. 3. 3.^{aj} or, they

were called

in my hear-

ing, Wheel,

or, Galgal.

^{ak} ch. 1. 6, 10.^{al} ch. 1. 5.^{am} 2 Ki. 25. 19.

..21.

Je. 39. 6.

52. 10.

^{an} 1 Ki. 8. 65.^{ao} 2 Ki. 14. 25.^{ap} Ps. 9. 16.

up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them.

17 When they stood, *these* stood; and when they were lifted up, *these* lifted up themselves *also*: for the spirit ^qof the living creature was in them.

18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims.

19 And ^rthe cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also *were* beside them, and *every* one stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

20 This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel ^sby the river of Chebar; and I knew that they *were* the cherubims.

21 Every ^tone had four faces apiece and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings.

22 And the likeness of their faces was the same faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: they went every one straight forward.

CHAP. XI.

MOREOVER ^uthe spirit lifted me up and brought me unto ^vthe east gate of the LORD's house, which looketh eastward: and behold ^wat the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.

2 Then said he unto me, Son of man these *are* the men that devise mischief and give wicked counsel in this city:

3 Which say, *It is* not ^xnear; let us build houses: ^ythis city is the caldron and we be the flesh.

4 ^zTherefore prophesy against them prophesy, O son of man.

5 And ^{aa}the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; thus said the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for ^{ab}I know the things that come into your mind, *every one* of them.

6 Ye ^{ac}have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the street thereof with the slain.

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord God ^{ad}Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they *are* the flesh, and this city is the caldron; but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.

8 Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord God.

9 And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hand of strangers, and will execute judgment among you.

10 Ye ^{ae}shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in ^{af}the border of Israel; ^{ag}and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

11 This city shall not be your caldron neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst

CHAP. X.—1. cherubims, the same as the living creatures, chap. 1. 5—14; considered as emblems of the angels. 2. scatter, &c. this foretells the Divine judgments on Jerusalem. 9. wheels, representing the operations of Providence. 13. O wheel, or, 'move round,' a call to duty. The four being addressed as one, may signify the unity of design in the movements of Providence. 16. And when, &c. the cherubims and wheels moved together, showing the

connexion between the ministration of angels and the occurrences of this lower world, the same Spirit in infinite wisdom moving both.

CHAP. XI.—1. five and twenty men, probably the same that bowed to the rising sun, chap. viii. 16. 3. the caldron, &c. proverbial, i. e. we will share her fate, be preserved or perish with her. 10. judge you in the border, this was done at Riblah, Jer. l. 9, 10: comp. Numb. xxxiv. 8—11.

thereof; but I will judge you in the border of Israel:

12 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD: * for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but ^a have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you.

13 ^b And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that ^c Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah LORD God! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

14 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

15 Son of man, thy brethren, *even* thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and also the house of Israel wholly, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD: unto us is this land given in possession.

16 Therefore say, Thus saith the LORD God; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, ^d yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.

17 Therefore say, Thus saith the LORD God; ^e I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

18 And they shall come thither, and ^f they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence.

19 And ^g I will give them one heart, and I will put ^h a new spirit within you; and I will take ⁱ the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

20 That ^j they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: ^k and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

21 But ^l as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the LORD God.

22 ^m Then did the cherubims lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

23 And ⁿ the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood ^o upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

24 ^p Afterwards the spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me.

25 Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the LORD had shewed me.

CHAP. XII.

THE word of the LORD also came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they ^a have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house.

3 Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee ^b stuff for removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their

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* or, which have not walked.

^a Le. 18.3,24, &c. De.12.30,31

[†] as the goings forth of captivity.

[†] for thee.

^b Ac. 5. 5.

^c Is. 8. 18.

[§] digged for me.

^d Ps. 90. 1.

91. 9.

Is. 8. 14.

^e Mal. 1. 1.

^f ch. 23. 25.

36. 24.

Je. 24. 5.

^{||} by removing ^{go} into captivity.

[§] 2Ki.23.4,5,7

^h Je. 39. 4.

ⁱ Col. 3. 5.8.

Tit. 2. 12.

^k ch.36.26,27.

Je. 32. 35.

Zec. 3. 9.

^l ch. 18. 31.

Ps. 51. 10.

Je. 31. 33.

2 Co. 1. 22.

Ep. 1.13,14.

^m ch. 17. 20.

Job 19. 6.

La. 1. 13.

Je. 52. 9.

ⁿ Zec. 7. 12.

^o Je. 52. 11.

^p Ps. 105. 45.

^q Je. 24. 7.

He. 8. 10.

11. 16.

^s 2 Ki.25.4,5.

^t Ps. 9. 16.

* men of number.

^u ch. 43. 4.

^v Zec. 14. 4.

^w ch. 4. 16.

Job 3. 24.

Ps. 60. 3.

80. 5.

^y Zec. 7. 14.

[†] the fulness thereof.

Ps. 24. 1.

1 Co. 10. 26,

28.

^z Ps. 104. 37.

^a Is. 6. 9.

42. 20.

Je. 5. 21.

Mat. 13. 13,

14.

2 Co. 3. 14.

Ep. 4. 18.

[†] or, instruments.

sight: it may be they will consider, though they be a rebellious house.

4 Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for removing: and thou shalt go forth at even in their sight, [†] as they that go forth into captivity.

5 Dig [†] thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby.

6 In their sight shalt thou bear ^{it} upon thy shoulders, and carry ^{it} forth in the twilight: thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground: ^e for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of Israel.

7 And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for captivity, and in the even I [§] digged through the wall with mine hand; I brought ^{it} forth in the twilight, and I bare ^{it} upon my shoulder in their sight.

8 [†] And in the morning came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,

9 Son of man, hath not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou?

10 Say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God; This ^e burden concerneth the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that are among them.

11 Say, I ^{am} your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: ^{||} they [§] shall remove and go into captivity.

12 And ^h the prince that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with his eyes.

13 My [†] net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and ^o I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.

14 And [†] I will scatter toward every wind all that are about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them.

15 And [†] they shall know that I ^{am} the LORD, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.

16 But I will leave ^a a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen whither they come; and they shall know that I ^{am} the LORD.

17 [†] Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

18 Son of man, ^a eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness;

19 And say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the LORD God of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and of the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may [†] be desolate from [†] all that is therein, ^z because of the violence of all them that dwell therein.

20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I ^{am} the LORD.

21 [†] And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

22 Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying,

The ^a days are prolonged, and every vision ^b faileth?

23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, ^c The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.

24 For ^e there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.

25 For I am the LORD: I will speak, and ^f the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God.

26 ^g As the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

27 Son of man, behold, *they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is ^h for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off.*

28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; ⁱ There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XIII.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thus unto them that ^j prophesy out of their own ^k hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD;

3 Thus saith the Lord God; ^l Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, ^m and have seen nothing!

4 O Israel, thy prophets are ⁿ like the foxes in the deserts.

5 Ye ^o have not gone up into the ^p gaps, neither ^q made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.

6 They ^r have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made ^s others to hope that they would confirm the word.

7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God.

9 And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the ^t assembly of my people, ^u neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; ^v and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

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^a Am. 6. 3.
^b Je. 6. 14.
8. 11.

^c or, a slight wall.

^d Joel 2. 1.
Zep. 1. 14.
Mal. 4. 1.
Mar. 13. 30.

^e ch. 38. 22.
Job 27. 21.
Mat. 7. 25.

^f ch. 13. 23.
La. 2. 14.
Ro. 16. 18.
2 Pe. 2. 23.

^g Is. 55. 11.
Da. 9. 12.
Lu. 21. 33.

^h 1 Co. 3. 11.
13.
i ch. 14. 6.

^j 1 Th. 5. 2, 3.
Re. 3. 3.
1 Je. 6. 14.
28. 9.

^k are prophets out of their own hearts.

^l ch. 20. 46.
21. 2.
^m Je. 14. 14.
23. 16, 26.

ⁿ Mat. 23. 13.
33.
^o 1 Co. 9. 16.

^p leads after.
^q or, and things which they have not seen.

^r Ca. 2. 15.
^s or, elbows.
^t ch. 22. 30.
Ps. 106. 23.

^u or, breaches
^v 2 Pe. 2. 14.

^w hedged the hedge.

^x Pr. 28. 21.
Mi. 3. 5.
^y ch. 22. 28.
^z Ro. 14. 15.

^{aa} 1 Co. 8. 11.
^{ab} cr. into gardens.

^{ac} or, secret, or, council.

^{ad} Ezr. 2. 59, 62.
Ne. 7. 5.
Ps. 68. 28.

^{ae} Je. 23. 14.
^{af} Je. 23. 20.
^{ag} by quickening him, or, that I should save his life.

10 ^{ba} Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, ^{bb} Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up ^{bc} a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar:

11 Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: ^{bd} there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it.

12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.

14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that ^{be} the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: ^{bf} and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it;

16 To wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which ^{bg} see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord God.

17 ^{bh} Likewise, thou son of man, ^{bi} set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them,

18 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Woe to the women that sew pillows to all ^{bj} armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye ^{bk} hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you?

19 And will ye pollute me among my people ^{bl} for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay ^{bm} the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies?

20 Wherefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls: to make ^{bn} them fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, ^{bo} even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly.

21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and ^{bp} strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, ^{bq} by promising him life:

22. days are prolonged, i. e. God exercises forbearance, he will not immediately punish.

CHAP. XIII.—4. like the foxes, or 'jackals,' crafty, deceitful workers. in the deserts, 'among ruined places.' These creatures entered the vineyards and gardens, and fed on the produce; so the false prophets destroyed by their lies the people, called God's vineyard, Jer. xii. 10. 5. the gaps, a military allusion: they did not stand in the breach, but let in the enemy. hedge, fence, or fortification. 10. built up a wall, &c. this imagery imports that the security promised by the false prophets was as fallacious as a wall built with untempered mortar, which cannot stand the storm. 18. pillows, probably embroidered cushions on the arm-pits, used by the orientals to support themselves in sitting on their couches. The figure signifies, making them rest at ease. kerchiefs, 'fine veils.' Many eastern women wear very splendid veils. upon the head of every stature, 'stature' is used, because the people stood when inquiring of these prophetesses. to hunt souls, catch them in their snares. 19. handfuls—pieces, i. e. the meaneast rewards. 21. will I tear, &c. discover their tricks, and expose them to contempt.

23 Therefore ^a ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: ^b and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAP. XIV.

THEN ^c came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put ^e the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: ^d shall I be enquired of at all by them?

4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; ^f I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;

5 That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all ^g estranged from me through their idols.

6 ^h Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; ⁱ Repent, and turn: ^j yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

7 For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself:

8 And ^k I will set my face against that man, and will make him a ^l sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

9 And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD ^m have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

10 And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him;

11 That the house of Israel may ⁿ go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; ^o but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord God.

12 ^p The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,

13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the ^q staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:

14 Though ^r these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls ^s by their righteousness, saith the Lord God.

15 ^t If I cause ^u a noisome beast to pass through the land, and they ^v spoil it, so

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^a Mi. 3. 6.
^b ch. 15. 7.

^c in the midst of it.

^d ch. 20. 1.
33. 31.

^e ch. 21. 3, 4.
29. 8.
38. 21.

^f Le. 26. 25.
^g ch. 25. 13.
Zep. 1. 3.

^h Mat. 6. 22, 23.

ⁱ Ep. 5. 5.
^j 1 Pe. 2. 8.

^k Re. 2. 14.
^l 1 Sa. 28. 6.

^m 2 Ki. 3. 13.
Pr. 15. 8, 29.

ⁿ 2 Sa. 24. 15.
^o Re. 16. 3, 6.

^p Is. 3. 11.
66. 4.

^q 1 Th. 2. 10, 11.
^r Ps. 33. 18, 19.

^s Ac. 10. 35.
1 Jno. 2. 29.

^t or, Also when.

^u ch. 33. 27.
^v Ro. 1. 21, &c.

^w Ep. 4. 18.
He. 3. 12.

^x Mar. 1. 14, 15.
Ac. 17. 30.

^y Ja. 4. 8. 10.

^z or, others.

^{aa} ch. 20. 43.
^{ab} Je. 22. 8, 9.

^{ac} Ro. 2. 5.
^{ad} Le. 17. 10.

^{ae} 20. 3, 5, 6.
Je. 44. 11.

^{af} Nu. 28. 10.
De. 28. 37.

^{ag} 1 Ki. 22. 23.
Job 12. 16.

^{ah} Je. 4. 10.
2 Th. 2. 11.

^{ai} Jno. 15. 1, 2.
^{aj} Jno. 15. 6.

^{ak} He. 6. 8.
12. 29.

^{al} 2 Pe. 2. 15.

^{am} Will it prosper?

^{an} ch. 37. 27.
He. 8. 10.

^{ao} 11. 16.
Re. 21. 7.

^{ap} made fit.

^{aq} Is. 26. 26.
Is. 3. 1.

^{ar} Le. 17. 10.
^{as} Is. 24. 18.

^{at} Je. 7. 16.
11. 14.

^{au} f. ch. 20. 38, 42, 44.

^{av} g. Pr. 11. 4.
^{aw} h. Le. 26. 22.

^{ax} * trespassed a trespass.
^{ay} + or, bereave.

that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:

16 Though these three men were ^a in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.

17 ^b Or if ^c I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I ^d cut off man and beast from it:

18 Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

19 ^e Or if I send ^f a pestilence into that land, and pour ^g out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:

20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall ^h but deliver their own souls ⁱ by their righteousness.

21 For thus saith the Lord God; ^j How much more when ^k I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

22 ^l Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ^m ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it.

23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done ⁿ without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XV.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, What ^a is the vine tree more than any tree, or than a branch which is among the trees of the forest?

3 Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?

4 Behold, ^b it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. ^c Is it meet for any work?

5 Behold, when it was whole, it was ^d meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for any work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?

6 ^e Therefore thus saith the Lord God; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

7 And ^f I will set my face against them; they shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them; ^g and ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I set my face against them.

8 And I will make the land desolate, because they have ^h committed a trespass, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XIV.—4. according to the multitude, &c. in a way suitable to his daring impiety.—Ed. 5. in their own heart, as in a snare themselves have laid. 8. a sign, to alarm. a proverb, to be spoken of. 9. I—deceived, by giving him up to strong delusions. 14. Though these three, &c. their intercession should

not avail but for themselves. 19. in blood, denotes death and destruction. 21. noisome beast, expresses its complete depopulation, for wild beasts avoid the haunts of men.

CHAP. XV.—2. the vine, i. e. the mere wood of it. 6. As the vine—given, &c. i. e. the fruitless vine.

CHAP. XVI.

AGAIN the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, ^a cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem; Thy ^b birth ^c and thy nativity ^d is of the land of Canaan; thy father ^e was an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite.

4 And ^f as for thy nativity, ^g in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water ^h to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.

6 ⁱ And when I passed by thee, and saw thee ^j *polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee ^k when thou wast in thy blood, ^l Live; yea, I said unto thee ^m when thou wast in thy blood, Live.

7 I have ⁿ caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to ^o excellent ornaments: ^p thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare.

8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, ^q thy time was the time of love; ^r and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swear unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and ^s thou becamest mine.

9 Then ^t I washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy ^u blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.

10 I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.

11 I decked thee also with ornaments, and I ^v put bracelets upon thy hands, and ^w a chain on thy neck.

12 And I put a jewel on thy ^x forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head.

13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment ^y was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; ^z thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding ^a beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom.

14 And ^b thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

15 ^c But ^d thou didst trust in thine own beauty, ^e and playdest the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was.

16 And ^f of thy garments thou didst

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^a ch. 22. 2.
33.7.9.

^b cutting out,
or, habitation.

^c ch. 21. 30.
^d of a male.

^e Ho. 2. 3.
^f or, when I

looked upon thee.

^g Ho. 2. 8.
^h a savour of

rest.

ⁱ 2 Ki. 16. 3.
Ps. 106. 37.

^j Is. 57. 5.
Je. 7. 31.

^k Je. 32. 35.
^l or, trodden

under foot.

^m Juo. 5. 25.
Ro. 9. 15.

ⁿ Ep. 2. 4, 5.
Tit. 3. 3.7.

^o made thee a
million.

^p Je. 2. 2.
Ho. 11. 1.

^q ornament
of orna-
ments.

^r Ro. 5. 8.
Ru. 3. 9.

^s or, brothel
house.

^t Is. 57. 5.7.
Je. 2. 20.

^u Pr. 9. 14.
Mt. Ex. 19. 5.

^v Je. 2. 2.
1 Co. 6. 11.

^w He. 9. 13, 14.
Re. 1. 5, 6.

^x bloods.
ch. 8. 10, 14.

^y Ge. 24. 22, 47.
Pr. 1. 9.

^z nose,
Is. 3. 21.

^a 2 Ch. 28. 18,
19.

^b or, cities.
2 Ki. 16. 7, 10.

^c 2 Ch. 28. 23.
Je. 2. 18, 36.

^d De. 32. 13, 14.
Ps. 48. 2.

^e La. 2. 15.
De. 32. 15.

^f Je. 7. 4.
Mi. 3. 11.

^g ch. 23. 3, &c.
Is. 1. 21.

^h Je. 2. 20.
3. 2, 6, 20.

ⁱ Ho. 1. 2.
^j or, In thy

daughters
is thine, &c.

^k 2 Ki. 23. 7.

take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playdest the harlot thereupon: *the like things* shall not come, neither shall it be so.

17 Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images ^l of men, and didst commit whoredom with them,

18 And tookest thy brodered garments, and coveredst them: and thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them.

19 My ^m meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, *wherewith* I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for ⁿ a sweet savour: and *thus* it was, saith the Lord GOD.

20 Moreover ^o thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them ^p to be devoured. *Is this* of thy whoredoms a small matter,

21 That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?

22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy ^q youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood.

23 And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord GOD:)

24 *That* thou hast also built unto thee an ^r eminent place, and ^s hast made thee an high place in every street.

25 Thou hast built thy high place ^t at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.

26 Thou hast also committed fornication with ^u the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

27 Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary food, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, ^v the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way.

28 Thou ^w hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied.

29 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

30 How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman;

31 ^x In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street;

CHAP. XVI.—3. *of the land of Canaan*, where their ancestors dwelt: the sense is, that in nature and manners they more resembled the Canaanites than the children of Abraham. 3. *Amorite—Hittite*, Abraham and Sarah, the parents of the Jewish nation, are so called, as they dwelt among the idolaters named, and once followed their practices. These traits of life were what the Jews now imitated; and to call one the son of him whose character he imitated, is common in Scripture. 4. *nativity*, treatment of infants in ancient times is referred to here, only to express the care which parents naturally

took of them. 5. *cast out*, &c. alludes to the barbarous custom of exposing infants. 8. *when I passed*, allusions to the compassionate traveller pitying the discarded and perishing infant. In this language is couched a reference to Israel's low estate in Egypt, and their ultimate prosperity under David and Solomon. 15. *his it was*, *brothel* substitutes some ancient readings, thus, 'which should not have been done.' 21. *eminent place*, or a brothel house. 27. *ordinary food*, common mercies. *delivered*, &c. may refer to the times of Ahaz, 2 Chr. xxviii. 18, 19. 28. *with the Assyrians*, entering into alliances with

and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire;

32 But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!

33 They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.

34 And the contrary is in thee from other women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD:

36 Thus saith the Lord God; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them;

37 Behold, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.

38 And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.

39 And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.

40 They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords.

41 And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.

42 So will I make my fury toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.

43 Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all these things; behold, therefore I also will recompense thy way upon thine head, saith the Lord God: and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations.

44 Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter.

45 Thou art thy mother's daughter, that

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a Ro. 1.30,31.

b Is. 30. 3.

Ho. 8. 9.

* briest.

c De. 32. 32.

Is. 1. 10.

† lesser than

thou.

‡ or, that was

loathed as a

small thing

d 2 Ki. 21. 9.

Jno. 15. 21.

22.

e Mat. 10. 15.

11. 24.

f Ge. 13. 10.

g Je. 13. 22, 26.

La. 1. 8.

Ho. 2. 10.

Na. 3. 5.

h Ge. 18. 20.

19. 5.

Jude 7.

i Ge. 19. 24.

2 Pe. 2. 6.

j Lu. 12. 47, 48

k Je. 3. 11.

Mat. 12. 41.

42.

§ with judg-

ments of.

l Le. 20. 10.

De. 22. 22.

m Ge. 9. 6.

Ex. 21. 12.

n Mat. 7. 1. 5.

Ro. 2. 1, 10,

26, 27.

o ch. 23. 26.

Ho. 2. 3.

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ments of

thine orna-

ment.

p Is. 1. 9.

r Je. 20. 16.

s Jno. 8. 5, 7.

t Ro. 11. 23.

31.

u De. 13. 16.

2 Ki. 25. 9.

Je. 39. 8.

52. 13.

x ch. 14. 22, 23.

ch. 5. 13.

y Ps. 78. 42.

z Ac. 7. 51.

Ep. 4. 30.

a Lu. 15. 28.

30.

* for a re-

port, or,

* hearing.

b ch. 22. 31.

† prides, or,

excellen-

cies.

2 Ki. 16. 5.

‡ Aram.

§ or, spoil.

|| borne them.

a lotheth her husband and her children; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, which lotheth their husbands and their children: your mother was an Hittite, and your father an Amorite.

46 And thine elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her daughters.

47 Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations. but, I as if that were a very little thing, d thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.

48 As I live, saith the Lord God, e Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, ffulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

50 And they were haughty, and h committed abomination before me: therefore i I took them away as I saw good.

51 Neither j hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and k hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done.

52 Thou also, which n hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

53 When p I shall bring again their captivity, r the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then will i bring again the captivity of thy captives t in the midst of them:

54 That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art u a comfort unto them.

55 When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate.

56 For thy sister Sodom a was not * mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy † pride,

57 Before thy wickedness was discovered, as at the time of thy e reproach of the daughters of t Syria, and all that are round about her, the daughters of the Philistines, which § despise thee round about.

58 Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the LORD.

them, and worshipping their idols. 37. thy lovers, those with whom they had united in sinful alliances and idolatrous practices. 41. women, signify nations. The emblem is appropriate: none loathe prostitutes more than women; and they cannot but look on their condign punishment as just. 43. above all, 'in all.' 44. As is the mother, &c. i. e. those of the same nature and disposition must resemble each other. The mother of the Jews was Canaan: and as they succeeded and imitated the Canaanites, they are compared to the bad daughter of a bad mother. 45. lotheth, &c. hatest me thy husband, and offerest thy children to idols.—Newcome. sisters, Samaria and Sodom, verse 46. 46. elder, in rank, not age.

daughters, lesser cities. left—right, i. e. north and south: in determining the points, the Hebrews always supposed the face to be eastward. 51. justified thy sisters, declared them comparatively innocent. 52. judged, censured and condemned them: see 2 Chron. xiii. 8—10. 53. bring again, this seems the commencement of a prophecy of the restoration of the Jews and Gentiles to God and his service. 54. a comfort unto them, countenancing them in their sins. 56. not mentioned, though her punishment was for an example. 57. time of thy reproach, probably the time of Ahaz, when Syrians and Philistines succeeded against Judah, 2 Chron. xxviii. 3, 18. 58. borne, &c. openly and publicly.

59 For thus saith the Lord God; I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised ^a the oath in breaking the covenant.

60 Nevertheless I will ^b remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee ^d an everlasting covenant.

61 Then ^c thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger: and I will give them unto thee for ^e daughters, ^k but not by thy covenant.

62 And ^k I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am the Lord:

63 That thou mayest remember, and be confounded, ^m and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when ^p I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XVII.

AND the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel;

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; ^a A great eagle with great wings, long-winged, full of feathers, which had ^b divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and ^c took the highest branch of the cedar:

4 He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffick; he set it in a city of merchants.

5 He took also of the seed of the land, and ^d ^e ^f ^g ^h ⁱ ^j ^k ^l ^m ⁿ ^o ^p ^q ^r ^s ^t ^u ^v ^w ^x ^y ^z ^{aa} ^{ab} ^{ac} ^{ad} ^{ae} ^{af} ^{ag} ^{ah} ^{ai} ^{aj} ^{ak} ^{al} ^{am} ^{an} ^{ao} ^{ap} ^{aq} ^{ar} ^{as} ^{at} ^{au} ^{av} ^{aw} ^{ax} ^{ay} ^{az} ^{ba} ^{bb} ^{bc} ^{bd} ^{be} ^{bf} ^{bg} ^{bh} ^{bi} ^{bj} ^{bk} ^{bl} ^{bm} ^{bn} ^{bo} ^{bp} ^{bq} ^{br} ^{bs} ^{bt} ^{bu} ^{bv} ^{bw} ^{bx} ^{by} ^{bz} ^{ca} ^{cb} ^{cc} ^{cd} ^{ce} ^{cf} ^{cg} ^{ch} ^{ci} ^{cj} ^{ck} ^{cl} ^{cm} ^{cn} ^{co} ^{cp} ^{cq} ^{cr} ^{cs} ^{ct} ^{cu} ^{cv} ^{cw} ^{cx} ^{cy} ^{cz} ^{da} ^{db} ^{dc} ^{dd} ^{de} ^{df} ^{dg} ^{dh} ^{di} ^{dj} ^{dk} ^{dl} ^{dm} ^{dn} ^{do} ^{dp} ^{dq} ^{dr} ^{ds} ^{dt} ^{du} ^{dv} ^{dw} ^{dx} ^{dy} ^{dz} ^{ea} ^{eb} ^{ec} ^{ed} ^{ee} ^{ef} ^{eg} ^{eh} ^{ei} ^{ej} ^{ek} ^{el} ^{em} ^{en} ^{eo} ^{ep} ^{eq} ^{er} ^{es} ^{et} ^{eu} ^{ev} ^{ew} ^{ex} ^{ey} ^{ez} ^{fa} ^{fb} ^{fc} ^{fd} ^{fe} ^{ff} ^{fg} ^{fh} ^{fi} ^{fj} ^{fk} ^{fl} ^{fm} ^{fn} ^{fo} ^{fp} ^{fq} ^{fr} 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CHAP. XVIII.

THE word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?

3 As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.

4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: if the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

5 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right,

6 And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman,

7 And hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;

8 He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, he hath executed true judgment between man and man,

9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God.

10 If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and that doeth the like to any one of these things,

11 And that doeth not any of those duties, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife,

12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination,

13 Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.

14 Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like,

15 That hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbour's wife,

16 Neither hath oppressed any, hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment,

17 That hath taken off his hand from the poor, that hath not received usury nor increase, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

18 As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did that which is not good among his people, to even he shall die in his iniquity.

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a Ex. 20. 5.

De. 5. 9.

2 Ki. 23. 26.

21. 3.

b Je. 31. 29.

La. 5. 7.

c De. 24. 16.

2 Ki. 14. 6.

2 Ch. 25. 4.

Je. 31. 23. 30.

d Is. 3. 10. 11.

e Ro. 2. 9.

f Ro. 6. 23.

g Ja. 2. 14. 26.

1 Jno. 5. 2. 5

* judgment

and justice

h ch. 33. 16.

i Le. 18. 20.

20. 10.

k Ex. 22. 21.

Le. 19. 15.

25. 14.

l Ex. 22. 26.

De. 24. 12. 13

m 1 Ti. 2. 4.

2 Pe. 3. 9.

n De. 15. 7. 8.

Is. 55. 7.

Mat. 25. 35.

36.

o Ex. 22. 25.

Le. 25. 36. 37

De. 23. 19.

Ne. 5. 7.

Ps. 15. 5.

p De. 1. 16.

Zec. 8. 16.

Am. 5. 4.

q 2 Pe. 2. 20.

† or, breaker

up of an

house.

s Ge. 9. 6.

Ex. 21. 12.

Nu. 35. 31.

† or, that

doeth to his

brother be-

sides any of

these.

t Is. 1. 18.

55. 7.

Mar. 9. 12.

u Ac. 2. 40.

x Le. 20. 9. &c.

Ac. 18. 6.

y Col. 3. 5. 9

Tit. 2. 14.

z bloods.

2 Co. 5. 10.

1 Pe. 1. 17

a Mat. 3. 2.

Re. 2. 5.

b pledged the

pledge, or,

taken to

pledge.

* or, others.

b Ep. 4. 22. 23.

Ja. 1. 21.

c ch. 26. 26.

Je. 32. 39.

d La. 3. 33.

2 Pe. 3. 9.

† or, others.

e ch. 26. 17.

f ch. 3. 18.

Jno. 8. 21. 24.

19 Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.

20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

25 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

26 When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.

27 Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn ye yourselves, and live ye.

CHAP. XIX.

MOREOVER take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,

CHAP. XVIII.—2. The fathers, &c. 'The fathers have sinned, and the children are smitten.' 4. are mine, equally precious, equally accountable. 6. eaten, &c. where the sacrifices were offered to idols. 13. upon him, each one shall be punished for his own sins: so ver. 17, 18, 20. Yet there must be a reference to final judgment, when personal character will ap-

pear to be the final rule of God's dealings: for in the infliction of punishment here, from the measure of thine, the innocent must often suffer with the guilty. 25. equal, i. e. right and just. 31. make, &c. this man can only do by adopting God's means, which he will sanctify, believing the testimony of Christ, and receiving his Spirit: see 1 Pet. i. 23; James i. 18.

2 And say, What is thy mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among young lions.

3 And she brought up one of her whelps: ^c it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey: it devoured men.

4 The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of ^f Egypt.

5 Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion.

6 And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, and devoured men.

7 And he knew their [†] desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, by the noise of his roaring.

8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him: he was taken in their pit.

9 And [†] they put him in ward in [†] chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon ^m the mountains of Israel.

10 [†] Thy mother is like a vine in thy [§] blood, planted by the waters: she was ^o fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters.

11 And she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule, and her [†] stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

12 But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the [†] east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.

13 And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.

14 And [†] fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, which hath devoured her fruit, so that she hath no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule. ^b This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

CHAP. XX.

AND it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that ^d certain of the elders of Israel came to enquire of the LORD, and sat before me.

2 Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,

3 Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the LORD God: Are ye come to enquire of me? As I live, saith the LORD God, I will not be enquired of by you.

4 Wilt thou ^{*} judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge them? ^f I cause them to know the abominations of their fathers:

5 [†] And say unto them, Thus saith the

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^a Ex. 6. 7. 8.
De. 7. 6.

^{*} or, *secre*,
ver. 6, &c.

^b Ex. 3. 8.
4. 31.

De. 4. 34.
^c 2 Ki. 23. 31.

^d Ex. 20. 2.
^e Ex. 3. 8. 17.

Je. 32. 22.
^f 2 Ch. 36. 4.

Je. 22. 11. 17.
^g Ps. 48. 2.

Da. 8. 9.
11. 16. 41.

Zec. 7. 14.
^h 2 Ch. 15. 8.

ⁱ Le. 17. 7.
18. 3.

De. 29. 16.
18.

Jos. 24. 14.
[†] or, *widows*.

^k Ex. 32. 12.
Nu. 14. 13.

&c.
De. 9. 28.

^l 2 Ch. 36. 6.
^m or, *hooks*.

ⁿ Psa. 6. 2.
^o Ex. 13. 18.

^p or, *quietness*,
or, *in thy likeness*

^q De. 8. 7. 9.
De. 4. 8.

Ne. 9. 13, 14.
Ps. 147. 19.

20.
[†] made them
to know.

^r Le. 18. 5.
Ro. 10. 5.

Gal. 3. 12.
^s Da. 4. 11.

^t Ex. 20. 8.
De. 5. 12.

Ne. 9. 14.
^u Nu. 14. 22.

Ps. 78. 40.
65. 8. 10.

^v Ho. 13. 15.
^w Pr. 1. 25.

^y Ex. 16. 27.
^z Ju. 9. 15.

2 Ki. 24. 20.
^a Nu. 14. 29.

26. 65.
Ps. 106. 23.

^b La. 4. 20.
^c Ps. 106. 26.

^d ch. 8. 1.
14. 1.

^e Nu. 15. 39.
Ps. 78. 37, 38.

Am. 5. 25, 26.
Ac. 7. 42, 43.

^{*} or, *plead*
for them.

^f ch. 16. 2.
^g De. vi. xii.

Lord God; In the day when ^a I chose Israel, and ^{*} lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself ^b known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, ^d I am the LORD your God;

6 In the day that I lifted up mine hand unto them, ^{*} to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, [§] which is the glory of all lands:

7 Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man [†] the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with [†] the idols of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

9 But [†] I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

10 [†] Wherefore I [†] caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

11 And [†] I gave them my statutes, and [†] showed them my judgments, [†] which if a man do, he shall even live in them.

12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

13 But the house of Israel ^{*} rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they ^{*} despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly [§] polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the [§] wilderness, to consume them.

14 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

15 Yet also ^c I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands;

16 Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for ^{*} their heart went after their idols.

17 Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

18 But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols:

19 I am the LORD your God; [§] walk in

CHAP. XIX.—2. A lioness, in her sovereignty. lay down among lions, joined in league with surrounding kings. whelps, &c. princes brought up in arbitrary principles. 3. one, Jehoahaz, 2 Kings xxiii. 30. a young lion, a king. catch the prey, oppress his subjects. it devoured men, 'to devour men.' 4. brought him with chains, &c. Jehoahaz was put into bonds by Pharaoh-necho, 2 Kings xxiii. 33, 34. 5. hope, of return. another, Jehoikim. 6. among the lions, neighbouring kings. devoured, &c. alike notorious for injustice and oppression. 7. And he

knew, &c. 'And he brought evil upon their palaces.' —Booth. 9. put him in ward, &c. read the commentary in the history, 2 Kings xxiv. 3; 2 Chron. xxxvi. 6, &c. 10. Thy mother, i. e. the Jewish nation. in thy blood, or 'pomegranate.' —Newcome. 11. strong rods, many sprang from her fit to bear the sceptre. the thick branches, its nobles and princes. 13. wilderness, Babylon, a soil unfit for moral cultivation.

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my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;

20 And ^b hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I *am* the LORD your God.

21 Notwithstanding ^c the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

22 Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

23 I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that ^d I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries;

24 Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and ^e their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

25 Wherefore ^f I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;

26 And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass ^g through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I *am* the LORD.

27 ^h Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Yet in this your fathers have ⁱ blasphemed me, in that they have ^j committed a trespass against me.

28 For when I had brought them into the land, for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to them, then ^k they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their ^l sweet savour, and poured out there their drink offerings.

29 Then ^m I said unto them, What is the high place whereunto ye go? And the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day.

30 Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; ⁿ Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations?

31 For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and shall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord God, ^o I will not be enquired of by you.

32 And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

33 ^p As I live, saith the Lord God,

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^a Je. 21. 5.

^b Je. 17. 22.

^c Nu. 25. 1, 2.

^d De. 31. 27.

^e ch. 17. 20.

^f Je. 2. 9, 35.

^g Nu. 14. 21,

&c.

^h 1 Co. 10. 5.

ⁱ Le. 27. 32.

^j Je. 33. 13.

^k Ps. 89. 30, 34

^l or, a deli-

vering.

^m ch. 34. 17, 20

ⁿ Mat. 25. 32,

&c.

^o Le. 26. 33.

^p De. 28. 64.

^q Je. 44. 14.

^r ch. 6. 7.

^s 23. 49.

^t ch. 6. 9.

^u Ju. 10. 14.

^v Ps. 81. 12.

^w Am. 4. 4.

^x Ps. 81. 12.

^y Ro. 1. 24.

^z 2 Th. 2. 11.

^{aa} ch. 23. 33, 39.

^{ab} Is. 1. 13.

^{ac} Is. 2. 3.

^{ad} Mi. 4. 1.

^{ae} 2 Ki. 17. 17.

^{af} 21. 6.

^{ag} 2 Ch. 28. 3.

^{ah} 33. 6.

^{ai} Je. 32. 35.

^{aj} Is. 56. 7.

^{ak} 60. 7.

^{al} Zec. 8. 20.

^{am} &c.

^{an} Mal. 3. 4.

^{ao} Ro. 12. 1.

^{ap} or, chief.

^{aq} Ro. 2. 24.

^{ar} Ep. 5. 2.

^{as} Phi. 4. 18.

^{at} savour of

rest.

^{au} S trespassed

a trespass.

^{av} Is. 57. 5, &c.

^{aw} y ch. 36. 23.

^{ax} 38. 23.

^{ay} Juo. 17. 3.

^{az} ch. 34. 13.

^{ba} ch. 16. 19.

^{bb} ch. 16. 61.

^{bc} or, I told

them what

the high

place was,

or, Bamah.

^{bd} Le. 26. 39.

^{be} Ho. 5. 15.

^{bf} Ep. 1. 6.

^{bg} 1 Ti. 1. 16.

^{bh} Ju. 2. 19.

^{bi} Mat. 23. 32.

^{bj} Ac. 7. 51.

^{bk} Mat. 25. 11.

^{bl} 12.

^{bm} Je. 21. 14.

^{bn} Lu. 23. 31.

surely with a mighty hand, and ^a with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you:

34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and ^d there will I plead with you face to face.

36 Like ^e as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God.

37 And I will cause you to ^f pass under the rod, and ^g I will bring you into ^h the bond of the covenant:

38 And ⁱ I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and ^k they shall not enter into the land of Israel. ^l And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord God; ⁿ Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter *also*, if ye will not hearken unto me: ^p but pollute ye my holy name no more with your guts, and with your idols.

40 For ^r in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there ^t will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the ^u first-fruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.

41 I will accept you with ^v your ^w sweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.

42 And ^y ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, ^z when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

43 And ^b there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ^c ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.

44 And ^d ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord God.

45 ^e Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

46 Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop ^f thy word toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field;

47 And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, ^g I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour ^h every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and

Jeeoniah. 25. I gave them, &c. the text is elliptical, and should be, 'I gave them up to observe statutes,' &c.—Boothr. should not live, i. e. should certainly die: Prov. xvi. 23; xvii. 26. 26. And I polluted, &c. 'And to pollute themselves,' &c.—Boothr. 'I suffered them to pollute themselves.'—Louth. 29. Bamah, or 'the high place.' 35. wilderness, i. e. the desert in the neighbourhood of the Chaldeans.—Michaelis. plead, convict you of your

crimes. 37. rod, of correction. This is supposed to be an allusion to the custom of marking the tenth animal of the flock for sacred uses. bond, discipline.—Boothr. 46. south, Judea, south of Chanaan, where Ezekiel was. 47. kindle, &c. by means of the Chaldeans. every green, &c. all sorts of persons: green tree, the emblem of the righteous: these should go into captivity as well as the dry, emblems of the wicked; but the former were purged, not consumed.

all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein.

48 And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.

49 Then said I, Ah Lord God! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?

CHAP. XXI.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and drop thy word toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel,

3 And say to the land of Israel, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of his sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked.

4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of his sheath against all flesh from the south to the north:

5 That all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath: it shall not return any more.

6 Sigh therefore, thou son of man, with the breaking of thy loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.

7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings; because it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord God.

8 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furnished:

10 It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furnished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? It condemneth the rod of my son, as every tree.

11 And he hath given it to be furnished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is furnished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

12 Cry and howl, son of man: for it shall be upon my people, it shall be upon all the princes of Israel: terrors by reason of the sword shall be upon my people: smite therefore upon thy thigh.

13 Because it is a trial, and what if the sword condemn even the rod? It shall be no more, saith the Lord God.

14 Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite thine hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it is the sword of the great men that are slain, which entereth into their privy chambers.

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* or, glittering, or, fear,
† or, sharpened.

‡ set thyself, take the left hand.

a De. 32. 2.
Am. 7. 16.

mi. 2. 6, 11
b Job 4. 22.

c mother of the way.

|| or, knives.

d Is. 45. 23.
55. 11.

e teraphim.
f Is. 22. 4.

† rams, or, battering rams,

ch. 4. 2.
e Je. 51. 14.

‡ or, for the oaths made unto them.

§ go into water.

f De. 32. 41.
|| or, it is the rod of my son, it despoiseth every tree.

g 2 Ch. 36. 13.
Je. 52. 2.

h Lu. 1. 52.

i Perverted, perverted, will I make it.

† or, they are thrust down to the sword with my people.

i Ge. 49. 10.
Lu. 1. 32, 33.

jno. 1. 49.
k Je. 31. 19.

‡ or, When the trial hath been, what then?

§ shall they not also belong to the despising rod?

l Job 9. 23.
2 Co. 8. 2.

m Je. 40. 1.
Zep. 2. 8, 10.

n ver. 27.
o Nu. 24. 10.

p § hand to hand.

q 1 Ki. 20. 50.
22. 25.

15 I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, that their hear may faint, and their ruins be multiplied: *ah! it is made bright, it is wrapped up for the slaughter.*

16 Go thee one way or other, either of the right hand, or on the left, whither soever thy face is set.

17 I will also smite mine hands together and I will cause my fury to rest: I the LORD have said it.

18 The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

19 Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come: both twain shall come forth out of one land: and choose thou a place, choose it at the head of the way to the city.

20 Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem the defended.

21 For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.

22 At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to appoint captains, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint battering rams against the gates, to cast a mount, and to build a fort.

23 And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, to them that have sworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, I say, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand.

25 And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end,

26 Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high.

27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.

28 And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword is drawn: for the slaughter it is furnished, to consume because of the glittering:

29 Whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain,

CHAP. XXI.—4. *from the south to the north*, through the whole length of Judea. 5. *any more*, till it had finished the work of destruction. 6. *With the breaking*, &c. i. e. as if thy loins were broke, the strength of the frame seeming to rest there: see Prov. xxxi. 17; Is. v. 27; xxi. 3. 10. *It is sharpened*, &c. 'It is sharpened that it may make a great slaughter: it is furnished that it may glitter: alas! the sceptre of my son is destroyed: it despoiseth every tree.' *it condemneth*, &c. that is, the sword despoiseth; all ranks and ages of the ungodly Israelites are devoted to ruin. 13. *Because*, &c. 'For it is tried, and what if it despise the sceptre? This shall not remain, saith the Lord Jehovah.'—Boothr. The sword has been proved, and what if it destroy the rod of the sceptre

as well as the branches? will not this be just vengeance? *it shall be no more*, i. e. the sceptre—the regal succession shall end in Zedekiah.—Boothroyd. 14. *third time*, thrice the Babylonian army invaded Judea. 17. *smite mine hands*, often denotes grief, but some think here, encouragement. Davidson says, it denotes indignation. Roberts remarks, that in the east it amounts to an oath. 23. *unto them as a false divination*, the Jews will not believe that he will come and destroy the city. *that have sworn*, joined in a solemn league with the Egyptians for their defence. 24. *with the hand*, as a bird in a snare. 25. *prince*, Zedekiah. 27. *he whose right*, some say Zerubbabel; but as it means supreme power, others refer it to Messiah. 28. *And thou*, &c. here begins

of the wicked, ^a whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end.

30 * Shall ^a I cause it to return into his sheath? ^a I will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, in the land of thy nativity.

31 And I will ^a pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of ^a brutish men, and skillful to destroy.

32 Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no more remembered: for I the LORD have spoken it.

CHAP. XXII.

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Now, thou son of man, wilt thou ^a judge, wilt thou judge? the ^a bloody city? yea, thou shalt ^a show her all her abominations.

3 Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD: The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come, and maketh idols against herself to deride herself.

4 Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast ^a shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come ^a even unto thy years: ^a therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.

5 Those that be near, and those that be far from thee, shall mock thee, which art ^a infamous and much vexed.

6 Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood.

7 In thee have they ^a set light by father and mother: in the midst of thee have they ^a dealt by ^a oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.

8 Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast ^a profaned my sabbaths.

9 In thee are men ^a that carry tales to shed blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness.

10 In thee have they ^a discovered their fathers' nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was ^a set apart for pollution.

11 And ^a one hath committed abomination ^a with his neighbour's wife: and another ^a hath ^a lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his ^a sister, his father's daughter.

12 In thee ^a have they taken gifts to shed blood; ^a thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and ^a hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD.

13 Behold, therefore I have ^a smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee.

14 Can ^a thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? ^a I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it.

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^a Job 18. 20.

Ps. 37. 13.

^b De. 4. 27.

^c or, Cause it

to return.

^d Je. 47. 6. 7.

^e ch. 23. 27. 48.

^f Ge. 15. 14.

^g or, shall be

profaned.

^h ch. 7. 8.

ⁱ Ps. 9. 16.

^j or burning

^k Ps. 119. 119.

^l Is. 1. 22.

^m drosses.

ⁿ According to the gathering.

^o or, plead for

^p Na. 3. 1.

^q city of bloods.

^r make her

know.

^s ch. 16. 2.

^t 2 Ki. 21. 16.

^u De. 28. 37.

^v Da. 9. 16.

^w Ho. 6. 9.

^x polluted of

name, much

in vacation

^y Mat. 23. 14.

^z arm.

^{aa} Mi. 3. 11.

^{ab} De. 27. 16.

^{ac} Ex. 22. 24, 22

^{ad} or, deceit.

^{ae} Mal. 2. 8.

^{af} offered

violence to.

^{ag} 1 Sa. 2. 24.

^{ah} Le. 16. 10.

^{ai} Je. 15. 19.

^{aj} Le. 19. 30.

^{ak} men of

standers.

^{al} Ex. 23. 1.

^{am} Le. 18. 7, 8.

^{an} 1 Co. 5. 1.

^{ao} Le. 18. 19.

^{ap} 20. 18.

^{aq} or, every

one.

^{ar} Le. 18. 20.

^{as} De. 22. 22.

^{at} or, every

one.

^{au} Le. 18. 15.

^{av} or, by lewd-

ness.

^{aw} Le. 20. 17.

^{ax} Je. 5. 25. 23.

^{ay} Ex. 33. 8.

^{az} De. 16. 19.

^{ba} 27. 25.

^{bb} or, deceit.

^{bc} Le. 25. 36.

^{bd} Ex. 22. 21.

^{be} without

right.

^{bf} De. 32. 18.

^{bg} Je. 3. 21.

^{bh} Je. 5. 1.

^{bi} ch. 21. 17.

^{bj} Ps. 106. 23.

^{bk} ch. 21. 7.

^{bl} ch. 17. 24.

15 And ^b I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and ^d will consume thy filthiness out of thee.

16 And thou ^f shalt take thine inheritance in thyself in the sight of the heathen, and ^g thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

17 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, ^h the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are ⁱ even the ⁱ dross of silver.

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 ^j As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you.

21 Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.

22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

23 ^k And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

25 There ^l is a conspiracy of other prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they ^m have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

26 Her ⁿ priests have ⁿ violated my law, and have ^o profaned mine holy things: they have put no ^o difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27 Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

28 And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

29 The ^p people of the land have used ^p oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have ^q oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

30 And ^r I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and ^r stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

a new prophecy. Two ways were marked, one to Jerusalem, the other to Rabboth of the Ammonites—this refers to the latter: see verses 20, 21.

CHAP. XXII.—2. *bloody city*, or 'city of blood,' Jerusalem, that had killed the prophets. 4. *unto thy years*, to full age—ripeness for judgment. 9. *carry tales*, &c. &c. i.e. invent false accusations against

the innocent. *eat, &c.* i.e. at idol feasts. 30. *a man among them*, among the princes, priests, prophets, and people of the land. Jeremiah and a few others endeavoured to bring the people to repentance and to avert the Divine judgments by their prayers; but they were greatly despised, and their prayers discouraged. None possessed of authority used it aright.

CHAP. XXIII.

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, there were ^a two women, the daughters of one mother;

3 And ^b they committed whoredoms in Egypt; they committed whoredoms in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity.

4 And the names of them were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and ^d they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus were their names; Samaria is ^e Aholah, and Jerusalem ^f Aholibah.

5 And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on ^g the Assyrians her neighbours,

6 Which were clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.

7 Thus she ^h committed her whoredoms with them, with all them that were the ⁱ chosen men of Assyria, and with all on whom she doted: with all their idols she defiled herself.

8 Neither left she her whoredoms brought from Egypt: for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their whoredom upon her.

9 Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the ^j Assyrians, upon whom she doted.

10 These discovered her nakedness: they took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword: and she became ^k famous among women; for they had executed judgment upon her.

11 And when her sister Aholibah saw ^l this, ^m she ⁿ was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms more than ^o her sister in her whoredoms.

12 She doted upon the ^p Assyrians her neighbours, captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.

13 Then I saw that she was defiled, that they took both one way,

14 And that she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermillion,

15 Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity.

16 And ^q as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doated upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.

17 And the ^r Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her mind was ^s alienated from them.

18 So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness: then my mind was alienated from her, like as

B. C. 593.

a ch. 16. 46.

Je. 3. 7, 8.

b Le. 17. 7.

Jos. 24. 14.

c ch. 16. 26.

d ch. 18. 29.

e ch. 16. 37.

Is. 19. 3, 6.

39. 3, 4.

Re. 17. 16.

* i. e. His

tent, or,

tabernacle.

† i. e. My

tabernacle

in her.

1 Ki. 8. 29.

f 2 Ki. 15. 19.

17. 3.

Ho. 8. 9.

g Je. 39. 21.

h bestowed

her whore-

doms upon

them.

§ choice of

the children

of Asshur.

h Je. 47. 2, 3.

Na. 2. 3, 4.

i 2 Sa. 24. 14.

k Ex. 34. 14.

De. 29. 20.

Ca. 8. 6.

Zep. 1. 18.

l 2 Ki. 17. 3, 6.

23.

18.9.11.

|| a name.

• instru-

ments of

thy decking

Is. 3. 18. 24.

1 Pe. 3. 4.

m ch. 16. 41.

22. 15.

n Je. 3. 11.

† corrupted

her inordi-

nate love

more than

she.

‡ the whore-

doms of her

sister.

o 2 Ch. 28. 16.

23.

p De. 29. 47.

52.

r ch. 6. 9.

Ps. 106. 33.

39.

s Je. 25. 15, &c.

§ at the sight

of her eyes.

|| children of

Babel.

t ch. 22. 4, 5.

* loosed, or,

disjointed.

u Ps. 75. 8.

Is. 51. 17.

my mind was alienated from her sister.

19 Yet she multiplied her whoredom in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

20 For she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses.

21 Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in bruising thy teats by the Egyptians for the paps of thy youth.

22 Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy mind is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side;

23 The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them: all of them desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses.

24 And they shall come against thee with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, which shall set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about: and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments.

25 And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal furiously with thee: they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy remnant shall fall by the sword: they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire.

26 They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels.

27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom brought from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.

28 For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of them whom thou hatest, into the hand of them from whom thy mind is alienated:

29 And they shall deal with thee hatefully, and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

30 I will do these things unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, and because thou art polluted with their idols.

31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thine hand.

32 Thus saith the Lord God; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much.

33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria.

34 Thou shalt even drink it and suck it out, and thou shalt break the sherds

CHAP. XXIII.—2. two women, the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah. one mother, Sarah, or sprung from one united nation. 4. elder, or greater, i. e. the ten tribes. Aholah, means 'her tent or tabernacle,' signifying it was not the Lord's. Aholibah, means 'my tent or tabernacle is in her.' This was the name of Judah, in which stood the Lord's temple. 14. men portrayed, the Babylonians had images por-

trayed upon their walls. 20. as the flesh of asses, &c. sensual as these animals. 22. alienated, having broken covenant with them. 23. Pekod, &c. supposed to be Babylonian districts. 25. nose, &c. refers to the severe vengeance jealous husbands sometimes took on their wives. In Egypt, the noses of adulterous persons were cut off; in Chaldea, ears and noses. 34. break the sherds, or lick the very fragments

thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

35 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

36 The LORD said moreover unto me; Son of man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah? yea, declare unto them their abominations;

37 That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them.

38 Moreover thus they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths.

39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house.

40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments,

41 And satest upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oil.

42 And a voice of a multitude being at ease was with her: and with the men of the common sort were brought Sabeans from the wilderness, which put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.

43 Then said I unto her that was old in adulteries, Will they now commit whoredoms with her, and she with them?

44 Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot: so went they in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd women.

45 And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.

46 For thus saith the Lord GOD; I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them to be removed and spoiled.

47 And the company shall stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the

B. C. 593.

a ch. 20, 38, 42.

25. 5.

b Je. 2. 32.

3. 21.

13. 25.

c 1 Ki. 14. 9.

Ne. 9. 26.

* or, plead

for.

d ch. 20. 4.

22. 2.

e Is. 58. 1.

f 2 Ki. 25. 1.

Je. 39. 1.

52. 4.

g ch. 17. 12.

h ch. 11. 3.

Je. 1. 13.

i ch. 16, 20, &c.

20, 26, 31.

† or, heap.

k ch. 22. 8.

l Jno. 18. 28.

m ch. 23. 37.

n 2 Ki. 21. 4.

o 2 Sa. 8. 2.

Joel 3. 3.

Ob. 11.

Na. 3. 10.

† coming.

p Is. 57. 9.

Le. 17. 13.

De. 12, 16, 24.

Ru. 3. 3.

t 2 Ki. 9. 30.

Je. 4. 30.

u Mat. 7. 2.

§ honourable

Es. 1. 6.

Is. 57. 7.

Am. 2. 8.

6. 4.

x Pr. 7. 17.

Ho. 2. 8.

y Na. 3. 1.

Hab. 2. 12.

|| multitude

of men.

* or, drunk-

ards.

z ch. 22. 15.

† her whore-

doms.

a ch. 16. 38.

Jno. 8. 5, 7.

b ch. 5. 13.

16. 42.

c 1 Sa. 15. 29.

† for a re-

moving

and spoil.

d ch. 16. 41.

§ or, single

them out.

e ch. 24. 21.

2 Ch. 36. 17.

f De. 13. 11.

2 Pe. 2. 6.

|| go.

* Esilent.

g Je. 16. 5, 7.

h Le. 10. 6.

21. 10.

sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XXIV.

AGAIN in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day.

3 And I utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Set on a pot, set it on, and also pour water into it:

4 Gather the pieces thereof into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones.

5 Take the choice of the flock, and burn also the bones under it, and make it boil well, and let them seethe the bones of it therein.

6 Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum is therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it.

7 For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust;

8 That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.

9 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great.

10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned.

11 Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the scum of it may be consumed.

12 She hath wearied herself with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum shall be in the fire.

13 In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.

14 I the LORD have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.

15 Also the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shalt thy tears run down.

17 Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head

piece, Zedekiah and his family. 5. the choice, &c. men of the first rank. burn—boil, express calamities. 6. scum, the filthiness and wickedness of the Jews. no lot, to save some and destroy others. 7. poured it not, &c. took no method to hide her sin. 8. upon the top, made her punishment manifest. 9. spice it, aggravate their distress. 10. empty, emptied of its inhabitants, burn it. 11. wearied—with lies, serving idols. 12. purged thee, by prophets, exhortations, and chastisements. 13. desire, &c. wife, probably beautiful. stroke, sudden and mortal dis-

Cry. pluck, &c. tear their flesh with anguish, as did the heathen. 14. a multitude—with her—Sabeans, &c. even these banditti were called to sanction her abominations. 15. went in, &c. made a league and joined in idolatrous worship. 16. stone, &c. alluding to the punishment of the adulterous and idolaters; Dent. xiii. 10; xii. 24. It seems to allude to the siege by the Chaldeans, who with engines assailed the city with stones.

CHAP. XXIV.—3. set on, marks the commencement of the siege. a pot, Jerusalem. 4. every good

upon thee, and ^a put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and ^b cover not thy ^c lips, and eat not the bread of men.

18 So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

19 ^a And the people said unto me, ^c Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so?

20 Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, ^a I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, ^b the desire of your eyes, and ^c that which your soul pitieth; ^d and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.

22 And ye shall do as I have done: ^a ye shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men.

23 And your tires shall be upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: ^a ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ^b ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one toward another.

24 Thus ^a Ezekiel is unto you a sign, according to all that he hath done shall ye do: ^b and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

25 Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and ^a that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,

26 That he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears?

27 In ^a that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb; and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAP. XXV.

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face ^a against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them;

3 And say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD: ^a Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity;

4 Behold, therefore I will deliver thee to the ^a men of the east for a possession, and they shall set their palaces in thee, and make their dwellings in thee: they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk.

5 And I will make Rabbah ^a a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couching-place for flocks; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

6 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast clapped thine ^a hands, and

B. C. 590.

^a 2 Sa. 15. 30.

^b foot.

^c Mi. 3. 7.

^d upper lip.

ver. 22.

Le. 13. 45.

^a said.

or, meat.

ch. 12. 9.

37. 18.

^d Is. XV.

XVI.

Je. 43. 1, &c.

Am. 2. 1.

^c ch. 7. 20. 22.

Je. 7. 14.

^f Ps. 27. 4.

^g shoulder of Moab.

^h the city of your soul.

ⁱ ch. 23. 47.

^j Je. 16. 6, 7.

^k or, against the children of Ammon.

^l Job. 7. 15.

^m Ps. 78. 65.

ⁿ ch. 23. 10.

Le. 26. 39.

^o 2 Ch. 28. 47.

Ps. 137. 7.

^p Je. 49. 7, &c.

Ob. 19, &c.

^q ch. 1. 3.

Is. 20. 3.

^r revenging revenge-

ment.

^s Je. 17. 15.

Jer. 13. 10.

14. 20.

^t the lifting up of their soul.

^u or, they shall fall by the sword unto Dedan

^v Is. 11. 14.

Je. 49. 2.

^w ch. 3. 2, 27.

29. 21.

^x 2 Ch. 28. 18.

Joel 3. 4, &c.

Am. 1. 6.

^y or, with perpetual hatred.

^z Je. 49. 1, &c.

Am. 1. 13.

^{aa} Zep. 2. 4, &c.

^{ab} 1 Sa. 30. 14.

Je. 47. 4.

^{ac} Pr. 17. 5.

^{ad} or, haven of the sea.

^{ae} revenges

^{af} Ps. 9. 16.

^{ag} children.

^{ah} Is. XXIII.

Je. 25. 22.

47. 1.

^{ai} Am. 1. 9.

^{aj} Zec. 9. 2.

^{ak} Is. 17. 2.

^{al} hand.

stamped with the ^a feet, and rejoiced in ^b heart with all thy despite against the land of Israel;

7 Behold, therefore I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for ^a a spoil to the heathen; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

8 ^a Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that ^b Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the heathen;

9 Therefore, behold, I will open the ^a side of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriat-haim,

10 Unto the men of the east ^a with the Ammonites, and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations.

11 And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

12 ^a Thus saith the Lord GOD: ^b Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by ^c taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

14 And ^a I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.

15 ^a Thus saith the Lord GOD: ^b Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy it ^c for the old hatred;

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, ^a I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the ^b Cherethims, ^c and destroy the remnant of the ^d sea coast.

17 And I will execute great ^a vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; ^b and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

CHAP. XXVI.

AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, ^a because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken that was the gates of the people: she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, now she is laid waste:

3 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up

ease. 17. bread of men, or of mourners, such as used to be sent to mourners to revive them. 26. escapeth, from the Chaldeans. to hear, all the particulars of the destruction.

CHAP. XXV.—3. saidst, Aha, expressed joy. 4. men of the east, Chaldeans, east of the Ammonites. 5. stable, &c. Buckingham saw this fulfilled to the letter. the Ammonites, i. e. their land, then the Arabians should feed their flocks. 8. heathen, or 'nations,' in being alike insecure from conquerors.

9. side, or 'shoulder,' that part where their greatest strength lay. Beth-jeshimoth, a chief city, formerly of the tribe of Reuben, as were the others here named: see Josh. xiii. 20. Baal-meon, see Josh. xiii. 17; Numb. xxxii. 38. Kiriat-haim, see Numb. xxxii. 37; Josh. xiii. 19. 13. Teman, a principal city of Edom, Dedan, another city. 14. by the hand of—Israel, fulfilled by Judas Maccabeus: 1 Macc. v. 3.

CHAP. XXVI.—1. eleventh, of the captivity and of Zedekiah's reign. 2. that was the gates of the

against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.

4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

5 It shall be a place for the spreading of nets ^a in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD: and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

6 And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain by the sword: ^c and they shall know that I am the LORD.

7 ^f For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, ^e a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.

8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall ^g make a fort against thee, and ^h cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee.

9 And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers.

10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, ^h as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.

11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground.

12 And they shall ^m make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy ⁱ thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water.

13 And ^j I will cause the noise of ^p thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.

14 And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for ^k I the LORD have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

15 ⁿ Thus saith the Lord GOD to Tyrus; Shall not the isles ^l shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee?

16 Then all the ^v princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their broidered garments: they shall clothe themselves with ^q trembling; ^u they shall sit upon the ground, and ^w shall tremble at every moment, and be astonished at thee.

17 And they shall take up ^a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, that wast inhabited ^t of seafaring men, the renowned city, which wast ^r strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their terror to be on all that haunt it!

18 Now shall the isles tremble in the day

B. C. 588.

^a ch. 27. 32.

^b ch. 32. 18, 24.

^c ch. 25. 5.

^d ch. 23. 19.

^e *terrors.*

^f Ezr. 7. 12.

^g Da. 2. 37.

^h Ps. 37. 36.

ⁱ ch. 21. 22.

^j 2 Sa. 20. 15.

^k *or, pour out the engine of shot.*

^l ch. 28. 12.

^m 32. 2.

ⁿ ch. 28. 2.

^o Is. 23. 3.

^p *perfect of beauty.*

^q *heart.*

^r *according to the enterings of a city broken up.*

^s *built.*

^t De. 3. 9.

^u *the daughter, or, they have made thy hatches of ivory well trodden.*

^v *Matth. 14. 29*

^w Je. 2. 10.

^x *houses of thy desire.*

^y *or, purple and scarlet.*

^z Is. 14. 11.

^a Je. 7. 34.

^b 25. 10.

^c Ho. 2. 11.

^d Ja. 5. 1. 5.

^e Is. 23. 15.

^f Re. 18. 22.

^g 1 Ki. 5. 15.

^h Ps. 83. 7.

ⁱ *strengtheners, or, stoppers of chinks.*

^j Nu. 23. 19.

^k Job 40. 8.

^l Mat. 24. 35.

^m ch. 31. 16.

ⁿ Je. 49. 21.

^o He. 12. 26, 27.

^p Je. 46. 9.

^q Is. 23. 8.

^r Jon. 3. 6.

^s 1 Pe. 5. 5.

^t *tremblings.*

^u Job 2. 13.

^v ch. 32. 10.

^w Ze. 10. 4.

^x 2 Ch. 50. 36.

^y ch. 27. 32.

^z Re. 18. 9.

^a *of the seas.*

^b Ge. 10. 2.

^c Is. 23. 4.

^d Re. 18. 13.

^e *or, merchandise.*

^f Ge. 10. 3.

of thy fall; yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure.

19 For thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee;

20 When I shall bring thee down ^t with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living;

21 I ^d will make thee ^a a terror, and thou shalt be no more: ^f though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XXVII.

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Now, thou son of man, ^a take up a lamentation for Tyrus;

3 And say unto Tyrus, ⁱ O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art ^b a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am ⁱ of perfect beauty.

4 Thy borders are in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty.

5 They have ^e made all thy ship boards of fir trees of ⁱ Senir: they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee.

6 Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars; ^f the company of the Ashurites have made thy benches of ivory, brought out of ^g the isles of Chittim.

7 Fine linen with broidered work from Egypt was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy sail; ^h blue and purple from the isles of Elishan was that which covered thee.

8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy mariners: thy wise men, O Tyrus, that were in thee, were thy pilots.

9 The ancients of ^j Gebal and the wise men thereof were in thee thy ^k calkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupy thy merchandise.

10 They of Persia and of Lud and of ^l Phut were in thine army, thy men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy compass.

11 The men of Arvad with ^m their army were upon thy walls round about, and the Gammadims were in thy towers: they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have made thy beauty perfect.

12 Tarshish ⁿ was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs.

13 ^o Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were thy merchants: they traded ^p the persons of men and vessels of brass in thy market.

14 They of the house of ^q Togarmah

people, to which there was great resort; but Boothroyd reads, 'The merchandise of the people is turned unto me.'

4. *top, &c. a barren place.* 5. *spreading of nets, literally fulfilled.* 6. *daughters—field, towns and villages.* 15. *isles, inhabitants of the sea-coast.*

shake, as if they felt an earthquake. 16. *princes of the sea, maritime states and kingdoms.*

CHAP. XXVII.—5. *Senir, the same as Hermon: Deut. iii. 9. 1 Chron. v. 23.* 6. *Assurites, Jarchi explains to be 'box-trees.' 'Thy benches have they*

made of ivory inlaid in box from the isles of the Chittites, i. e. from Italy and distant islands.'—Boothr.

8. *Arvad, an island in Phœnicia.* 9. *Gebal, a promontory of the Phœnicians.* 10. *Lud, Lydians.*

Phut, Libyans: see Is. lxxi. 19. 11. *Gammadims,*

supposed to be the citizens of Gamale, a city of Phœnicia. 13. *Javan, Greece: so Sept. and Vulgate.*

Tubal, the Iberi and Albanians: so Jerome. Meshech, the Cappadocians, whose chief city was Mazaca.

14. *Togarmah, Germany: so the Targum; Phrygia:*

traded in thy fairs with horses and horsemen and mules.

15 The men of ^a Dedan were thy merchants; many isles were the merchandise of thine hand: they brought thee for a present horns of ivory and ebony.

16 Syria was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of ^{*} the wares of thy making: they occupied in thy fairs with emeralds, purple, and brodered work, and fine linen, and coral, and [†]agate.

17 Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy merchants: they traded in thy market: [‡]wheat of ^d Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, [§] and ^{||} balm.

18 Damascus was thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches; in the wine of Helbon, and white wool.

19 Dan also and Javan [¶] going to and fro occupied in thy fairs: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy market.

20 Dedan [‡] was thy merchant in [†] precious clothes for chariots.

21 Arabia, and all the princes of [‡] Kedar, they [¶] occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these were they thy merchants.

22 The merchants of [‡] Sheba and Raamah, they were thy merchants: they occupied in thy fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold.

23 [¶] Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of [‡] Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad, were thy merchants.

24 These were thy merchants in ^{||} all sorts of things, in blue ^{*} clothes, and brodered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise.

25 The [‡] ships of Tarshish did sing of thee in thy market: and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the midst of the seas.

26 [¶] Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: [‡] the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.

27 Thy [¶] riches, and thy fairs, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that are in thee, [¶] and in all thy company which is in the midst of thee, shall fall into the ^{||} midst of the seas in the day of thy ruin.

28 The ^{*} suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.

29 And all that handle the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land:

30 And shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall [¶] cast up dust upon their heads, they [¶] shall wallow themselves in the ashes:

31 And they shall [¶] make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with

B. C. 588.

^a Ge. 10. 7.

[†] thy works.

[‡] chrysoprase.

^b ch. 26. 19.

^c 1 Ki. 5. 9, 11.

Ezr. 3. 7.

Ac. 12. 20.

^d Ju. 11. 33.

^e Je. 8. 22.

[†] or, rosin.

[‡] or, Meusal.

[¶] Je. 15. 16.

^{||} terrors.

^{*} shalt not be for ever.

[‡] Ge. 25. 3.

[†] clothes of freedom.

^b Ge. 25. 13.

Is. 60. 7.

[‡] were the merchants of thy hand.

^c Pr. 16. 18.

Is. 2. 12.

1 Ti. 3. 6.

1 Pe. 5. 5.

^k Ge. 10. 7.

1 Ki. 10. 1, 2.

Ps. 72. 10, 15.

Is. 60. 6.

[†] Ac. 12. 22, 23.

2 Th. 2. 4.

[§] heart.

^m Is. 31. 3.

ⁿ Ge. 11. 31.

2 Ki. 19. 12.

^o Zec. 9. 2.

^p Ge. 25. 3.

^{||} or, excellent things.

^{*} foldings.

[†] the greatness of thy wisdom.

^q Ps. 62. 10.

Zec. 9. 3.

Ro. 12. 16.

^r Ja. 4. 13, 14.

Is. 2. 16.

23. 14.

^t Ps. 48. 7.

[‡] heart.

^u Pr. 11. 4.

Re. 18. 9, &c.

^v ch. 30. 11.

32. 12.

[§] or, even with all.

^{||} heart.

^{*} or, waves.

[†] or, woundeth.

[‡] ch. 31. 18.

Jno. 8. 54.

Ac. 7. 21.

^y Job 2. 12.

Re. 18. 19.

^z Es. 4. 1, 3.

Je. 6. 26.

^a Je. 16. 6.

sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart and bitter wailing.

32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, saying, What city is like Tyrus, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea?

33 When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise.

34 In the time when ^b thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters thy merchandise and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall.

35 All the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in their countenance.

36 The merchants among the people shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be ^{||} a terror, and ^{*} never shalt be any more.

CHAP. XXVIII.

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God: [¶] Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, [†] I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the ^{||} midst of the seas; [¶] yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

3 Behold, ^o thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

5 By [†] thy [‡] great wisdom and [¶] by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God;

7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, [¶] the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.

8 They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas.

9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that [†] slayeth thee.

10 Thou shalt die the deaths of ^{*} the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

11 [¶] Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest

so Jerome. 15. Dedan, in Arabia: Gen. x. 7. 17. Minnith, and Pannag, 'myrrh, and panic.'—Boothr. Minnith is, however, the name of a place, (Judges xi. 33.) where perhaps the best wheat grew: so Targ. Pannag may also be the name of a like place. 18. Helbon, or Aleppo, renowned for its wine. 19. Dan—Javan, places in Arabia. 22. Sheba—Raamah, in Arabia Felix. 23. Haran, or Charran, Ac. vii. 2. —Canneh—Eden, places in Mesopotamia. Sheba, not that in verse 22, but the country of the Sabaeans. Asshur, the Assyrians: see Gen. x. 11. Chilmad, thought to be Media. 25. Tarshish, often put for the sea in general. did sing of thee, 'were thy chief

traders.'—Boothr. 26. Thy rowers, &c. i. e. her statesmen had brought her into the greatest danger. 34. by the seas, the overwhelming Chaldean army.

CHAP. XXVIII.—3. Daniel, he was now known in the court of Babylon. 3. slain, &c. die in a sea-fight; may here signify the prince dying a violent death in his palace surrounded by the ocean; or literally, the fate of the Tyrians in their flight over the sea. 10. uncircumcised, outcasts of society, of an ass or dog; ch. xxxi. 18. 12. Thou sealest, &c. 'Thou art like a signet curiously engraved.'—Boothr. very excellent in his own esteem.

up the sun, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in ^a Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the ^b sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the ^c beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the ^d emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of ^e thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 Thou art the anointed ^f cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon ^g the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast ^h corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: ⁱ thou shalt be ^j a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

20 ^k Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Son of man, set thy face ^l against Zidon, and prophesy against it,

22 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; ^m Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and ⁿ they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be ^o sanctified in her.

23 For ^p I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

24 ^q And there shall be no more ^r a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor any grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am the Lord God.

25 Thus saith the Lord God; When I shall have ^s gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that ^t I have given to my servant Jacob.

26 And they shall ^u dwell ^v safely therein, and shall ^w build houses, and ^x plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that ^y despise them round

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^a ch. 31. 8. 9.
^b Ge. 2. 8.

^c or, ruby.

^d or, chrysolite.

^e or, chryso-prase.

^f ch. 28. 21.

^g ch. 26. 13.

^h Is. 19. 1.

ⁱ Je. 25. 19.

^j 46. 25.

^k Ex. 25. 20.

^l Je. 44. 30.

^m ch. 20. 40.

ⁿ Ps. 74. 13, 14.

^o Is. 27. 1.

^p 51. 9.

^q Is. 37. 29.

^r *face of the field.*

^s Je. 8. 2.

^t 25. 33.

^u Ro. 1. 22. 25.

^v 1Co. 1. 19. 21.

^w Je. 7. 33.

^x 34. 20.

^y 2Ki. 15. 21.

^z Is. 36. 6.

^{aa} ch. 17. 17.

^{ab} Je. 37. 5, 11.

^{ac} ch. 26. 21.

^{ad} *terrors.*

^{ae} ch. 14. 17.

^{af} ch. 32. 30.

^{ag} Is. 23. 4, 12.

^{ah} Je. 25. 22.

^{ai} 27. 3.

^{aj} ch. 39. 13.

^{ak} Ex. 14. 4, 17.

^{al} ch. 30. 12.

^{am} *wastes of waste.*

^{an} Ps. 9. 16.

^{ao} *or, from*

^{ap} *Migdol to*

^{aq} *Syene.*

^{ar} Ex. 14. 2.

^{as} Je. 44. 1.

^{at} *Sevensh.*

^{au} ch. 20. 41.

^{av} 36. 23.

^{aw} ch. 38. 22.

^{ax} ch. 30. 7, 26.

^{ay} Nu. 33. 55.

^{az} Jos. 22. 13.

^{ba} 2Co. 12. 7.

^{bb} Is. 19. 23.

^{bc} Je. 46. 26.

^{bd} ch. 11. 17.

^{be} 37. 21.

^{bf} Is. 11. 12.

^{bg} d. Ge. 28. 13, 14

^{bh} *or, birth.*

^{bi} *low.*

^{bj} ch. 17. 6, 14.

^{bk} f. Je. 23. 6.

^{bl} *or, with confidence.*

^{bm} Is. 65. 21.

^{bn} Am. 9. 14.

^{bo} Je. 31. 5.

^{bp} *or, spoil.*

about them; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God.

CHAP. XXIX.

IN the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, ^a set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and ^b against all Egypt:

3 Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; ^c Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great ^d dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself.

4 But ^e I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales.

5 And I will leave thee ^f thrown into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the ^g open fields; ^h thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: ⁱ I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven.

6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the LORD, because they have been a ^j staff of reed to the house of Israel.

7 When ^k they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break, and rend all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to be at a stand.

8 ^l Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring ^m a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee.

9 And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the LORD: because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it.

10 Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, ⁿ and I will make the land of Egypt ^o utterly waste and desolate, ^p from the tower of ^q Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia.

11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years.

12 And ^r I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

13 ^s Yet thus saith the Lord God; At the ^t end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were scattered:

14 And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return ^u into the land of Pathros, into the land of their ^v habitation: and they shall be there a ^w base ^x kingdom.

15 It shall be the basest of the kingdoms: neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations.

CHAP. XXIX.—3 *dragon*, crocodile: ch. xxxii. 2; Is. xlvii. 1. 10. *from the tower of Syene*, rather, from Migdol unto Syene, i. e. the whole of the kingdom extending from north to south, Syene being the

last place before entering Ethiopia. 14. *Pathros*, or Thebais, one of the three divisions of Egypt: a *base kingdom*, it has been successively tributary to Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Saracens, Mamelukes,

16 And it shall be no more ^a the confidence of the house of Israel, which ^b bringeth their iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I am the Lord God.

17 ^c And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, ^d Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and ^e take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.

20 I have given him the land of Egypt ^f for his labour wherewith he ^g served against it, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord God.

21 ^h In that day ⁱ will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee ^j the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXX.

THE word of the Lord came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God; ^k Howl ye, Wee worth the day!

3 For ^l the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

4 And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great ^m pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and ⁿ her foundations shall be broken down.

5 Ethiopia, and ^o Libya, and Lydia, and ^p all the mingled people, and Chub, and the ^q men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

6 Thus saith the Lord; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: ^r from ^s the tower of Syene shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord God.

7 And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted.

8 And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and ^t when all her helpers shall be ^u destroyed.

9 In that day ^v shall messengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and ^w great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for, lo, it cometh.

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^a Is. 20. 2, 3.^b Jer. 10. 3, 17.^c Re. 16. 19.^d ch. 28. 7.^e ch. 16. 7, 8.^f Je. 27. 6.^g Is. 19. 5, 6.^h drought.ⁱ Is. 19. 4.^j the fulness thereof.^k Is. 19. 1.^l Je. 49. 12.^m 49. 25.ⁿ Zec. 13. 2.^o Zec. 10. 11.^p Is. 19. 16.^q spoil her^r spoil, and^s prey her^t prey.^u Is. 7. 12, 43.^v or, Tantis.^w Na. 3. 8, 10.^x or, for his^y hire.^z Je. 25. 9.^{aa} or, Pelusium.^{ab} Je. 46. 25.^{ac} Ps. 132. 17.^{ad} Ch. 24. 27.^{ae} Ps. 51. 13, 15.^{af} Lu. 21. 15.^{ag} Col. 4. 3, 4.^{ah} or, Heliopolis.^{ai} or, Pubastum.^{aj} Je. 2. 16.^{ak} or, restrained.^{al} Is. 13. 6.^{am} ch. 7. 7, 12.^{an} Joel 2. 1.^{ao} Zep. 1. 7.^{ap} Ps. 149. 7.^{aq} Ro. 2. 5.^{ar} or, fear.^{as} Je. 50. 15.^{at} Phut.^{au} ch. 27. 10.^{av} Je. 48. 25.^{aw} Je. 15. 20, 21.^{ax} children.^{ay} Je. 46. 11.^{az} or, from^{ba} Migdol to^{bb} Syene.^{bc} ch. 29. 10.^{bd} Ps. 37. 17.^{be} broken.^{bf} Is. 18. 1, 2.^{bg} 1 Th. 5. 3.^{bh} Ps. 9. 16.

10 Thus saith the Lord God; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.

11 He and his people with him, ^c the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land: and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain.

12 And ^d I will make the rivers ^e dry, and ^f sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and ^g fall that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the Lord have spoken it.

13 Thus saith the Lord God; I will also ^h destroy the idols, and I will cause ⁱ their images to cease out of Noph; ^j and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt: ^k and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

14 And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire ^l in ^m Zoan, ⁿ and will execute judgments in No.

15 And I will pour my fury upon ^o Sin, the strength of Egypt; and ^p I will cut off the multitude of No.

16 And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be rent asunder, and Noph shall have distresses daily.

17 The young men of ^q Aven and of ^r Pi-beseth shall fall by the sword: and these cities shall go into captivity.

18 At ^s Tehaphneches also the day shall be ^t darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.

19 Thus ^u will I execute judgments in Egypt: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

20 ^v And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

21 Son of man, I have ^w broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, ^x it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.

22 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will ^y break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man.

25 But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and ^z they

and Turks, during two thousand years. 21. horn, power, dignity, and honour. Israel to bud, some think in the advancement of Daniel in the court of Babylon: but others refer it to the liberty proclaimed by Cyrus: it may, however, have respect to Messiah. see Ps. cxxxii. 17; Jer. xliii. 5; Luke i. 68, 69.

CHAP. XXX.—3. time of the heathen, a crisis of great danger to pagan nations. 5. Chub, thought to be the Cobil, of a country of Egypt. 9. messengers—in ships, some suppose an expedition sent by Nebuchadnezzar up the Nile. 12. rivers dry, Egypt

abounded with rivers and canals; to dry these up, was to destroy their produce and prosperity, the tricked, the Chaldeans, wicked idolaters. 13. Noph, Memphis, now Cairo. 14. Pathros, a country in Egypt: see ch. xxix. 14, note. Zoan, Tanis. No, some interpret Thebes. 15. Sin, Pelusium, Nile it had a fine harbour and strong tower. 17. Aven, called by the Greeks Heliopolis: so Sept. Sc. Pi-beseth, Bubastes; here was a temple of Diana. 18. Tehaphneches, or Tahapanes, Sc. (Jer. ii. 16; xliii. 7, c, v.) a royal seat of the kings of Egypt. the yokes put on the necks of others.

shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.

26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAP. XXXI.

AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness?

3 Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon; with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs.

4 The waters made him great, the deep set him up on high with her rivers running round about his plants, and sent out her little rivers unto all the trees of the field.

5 Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters; when he shot forth.

6 And the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations.

7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: for his root was by great waters.

8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chestnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him.

10 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;

11 I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness.

12 And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are come down from his shadow, and have left him.

13 Upon his ruin shall all the fowls

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a De. 13. 11.

1 Co. 10. 11.

2 Pe. 2. 6.

* or, stand

upon themselves

for their height

b Ps. 82. 7.

He. 9. 27.

† be black.

c Da. 4. 10.

z air of

branches.

d ch. 26. 15.

e Is. 14. 15.

f Je. 51. 39.

§ or, nourished.

g Is. 14. S.

|| or, brought

him up.

h ch. 32. 31.

* or, con-

duits.

i Ps. 37. 35, 36.

Da. 4. 11.

k Lu. 4. 20.

† or, when it

sent them

forth.

l ch. 17. 23.

Da. 4. 12.

m Mat. 13. 32.

n ch. 25. 10.

o 2 Co. 12. 22.

p Ps. 52. 7.

q Ge. 2. 5.

r ch. 13. 19.

s ch. 27. 2.

t ch. 19. 5, 6.

u ch. 13. 13.

z or, dragons.

a Ge. 26. 14.

b Ps. 11.

1 Sa. 18. 15.

p Ps. 27. 4.

Ja. 4. 5, 6.

u ch. 34. 18.

v Mat. 25. 12.

x ch. 12. 13.

y ch. 17. 20.

Ho. 7. 12.

z Da. 7. 20.

§ in doing he

shall do

unto him.

a Ja. 2. 13.

b ch. 31. 13.

c ch. 28. 7.

d ch. 32. 5.

e ch. 35. 8.

f or, as they

stretching.

g or, extin-

guish thee.

d Is. 13. 10.

Joel 2. 31.

e Is. 15.

Am. 8. 8.

Mat. 24. 28.

Re. 6. 12, 13.

of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches:

14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

15 Thus saith the Lord God; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field faint for him.

16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

17 They also went down into hell with him unto them that be slain with the sword; and they that were slain with the sword shall be comforted in the midst of the heathen.

18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XXXII.

AND it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and thou didst their rivers.

3 Thus saith the Lord God; I will therefore spread out my net over thee with a company of many people; and they shall bring thee up in my net.

4 Then will I have thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and I will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.

5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height.

6 I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou shalt swim, even to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of thee.

7 And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars

CHAP. XXXI.—3. *Assyrian*, Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian empire, founded by Nimrod, had been taken by Nebuchadnezzar about twenty four years before this prophecy. 4. *waters of the Tigris*, near which stood the capital; there were a scene of traffic, all the fowls of the field, the common people, and his advances. 5. *multitude of waters*, may mean increasing population or great traffic. 6. *all the fowls*, people from all parts. *beasts*, &c. even the most savage nations. 8. *cedars in Lebanon*, &c. the greatest potentates were not his equals. *pr*, &c. lesser kings. *chestnut*, lesser states still.

9. *branches*, or provinces. 10. *Thou art*, &c. may be understood partially to the Assyrian monarch, though destroyed, or to Pharaoh. 11. *the young one*, probably Nebuchadnezzar, called also Nabopolassar, who with Cimmer, king of Media, took Nineveh. 15. *mourning*, in the waters and among the trees, among the image and their kings. 16. *hell*, or the grave. 17. *they*, &c. i. e. his nobles, princes, &c. 18. *This is he*, apply to the parable and the fall of Assyria to Egypt and Pharaoh.

CHAP. XXXII.—2. *whales*, dragons, the crocodiles. 7. *cover the heaven*, &c. metaphors denoting the

thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

8 All the * bright lights of heaven will I make † dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD.

9 I will also † vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known.

10 Yea, I will make many people amazed † at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and † they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

11 ¶ For † thus saith the Lord GOD; The word of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee.

12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, † the terrible of the nations, all of them; and † they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.

13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; † neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.

14 Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord GOD.

15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be † destitute of that whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, † then shall they know that I am the LORD.

16 This is the † lamentation wherewith they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall lament her: they shall lament for her, even for Egypt, and for all her multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

17 ¶ It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and † cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.

19 Whom † dost thou pass in beauty? † go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised.

20 They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the sword: † she is delivered to the sword: draw her and all her multitudes.

21 The † strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

22 Asshur is there and all her company: his graves are about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword:

23 Whose † graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused † terror in the land of the living.

24 There is † Elam and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the

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* lights of the light in heaven.

† them dark.

† Ps. 139. 8.

Re. 2. 22.

† provoke to anger, or, grief.

2 Sa. 1. 20.

Ac. 7. 51.

ch. 27. 35.

1 Ki. 9. 8.

ch. 27. 13.

Ge. 10. 2.

ch. 26. 16.

f ch. 30. 4.

Je. 46. 26.

Is. 14. 18, 19.

§ with weapons of their war.

h ch. 28. 7.

Is. 54. 17.

2 Co. 10. 4.

k ch. 29. 19.

1 Jno. 8. 24.

m ch. 29. 11.

n ch. 25. 12.

&c.

|| given, or, put.

* desolate from the fulness thereof.

o ch. 38. 6, 15.

p Ex. 7. 5.

14. 18.

Ps. 33. 17, 18.

r ch. 28. 21.

s 2 Sa. 1. 17.

2 Ch. 33. 25.

t ch. 31. 16.

u Job 31. 23.

2 Co. 5. 11.

He. 10. 31.

v ch. 26. 20.

y ch. 31. 2, 18.

z ch. 28. 10.

a ch. 3. 11.

† or, the sword is laid.

† A land when I bring a sword upon her.

a ch. 14. 17.

b Is. 1. 31.

14. 9, 10.

c 2 Sa. 18. 24.

25.

2 Ki. 9. 17.

Ho. 9. 8.

d 1 Co. 14. 8.

§ he that hearing heareth.

e Is. 14. 15.

f ch. 18. 13.

Ac. 18. 6.

20. 26.

g He. 2. 1, 3.

|| or, dis-maying.

a Je. 49. 31.

&c.

earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit.

25 They have † set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves are round about him: † all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of them that be slain.

26 There is † Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living.

27 And † they shall not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell § with † their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, † but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

28 Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with them that are slain with the sword.

29 There is † Edom, her kings, and all her princes, which with their might are † laid by them that were slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit.

30 There † be the princes of the north, all of them, and all the † Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be † comforted over all his multitude, even Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord GOD.

32 For I have caused † my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that are slain with the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XXXIII.

AGAIN the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak to † the children of thy people, and say unto them, † When † I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their † watchman:

3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, † he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

4 Then † § whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, † his blood shall be upon his own head.

5 He † § heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he

total subversion of the state. 16. daughters, inhabitants or cities. 18. cast them, &c. predict their fall. daughters of the famous nations, cities or colonies. nether parts, &c. these expressions often denote utter destruction. 19. Whom dost thou pass in beauty? † Come down from the pleasant waters, † i. e.

of the Nile.—Boothr. 21. hell, place of the dead. 22. Asshur, or Assyria. 23. graves—in the sides, refer to the excavated sepulchral chambers, in the sides of which were recesses to receive the bodies of the dead. 31. be comforted, that he does not suffer alone.

is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7 ^a So ^b thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we ^m pine away in them, how should we then live?

11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ⁿ I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for ^p why will ye die, O house of Israel?

12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, ^q he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

14 Again, ^r when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do ^s that which is lawful and right;

15 If the wicked ^t restore the pledge, ^u give again that he had robbed, walk ^v in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

17 Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.

18 When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.

19 But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.

20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, ^w The city is smitten.

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^a 1 Ki. 18. 46.

^b ch. 3. 17. &c.

^c ch. 24. 27.

^d ch. 34. 2.

^e ch. 36. 4.

^f Is. 51. 2.

^g Ac. 7. 5.

^h Ga. 6. 7. 8.

ⁱ Ep. 5. 3. 6.

^j Mi. 3. 11.

^k Mat. 3. 9.

^l Jno. 8. 39.

^m 2 Co. 2. 15.

ⁿ 17.

^o Ge. 9. 4.

^p Le. 3. 17.

^q De. 12. 16.

^r ch. 22. 6. 9.

^s ch. 24. 23.

^t ch. 37. 11.

^u Is. 49. 14.

^v ch. 18. 23, 32.

^w 2 Sa. 14. 14.

^x 2 Pe. 3. 9.

^y ch. 18. 31.

^z ch. 39. 4.

^{aa} * to devour him.

^{ab} Ju. 6. 2.

^{ac} 1 Sa. 13. 6.

^{ad} ch. 36. 34, 35.

^{ae} Je. 44. 26, 22.

^{af} desolation and desolation.

^{ag} 2 Ch. 7. 14.

^{ah} ch. 7. 24.

^{ai} 24. 21.

^{aj} or, of thee.

^{ak} Is. 29. 13.

^{al} ch. 3. 18, 13.

^{am} judgment and justice

^{an} ch. 18. 7.

^{ao} ch. 14. 1.

^{ap} 20. 1, &c.

^{aq} according to the coming of the people.

^{ar} Ex. 22. 1, 4.

^{as} Le. 6. 2, 4, 5.

^{at} Nu. 5. 6, 7.

^{au} Lu. 19. 8.

^{av} Le. 18. 5.

^{aw} or, my people shall be fore thee.

^{ax} ch. 8. 1.

^{ay} Ps. 78. 36, 37.

^{az} make loves, or, jests.

^{ba} Mat. 13. 22.

^{bb} a song of loves.

^{bc} 1 Sa. 3. 20.

^{bd} ch. 2. 5.

^{be} ch. 53. 24.

^{bf} 26.

^{bg} Is. 23. 1.

^{bh} Zec. 11. 17.

^{bi} ch. 24. 26.

^{bj} 2 Ki. 25. 4.

^{bk} Is. 51. 11.

^{bl} Zec. 11. 16.

22 Now ^c the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; ^d and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

23 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, ^e they that inhabit these ^f wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: ^g but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance.

25 Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD: ^h Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and ⁱ shed blood: and shall ye possess the land?

26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?

27 Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD: As I live, surely they that are in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field ^j will I give to the beasts ^k to be devoured, and they that be in the forts and ^l in the caves shall die of the pestilence.

28 For ^m I will lay the land ⁿ most desolate, and the ^o pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.

29 Then shall they know that I am the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.

30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking ^p against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and ^q speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

31 And ^r they come unto thee ^s as the people cometh, and ^t they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: ^u for with their mouth they ^v shew much love, but ^w their heart goeth after their covetousness.

32 And lo, thou art unto them as ^x a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

33 And ^y when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then ^z shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

CHAP. XXXIV.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the ^a shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; ^b Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

3 Ye ^c eat the fat, and ye clothe you with

CHAP. XXXIII.—12. The righteousness, &c. He who relies on supposed righteousness, and openly transgresses, for this he shall die; while he who takes warning and repents, shall live. 22. no more dumb, not silent, but prophesied verbally, instead of writing; the predictions from chap. xxiv. having related to nations round about. 24. those wastes, laid waste by Nebuchadnezzar. Abraham was one, and if he, with his single virtues, had the promise of inheriting the land, much more we his seed, who are many.

25. with the blood, contrary to the law: Lev. xix. 26. An idolatrous practice is here meant, of sacrificing to devils, and feasting round the blood. 30. by the walls, &c. in that part it is common now for groups of men to be seated at the doors or on the ground under the shade of the walls.

CHAP. XXXIV.—3. shepherds, rulers, civil and ecclesiastical. feed themselves, regard their own ease and pleasure, and neglect those under their care.

the wool,^a ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

4 The^b diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye^c sought that which was lost; but with^d force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

5 And they were^e scattered, * because there is no shepherd: f and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

8 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to be down, saith the Lord GOD.

16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

17 And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the goats.

18 Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but

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a Mi. 3. 1. 3.

b Zec. 11. 16.

c Lu. 15. 4.

d 1 Pe. 5. 3.

e 1 Ki. 22. 17.

f Mat. 9. 36.

* or, without

a shepherd,

ver. 8.

f Is. 56. 9.

g Je. 12. 9.

h Is. 40. 11.

Je. 23. 4. 5.

i Jno. 10. 11.

h Je. 13. 20.

Ho. 3. 5.

i ch. 37. 27.

Ex. 20. 45.

k Lu. 1. 32, 33.

l Je. 23. 6.

m He. 13. 17.

n Ge. 12. 2.

Is. 19. 24.

o Zec. 8. 13.

p Ps. 68. 9.

Mal. 3. 10.

q Le. 26. 4.

Ps. 85. 12.

Is. 4. 2.

r Le. 26. 13.

Je. 2. 20.

† According to the seek

ing.

s Je. 30. 10.

45. 57.

t Joel 2. 2.

u Is. 11. 1.

v Je. 23. 5.

w ch. 36. 24.

37. 21, 22.

Is. 65. 9. 10.

x Je. 23. 3.

† or, for re-

noun.

§ taken away

y ch. 37. 27.

z Ps. 23. 2.

a Ps. 100. 3.

b Jno. 10. 11.

a Je. 33. 12.

b Is. 40. 11.

mi. 4. 6.

c Mat. 18. 11.

d Mar. 2. 17.

e De. 2. 5.

f Je. 49. 7. 8.

Am. 1. 11.

Ob. 10, &c.

g Is. 10. 16.

Am. 4. 1.

f Je. 10. 24.

g Zec. 10. 3.

h Mat. 25. 32.

33.

i desolation

and desola-

tion, ver. 7.

j small cattle

of lambs

and kids.

† great he

goats.

† or, hatred

of old,

ch. 25. 15.

ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet?

19 And as for my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them; Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.

21 Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad;

22 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle.

23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.

25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

28 And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

29 And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.

30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord GOD.

31 And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XXXV.

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and a prophecy against it.

3 And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O mount Seir, I am against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate.

4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

5 Because thou hast had a perpetual

3. ye kill, &c. bringing false charges to obtain their wealth. 5. no shepherd, but in name. 10. to cease from feeding, David's descendants were henceforth excluded from the temporal dominion. 17. judge between, &c. Behold, I judge between man and man, sinners and the ungodly.—*l'argum.* Between those

that were oppressed and their oppressors.—*Booth.* 23. one shepherd, evidently a prophecy of Christ.—*Louth.* 29. plant, &c. Christ, a chance of figure. It may signify a prosperous state of the church.—*Davidson.*

CHAP. XXXV.—2. Seir, Edom or Idumea: Dent

hated, and hast * shed the blood of the children of Israel by the † force of the sword in the time of their calamity, * in the time that their iniquity had an end :

6 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee : † with thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee.

7 Thus will I make mount Seir † most desolate, and cut off from it † him that passeth out and him that returneth.

8 And † I will fill his mountains with his slain men : in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword.

9 I † will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return : and † ye shall know that I am the Lord.

10 Because thou hast said, † These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will † possess it ; † whereas † the Lord was there :

11 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will even do * according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them : and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged thee.

12 And † thou shalt know that I am the Lord, and that I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us † to consume.

13 Thus * with your mouth ye have † boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me : I have heard them.

14 Thus saith the Lord God ; * When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate.

15 As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee : thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea, even all of it : and they shall know that I am the Lord.

CHAP. XXXVI.

ALSO, thou son of man, prophesy unto the † mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord :

2 Thus saith the Lord God ; Because † the enemy hath said against you, Aha, † even the ancient high places † are our † in possession :

3 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God ; † Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, † and ye are † taken up in the lips of talkers, and are an infamy of the people :

4 Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God ; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which † became a prey and † derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about ;

5 Therefore thus saith the Lord God ; * Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I

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* poured out the children.

† hands.

a ch. 21. 25, 29.

Ps. 137. 7.

Da. 9. 24.

b Ps. 109. 17.

† desolation and desolation.

c ch. 20. 11.

Ju. 5. 6.

d Ps. 123. 3, 4.

e ch. 31. 12.

32. 5.

f ch. 20. 5.

g Je. 49. 17, 18.

Mal. 1. 3, 4.

h ch. 6. 7.

7. 4, 9.

36. 11.

i Phi. 4. 5.

He. 10. 37.

k Ps. 83. 4, 12.

§ or, though.

l ch. 4. 35.

Ps. 48. 1, 2.

132. 13, 14.

m Mar. 7. 2.

n Ja. 2. 13.

o Is. 55. 12.

61. 4.

Am. 9. 14.

p Je. 21. 27.

33. 12.

q Ps. 9. 16.

r † to devour.

s 1 Sa. 2. 3.

Re. 13. 6.

t Ob. 17, &c.

u magnified.

v Je. 15. 7.

w Is. 65. 13, 14.

x Nu. 13. 32.

y or, cause to fall.

z ac. 34. 23.

aa ch. 6. 2, 3.

ab Le. 15. 25, 27.

28.

ac Je. 2. 7.

ad ch. 15. 3.

26. 2.

ae De. 22. 13.

af ch. 35. 10.

ag Le. 15. 13.

&c.

* Because

for because.

ch. 15. 36, 38.

f De. 28. 37.

i Ki. 9. 7.

La. 2. 15.

Da. 9. 16.

g ch. 22. 15.

§ or, made to come upon the tip of the tongue.

h ch. 7. 3.

39. 24.

i Ro. 2. 6.

j Is. 52. 5.

k Ro. 2. 24.

l or, bottoms, or, dales.

m ch. 31. 28.

n Ps. 79. 4.

o ch. 20. 9, 14.

p ch. 38. 19.

De. 4. 24.

spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, which have appointed my land unto their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiseful minds, to cast it out for a prey.

6 Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord God ; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have † borne the shame of the heathen :

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord God ; I have † lifted up mine hand, Surely the heathen that are about you, they shall bear their shame.

8 * But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel ; for they are † at hand to come.

9 For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown :

10 And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it : and the cities shall be inhabited, and † the wastes shall be builded :

11 And † I will multiply upon you man and beast ; and they shall increase and bring fruit : and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings : and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

12 Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Israel ; * and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth † bereave them of men.

13 Thus saith the Lord God ; Because they say unto you, * Thou land devourest up men, and hast bereaved thy nations ;

14 Therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither † bereave thy nations any more, saith the Lord God.

15 Neither * will I cause men to hear in thee the shame of the heathen any more, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord God.

16 * Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, † they defiled it by their own way and by their doings : their way was before me as † the uncleanness of a removed woman.

18 Wherefore I poured my fury upon them * for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols where-with they had polluted it :

19 And I † scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries : † according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

20 And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they † profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the Lord, and are gone forth out of his land.

21 * But I had pity * for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went.

22 Therefore say unto the house of

fi. 5. : subject resumed from chap. xxv. 10. these two, i. e. Israel and Judah. the Lord was there, still regarded it as his own land. 11. according, &c. as thou hast hated them. I will punish thee. 14.

earth, may mean land of Israel.

CHAP. XXXVI.—2. ancient high places, even those accounted most sacred, such as the temple and courts. 14. devour—no more, by famine and pestilence, nor

Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD: I do not *this* for your sakes, O house of Israel, ^a but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be ^d sanctified in you before ^e their eyes.

24 For ^e I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25 ^f Then ^g will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: ^h from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A ⁱ new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my ^m spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

28 And ^o ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers: ^p and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

29 I will also ^q save you from all your uncleannesses: and ^r I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

30 And ^t I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

31 Then ^v shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and ^w shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

32 Not ^x for your sakes do I *this*, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

33 Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.

34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of ^e Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are become* fenced, and are inhabited.

36 Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined *places*, and plant that that was desolate: ^e I the LORD have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.

37 Thus saith the Lord GOD: ^f I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

38 As the ^g holy flock, as the flock of Je-

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^a Ps. 106. 8

^b ch. 1. 3.

^c ch. 3. 14.

^d ch. 3. 14.

^e ch. 3. 14.

^f ch. 3. 14.

^g ch. 3. 14.

^h ch. 3. 14.

ⁱ ch. 3. 14.

^j ch. 3. 14.

^k ch. 3. 14.

^l ch. 3. 14.

^m ch. 3. 14.

ⁿ ch. 3. 14.

^o ch. 3. 14.

^p ch. 3. 14.

^q ch. 3. 14.

^r ch. 3. 14.

^s ch. 3. 14.

^t ch. 3. 14.

^u ch. 3. 14.

^v ch. 3. 14.

^w ch. 3. 14.

^x ch. 3. 14.

^y ch. 3. 14.

^z ch. 3. 14.

^{aa} ch. 3. 14.

^{ab} ch. 3. 14.

^{ac} ch. 3. 14.

^{ad} ch. 3. 14.

^{ae} ch. 3. 14.

^{af} ch. 3. 14.

^{ag} ch. 3. 14.

^{ah} ch. 3. 14.

^{ai} ch. 3. 14.

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^{ak} ch. 3. 14.

^{al} ch. 3. 14.

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^{aw} ch. 3. 14.

^{ax} ch. 3. 14.

^{ay} ch. 3. 14.

^{az} ch. 3. 14.

^{ba} ch. 3. 14.

^{bb} ch. 3. 14.

^{bc} ch. 3. 14.

^{bd} ch. 3. 14.

^{be} ch. 3. 14.

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^{bh} ch. 3. 14.

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^{bn} ch. 3. 14.

^{bo} ch. 3. 14.

^{bp} ch. 3. 14.

^{bq} ch. 3. 14.

^{br} ch. 3. 14.

^{bs} ch. 3. 14.

^{bt} ch. 3. 14.

rusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XXXVII.

THE ^a hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out ^b in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which *was* full of bones,

2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many in the open ^c valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, ^d thou knowest.

4 Again he said unto me, ^e Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will ^f cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; ^g and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, *there was* a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them.

9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the ^h wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD: ⁱ Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain that they may live.

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, ^j and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

11 ^k Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are ^l the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, ^m Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

12 Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, O my people, ⁿ I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

13 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

14 And ^o shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, saith the LORD.

15 ^p The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

16 Moreover, thou son of man, ^q take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for ^r the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick

bereave by internal anarchy and oppression. 25. *sprinkle*, &c. alluding to the washings and sprinklings of the ritual law. 26, &c. *A new*, &c. These are promises of conversion, purity, peace, prosperity, eternal life.

CHAP. XXXVII.—1. *hand*, &c. Divine impulse: see ch. i. 3. *carried me*, &c. i. e. in mind, not in body.

Under the emblem of a resurrection of dry bones, is foretold the deliverance of the Jews. 16. *write upon it*, cutting letters upon a stick or branch of a tree is one of the most ancient modes of writing, and still practised in some parts. *another stick*, by the emblem of the two sticks is represented the incorporation of Israel and Judah, and the blessings of their union into one kingdom under Christ their King.

of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions:

17 And ^a join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

18 ^c And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, ^c Wilt thou not shew us what thou *meapest* by these?

19 Say ^d unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

20 ^e And the sticks wherewith thou writest shall be in thine hand ^e before their eyes.

21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

22 And ^f I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and ^g one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

24 And ^h David my servant shall be king over them; and ⁱ they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children ^j for ever: and ^k my servant David shall be their prince for ever.

26 Moreover I will make a ^l covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my ^m sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

27 My ⁿ tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be ^o their God, and they shall be my people.

28 And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do ^p sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son ^q of man, set thy face against ^r Gog, the land of Magog, ^s the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

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^a ver. 22, 24.

^b 2 Ki. 19, 23.

^c ch. 12, 9.

^d 24, 19.

^e Zec. 10, 6.

^f or, *Phut*.

^g ch. 27, 10.

^h Ge. 10, 2.

ⁱ Is. 8, 9, 10.

^j Jer. 3, 14.

^k 51, 12.

^l ch. 12, 3.

^m Ge. 49, 1.

ⁿ De. 4, 30.

^o Is. 29, 6.

^p Is. 11, 13.

^q Je. 3, 18.

^r 50, 4.

^s Ho. 1, 11.

^t Ep. 2, 19, 22.

^u ch. 34, 23, 24.

^v Ep. 2, 14.

^w Je. 23, 6.

^x Is. 28, 2.

^y Je. 4, 13.

^z or, *conceive a mischievous purpose*

^{aa} Je. 49, 31.

^{ab} Is. 40, 11.

^{ac} Je. 23, 5.

^{ad} 30, 9.

^{ae} Ho. 3, 5.

^{af} Lu. 1, 32.

^{ag} or, *confidently*.

^{ah} Jno. 10, 16.

^{ai} *spoil the spoil, and to prey the prey.*

^{aj} ch. 29, 19.

^{ak} ch. 36, 34, 35.

^{al} *navel.*

^{am} Ju. 9, 37.

^{an} Is. 60, 21.

^{ao} Joel 3, 20.

^{ap} Am. 9, 15.

^{aq} Jno. 12, 34.

^{ar} ch. 19, 3, 5.

^{as} Ps. 89, 3.

^{at} Is. 55, 3.

^{au} Je. 32, 40.

^{av} 2 Co. 6, 16.

^{aw} Le. 26, 11, 12.

^{ax} Jno. 1, 11.

^{ay} Is. 4, 1.

^{az} ch. 11, 20.

^{ba} 14, 11.

^{bb} ch. 39, 2.

^{bc} ch. 20, 12.

^{bd} Ex. 14, 4.

^{be} ch. 39, 21.

^{bf} ch. 39, 1.

^{bg} Re. 20, 8.

^{bh} or, *prince of the chief.*

^{bi} *by the hands of.*

^{bj} *by the hands of.*

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

4 And ^c I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, *even* a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

5 Persia, Ethiopia, and ^d Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

6 ^e Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: *and* many people with thee.

7 Be ^f thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

8 ^g After ^g many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land *that* is brought back from the sword, *and* is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

9 Thou shalt ascend and come ^h like a storm, thou shalt be ^h like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

10 Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, *that* at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:

11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will ⁱ go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places *that are now* inhabited, ^j and upon the people *that are* gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all ^k the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

14 ^l Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God; ^l In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know *it*?

15 And ^m thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, ⁿ that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

17 Thus saith the Lord God; ^o At thou he of whom I have spoken in old time ^o by

24. David, Christ, of the seed of David, and of whom David was a type.

CHAP. XXXVIII.—2. against Gog, &c. This prophecy is obscure, and generally thought to be unfulfilled. Gog was the common name of the kings of Scythia or Tartary, to whom this is supposed to relate. They ruled over Media for some time, and the Russians, Tatars, &c. have sprung from them. These

ancient Scythians and modern Tartars have overrun the centre of Asia and south-east of Europe. Gog and Magog may refer to them in their most extensive sense, and Meshech and Tubal be limited to the nearer and better portions of the whole.—See *Booth's* and *Pictorial Bible*. 6. Gomer, thought to be the inhabitants of Asia Minor. Gomer was the eldest son of Japhet: Gen. x. 2. Togarmah was the son of Gomer.

my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days *many* years that I would bring thee against them?

18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face.

19 For in my jealousy *b* and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, *c* Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

20 So that *d* the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, *e* and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the *f* steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

21 And I will *g* call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: *h* every man's sword shall be against his brother.

22 And I will *i* plead against him with *j* pestilence and with blood; and *k* I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and *l* great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAP. XXXIX.

THEREFORE, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

2 And I will turn thee back, and I leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the *a* north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: *b* I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every *c* sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

5 Thou shalt fall upon the *a* open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

6 And *b* I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell *c* carelessly in *d* the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them *e* pollute my holy name any more; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

8 *f* Behold, *g* it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken.

9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows,

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a or javelins.

b or, make a

c fire of them

d Is. 14. 2.

e Ps. 99. 46.

f Hag. 2. 6, 7.

g Re. 16. 18.

h Ho. 4. 3.

i or, mouths.

j Je. 4. 21.

k Na. 1. 5, 6.

l i. e. The

m multitude of Gog.

n or, towers,

o or, stairs.

p De. 21. 23.

q Ps. 105. 16.

r Ju. 7. 22.

s 1 Sa. 11. 20.

t 2 Ch. 20. 23.

u ch. 28. 22.

v Is. 66. 16.

w Je. 25. 31.

x ch. 5. 17.

y Ps. 11. 6.

z Is. 29. 6.

aa 30. 30.

ab men of con-

ac tinuance.

ad Re. 16. 21.

ae build.

af i. e. the

ag multitude.

ah Re. 19. 17.

ai to the foot

aj of every

ak wing.

al or, strike

am thee with

an sixpikes;

ao or, draw

ap thee back

aq with an

ar hook of six

as teeth.

at ch. 38. 4.

au Is. 18. 6.

av 34. 6.

aw Je. 12. 9.

ax Zep. 1. 7.

ay sides of the

az north.

ba or, slough-

bb ter.

bc Re. 19. 18.

bd great goats

be De. 32. 14.

bf De. 32. 12.

bg ch. 33. 27.

bh wing.

bi devour.

bj face of the

bk field.

bl Ps. 76. 6.

bm Re. 19. 18.

bn Am. 1. 4.

bo or, con-

bp fidently.

bq Ps. 72. 10.

br ch. 38. 16, 23.

bs Ex. 7. 4.

bt Le. 18. 21.

bu Jno. 17. 3.

bv Re. 16. 17.

bw 21. 6.

bx ch. 35. 18.

by 20, 23.

bz Is. 59. 2.

and the *a* handstaves, and the spears, and they shall *b* burn them with fire seven years:

10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *c* any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: *d* and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

11 *e* And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the *f* noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call *g* The valley of *h* Hamon-gog.

12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, *i* that they may cleanse the land.

13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a re-membrance the day that *j* I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.

14 And they shall sever out *k* men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

15 And the passengers that pass through the land, when *l* any seeth a man's bone, then shall he *m* set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.

16 And also the name of the city shall be: Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

17 *n* And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; *o* Speak *p* unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, *q* Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my *r* sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, *s* even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

18 Ye *t* shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of *u* goats, of bullocks, all of them *v* fatlings of Bashan.

19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 Thus *w* ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, *x* with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.

21 And *y* I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and *z* my hand that I have laid upon them.

22 So *aa* the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward.

23 *ab* And *c* the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore *d* hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they *e* all by the sword.

24 According to their uncleanness and

CHAP. XXXIX.—9. burn the weapons, the burning of heaps of armour in honour of their gods, was usual among the heathens after victory, and with the Romans it was an emblem of peace. So also with the Israelites: Jos. xi. 6: Ps. xlv. 9; Is. lx. 5; Nah. ii. 13. This comports with the design of the prophet here. seven years, may be literally true; but as seven is the number of sufficiency, it may mean a long time.

11. valley of the passengers, road for traders into Egypt from Syria, sea, lake of Gennesaret. stop the noses, &c. it could not be passed on account of the putrefied dead. Hamon-gog, the multitude of Gog. 16. Hamonah, i. e. a multitude, probably to be built as a memorial. 17. Speak, &c. persons who sacrificed invited friends to partake of the remainder; so here the beasts, &c. are invited.

according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.

25 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; ^a Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the ^b whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;

26 After ^c that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they ^d dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid.

27 When ^e I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' hands, and ^f am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

28 Then shall they know that I ^{am} the Lord their God, [†] which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

29 Neither ⁱ will I hide my face any more from them: for I have ^k poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XL.

IN the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that ^p the city was smitten, in the selfsame day ^r the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither.

2 In ^a the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, ^b and set me upon a very high mountain, ^c by which ^{was} as the frame of a city on the south.

3 And he brought me thither, and, behold, ^{there was} a man, whose appearance ^{was} ^{like} the appearance of brass, ^d with a line of flax in his hand, ^e and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

4 And the man said unto me, ^f Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew ^{them} unto thee ^{art thou} brought hither: ^g declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.

5 And behold ^a a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits ^{long} by the cubit and an hand breadth: so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

6 [†] Then came he unto the gate ^{||} which looketh toward the east, and went up the stairs thereof, and measured the threshold of the gate, ^{which was} one reed broad; and the other threshold of the gate, ^{which was} one reed broad.

7 And ^{every} little chamber ^{was} one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers ^{were} five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate within ^{was} one reed.

8 He measured also the porch of the gate within, one reed.

9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate ^{was} inward.

10 And the little chambers of the gate eastward ^{were} three on this side, and three

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^a ch. 34. 13.
Je. 30. 3, 18.
Ro. 11. 26.
31.

^b ch. 20. 40.
Ho. 1. 11.

^c limit, or, bound.

^d Da. 9. 16.

^e Le. 26. 5, 6.

^f ch. 28. 25, 26.

^g ch. 36. 23, 24.
38. 16.

^h Ex. 27. 9.

ⁱ Le. 6. 16.

^j Ps. 100. 4.

^k by my causing of them, &c.

^l 1 Ki. 6. 4.

^m closed.

ⁿ Is. 51. 8.

^o Joel 2. 28.

^p Zec. 12. 10.

^q Ac. 2. 17.

^r 1 Jno. 3. 24.

^s or, galleries, or, porches.

^t Jno. 5. 2.

^u or, within.

^v Ca. 7. 7, 8.

^w Ps. 92. 12.

^x Re. 7. 9.

^y Re. 11. 2.

^z 1 Ki. 6. 5.

^{aa} 2 Ch. 31. 11.

^{ab} ch. 45. 5.

^{ac} ch. 33. 21.

^{ad} ch. 1. 3.

^{ae} Re. 1. 19.

^{af} ch. 8. 3.

^{ag} Re. 21. 10.

^{ah} or, upon which.

^{ai} or, from without.

^{aj} ch. 1. 7.

^{ak} Da. 10. 6.

^{al} ch. 47. 3.

^{am} whose face was.

^{an} Re. 11. 1.

^{ao} 21. 15.

^{ap} ch. 44. 5.

^{aq} or, galleries, or, porches.

^{ar} ch. 43. 10.

^{as} 1 Co. 11. 23.

^{at} ch. 42. 20.

^{au} whose face was the way to-ward.

on that side; they three ^{were} of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side.

11 And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 The ^a space also before the little chambers ^{was} one cubit on this side, and the space ^{was} one cubit on that side: and the little chambers ^{were} six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

13 He measured then the gate from the roof of one little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth ^{was} five and twenty cubits, door against door.

14 He made also posts of threescore cubits, even unto the post of ^b the court round about the gate.

15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate ^{were} fifty cubits.

16 And ^c there ^{were} narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the ^d arches: and windows ^{were} round about inward: and upon each post ^{were} palm trees.

17 Then brought he me into ^e the outward court, and, lo, ^{there were} chambers, and a pavement made for the court round about: ^f thirty chambers ^{were} upon the pavement.

18 And the pavement by the side of the gates over against the length of the gates ^{was} the lower pavement.

19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court [†] without, an hundred cubits eastward and northward.

20 [†] And the gate of the outward court [†] that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof, and the breadth thereof.

21 And the little chambers thereof ^{were} three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the ^g arches thereof ^{were} after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof ^{was} fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

22 And their windows, and their arches, and their palm trees, ^{were} after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof ^{were} before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court ^{was} over against the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate an hundred cubits.

24 [†] After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures.

25 And ^{there were} windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length ^{was} fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

26 And ^{there were} seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof ^{were} before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof.

27 And ^{there was} a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured

from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate; and he measured the south gate according to these measures;

29 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

30 And the arches round about were five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad.

31 And the arches thereof were toward the utter court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it had eight steps.

32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures.

33 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, were according to these measures: and there were windows therein and in the arches thereof round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

34 And the arches thereof were toward the outward court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it had eight steps.

35 And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures;

36 The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

37 And the posts thereof were toward the utter court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it had eight steps.

38 And the chambers and the entries thereof were by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering.

39 And in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering.

40 And at the side without, as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, were two tables; and on the other side, which was at the porch of the gate, were two tables.

41 Four tables were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew their sacrifices.

42 And the four tables were of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and an half long, and a cubit and an half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And within were hooks, an hand broad, fastened round about: and upon the tables was the flesh of the offering.

44 And without the inner gate were the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and their prospect was toward the south: one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north.

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^a Le. 8. 35.
Nu. 3. 27, 28, 32, 35.

18. 5.

1 Ch. 9. 23.

2 Ch. 13. 11.

Ps. 134. 1.

1 Ti. 6. 20.

* or, ward,
or, ordi-
nance.
ver. 46.

b ch. 44. 15.

Nu. 18. 5.

c ch. 43. 19.

44. 15, 16.

1 Ki. 2. 35.

d Le. 10. 3.

Nu. 16. 5, 40.

Ep. 2. 13.

e ver. 21, 25,

33, 36.

f breadth.

g 1 Ki. 6. 3.

h 1 Ki. 7. 21.

Je. 52. 17.

i Zec. 6. 12, 13.

Ep. 2. 20, 22.

1 Pe. 2. 5.

Re. 3. 12.

j or, en-
trance.
Jno. 10. 7, 9.

k 1 Ki. 6. 20.

2 Ch. 3. 8.

l He. 9. 3, 8.

m Le. 1. 9.

8. 21.

n He. 10. 22.

o Le. 4. 2, 3.

p Le. 5. 6.

6. 6.

7. 1.

q 1 Ki. 6. 5, 6.

r side cham-
ber over
side cham-
ber.

s or, three
and thirty
times, or,
foot.

t or, at the
step.

u be holden.

v it was
made
broader,
and went
round.

w 1 Ki. 6. 8.

Mat. 13. 32.

He. 6. 1.

x ch. 40. 5.

y or, end-
irons, or,
the two
hearth-
stones.

z 1 Ch. 6. 31.

Ep. 5. 19.

Col. 3. 16.

45 And he said unto me, This chamber whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.

46 And the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, which come near to the Lord to minister unto him.

47 So he measured the court, an hundred cubits long, and an hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar that was before the house.

48 And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

49 Thus length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; and he brought me by the steps whereby they went up to it: and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

CHAP. XLI.

AFTERWARD he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the tabernacle.

2 And the breadth of the door was ten cubits; and the sides of the door were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits: and the breadth, twenty cubits.

3 Then went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits.

4 So he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me, This is the most holy place.

5 After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side.

6 And the side chambers were three, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which was of the house for the side chambers round about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

7 And there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers: for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house was still upward, and so increased from the lowest chamber to the highest by the midst.

8 I saw also the height of the house round about: the foundations of the side chambers were a full reed of six great cubits.

9 The thickness of the wall, which was for the side chamber without, was five cubits: and that which was left was the place of the side chambers that were within.

10 And between the chambers was the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

11 And the doors of the side chambers were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits round about.

12 Now the building that was before the separate place at the end toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

13 So he measured the house, an hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, an hundred cubits long;

14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building over against the separate place which was behind it, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, an hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court;

16 The door posts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, § cieled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows were covered;

17 To that above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by § measure.

18 And it was made * with cherubims and palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a cherub and a cherub; and every cherub had two faces;

19 So * that the face of a man was toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side: it was made through all the house round about.

20 From the ground unto above the door were cherubims and palm trees made, and on the wall of the temple.

21 The * posts of the temple were squared, and the face of the sanctuary; the appearance of the one as the appearance of the other.

22 The altar of wood was three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof, were of wood: and he said unto me, This is the table that is before the LORD.

23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

24 And the doors had two leaves apiece, two turning leaves; two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other door.

25 And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubims and palm trees, like as were made upon the walls; and there were thick planks upon the face of the porch without.

26 And there were * narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and upon the side chambers of the house, and thick planks.

CHAP. XLII.

THEN he brought me forth into the utter court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into P the chamber

B. C. 574.

a ch. 41. 16.

* or, did eat of these.

† or, and the building consisted of the lower and the middlemost.

‡ or, several walks, or, walks with pillars.

b ch. 40. 16.

§ cieled of wood.

|| or, and the ground unto the windows.

* or, from the place.

† or, he that brought me

‡ or, as he came.

§ measures.

c 1 Ki. 6. 29.

d ver. 4.

* ch. 1. 10.

|| post.

f Ex. 30. 1.

g Le. 6. 16, 26. 24. 9.

h ch. 44. 16. Mal. 1. 7, 12. 1 Co. 10. 21.

i Le. 2. 3. 10. 6. 14, 17. 25. 29.

7. 1. 19. 13, 14. Nu. 18. 9, 10.

k Ex. 30. 5.

l 1 Ki. 6. 31. 35.

m ch. 44. 19.

n Is. 61. 10. Zec. 3. 4, 5.

o ch. 40. 16.

* wind.

P ch. 41. 12, 15.

that was over against the separate place, and which was before the building toward the north.

2 Before the length of an hundred cubits was the north door, and the breadth was fifty cubits.

3 Over against the twenty cubits which were for the inner court, and over against the pavement which was for the utter court, was a gallery against gallery in three stories.

4 And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north.

5 Now the upper chambers were shorter: for the galleries * were higher than these, † than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building.

6 For they were in three stories, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore the building was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

7 And the wall that was without over against the chambers, toward the utter court on the forefront of the chambers, the length thereof was fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers that were in the utter court was fifty cubits: and, lo, before the temple were an hundred cubits.

9 And * from under these chambers was † the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the utter court.

10 The chambers were in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building.

11 And † the way before them was like the appearance of the chambers which were toward the north, as long as they, and as broad as they: and all their goings out were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

12 And according to the doors of the chambers that were toward the south was a door in the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

13 ¶ Then said he unto me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they be holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD § shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and † the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy.

14 When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the utter court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they are holy; * and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to those things which are for the people.

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it round about.

16 He measured the east * side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

17 He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

18 He measured the south side, five

hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.
 19 [†] He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

20 He measured it by the four sides: ^a it had a wall round about, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make ^b a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

CHAP. XLIII.

AFTERWARD he brought me to the gate, *even* the gate ^d that looketh toward the east:

2 And, ^e behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and ^f his voice *was* like a noise of many waters: and ^g the earth shined with his glory.

3 And it *was* ^h according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, *even* according to the vision that I saw when I came I to ⁱ destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw ^j by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

4 And ^k the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east.

5 So ^l the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, ^m the glory of the LORD filled the house.

6 And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and ⁿ the man stood by me.

7 ^o And he said unto me, Son of man, ^p the place of my throne, and ^q the place of the soles of my feet, ^r where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel ^s no more defile, *neither* they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by ^t the carcasses of their kings in their high places.

8 In ^u their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, ^v and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger.

9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and ^w the carcasses of their kings, far from me, ^x and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

10 ^y Thou son of man, ^z shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the ^{aa} pattern.

11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write ^{ab} it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

12 This ^{ac} is the law of the house: Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about *shall be* most holy. Behold, ^{ad} this is the law of the house.

13 ^{ae} And these *are* the measures of the altar after the cubits: ^{af} The cubit is a cubit and an hand breadth; *even* the ^{ag} bottom *shall be* a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the ^{ah} sedge

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^a ch. 40. 5.^b Lu. 16. 26.^c Harel, i. e. the mountain of God^d Ariel, i. e. the lion of God.

Is. 29. 1.

^e Ps. 118. 27.^f ch. 44. 1.

46. 1.

^g ch. 11. 23.^h Re. 1. 15.

14. 2.

19. 1, 6.

ⁱ Re. 18. 1.^j Ex. 20. 26.^k ch. 1. 4, 28.^l or, to prophesy that the city should be destroyed.

ch. 9. 1, 5.

^m Je. 1. 10.ⁿ ch. 3. 23.^o Le. 1. 5.^p ch. 10. 19.^q ch. 44. 15.^r ch. 8. 3.^s Ex. 29. 10, 12.

Le. 8. 14, 15.

^t 1 Ki. 8. 10, 11.^u ch. 40. 3.^v Ps. 99. 1.^w 1 Ch. 28. 2.^x Ps. 99. 5.^y Ex. 29. 45.^z Jno. 1. 14.^{aa} 2 Co. 6. 15.^{ab} Ex. 29. 14.^{ac} He. 13. 11.^{ad} ch. 39. 7.^{ae} Le. 26. 30.^{af} Je. 16. 18.^{ag} 2 Ki. 16. 11.

21. 4, 5, 7.

^{ah} or, for there was but a wall between me and them.^{ai} Le. 2. 13.^{aj} ver. 7.^{ak} Ex. 29. 35, 38.

Le. 8. 33.

^{al} Ps. 68. 16.

132. 14.

^{am} Joel 3. 17.^{an} ch. 40. 4.^{ao} fill their hands.

Ex. 29. 24.

^{ap} or, sum, or number.^{aq} Le. 9. 1.^{ar} or, thank offerings.^{as} Job 42. 8.

Ro. 12. 1.

^{at} 1 Pe. 2. 5.^{au} ch. 43. 1.^{av} ch. 41. 8.^{aw} bosom.^{ax} Ge. 31. 54.^{ay} 1 Co. 10. 18.^{az} lip.^{ba} ch. 46. 2, 8.

thereof round about *shall be* a span: and this *shall be* the higher place of the altar.

14 And from the bottom *upon* the ground *even* to the lower settle *shall be* two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle *even* to the greater settle *shall be* four cubits, and the breadth one cubit.

15 So ^a the altar *shall be* four cubits; and from ^b the altar and upward *shall be* ^c four horns.

16 And the altar *shall be* twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof.

17 And the settle *shall be* fourteen cubits long and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof; and the border about it *shall be* half a cubit; and the bottom thereof *shall be* a cubit about; and ^d his stairs shall look toward the east.

18 ^e And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord God; These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to ^f sprinkle blood thereon.

19 And thou shalt give to ^g the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord God, ^h a young bullock for a sin offering.

20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it.

21 Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin offering, and he ⁱ shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, ^j without the sanctuary.

22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock.

23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

24 And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, ^k and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

25 Seven ^l days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.

26 Seven days shall they purge the altar and purify it; and they shall ^m consecrate themselves.

27 And ⁿ if when these days are expired, it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your ^o peace offerings; and I will ^p accept you, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XLIV.

THEN he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary ^q which looketh toward the east; and it *was* shut.

2 Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

3 It is for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to ^r eat bread before the LORD; ^s he shall enter by the way of the

porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

4 Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house : and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD : and I fell upon my face.

5 And the LORD said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof : and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God ; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations,

7 In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer ^{me} my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

8 And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things : but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

9 Thus saith the LORD God ; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

10 And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols : they shall even bear their iniquity.

11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house : they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.

12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity ; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the LORD God, and they shall bear their iniquity.

13 And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place : but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the LORD God :

16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

17 And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with

B. C. 574.

a ch. 3. 23.
* in, or, with sweat, or, in sweating places.
† set thine heart.
b Ex. 29. 37.
Mat. 23. 17, 19.
c 1 Pe. 4. 3.
d Ac. 21. 28.
‡ children of a stranger.
e Le. 22. 25.
f Le. 21. 7, 13.
§ thrust forth.
g Le. 26. 41.
De. 10. 16.
Ac. 7. 51.
|| from a priest.
h Le. 21. 6, 8, 17, 21.
i Le. 3. 16.
k Mal. 2. 7.
l Le. 22. 2, &c.
* or, ward, or, ordinance.
ch. 49. 45.
m De. 17. 8, &c.
2 Ch. 19. 8, 10.
n Mar. 16. 16.
o Jno. 3. 3. 5.
p ch. 22. 26.
p Le. 21. 1, &c.
r 2 Ki. 23. 8, &c.
s Nu. 6. 10.
19. 11, &c.
t 1 Ch. 23. 1.
u 2 Ch. 23. 34.
v Nu. 16. 9.
x Le. 4. 3.
y Is. 9. 16.
† were for a stumbling-block of iniquity unto, &c.
ch. 14. 3, 4.
z Nu. 18. 20.
De. 10. 9.
18. 1, 2.
Jos. 13. 14, 33.
a Ps. 106. 26.
b Le. 6. 18, 23.
7. 6.
c Nu. 18. 2.
d Le. 27. 21, 28.
Nu. 18. 14.
† or, devoted.
‡ or, chief.
e Ex. 13. 2.
23. 25, 31.
25. 19.
Nu. 3. 13.
f Nu. 15. 20.
Nu. 10. 37.
g 1 Ch. 23. 28, 32.
h Mal. 3. 10.
i Le. 22. 8.
k 1 Sa. 2. 35.
|| cause the land to fall.
l ch. 47. 22.
m Pr. 3. 9, 10.
* holiness.
n Ex. 34. 27, 28.
† or, void places.

linen garments ; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins ; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat.

19 And when they go forth into the utter court, even into the utter court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments ; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long ; they shall only poll their heads.

21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away : but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment ; and they shall judge it according to my judgments : and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies ; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

25 And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves : but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves.

26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.

27 And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the LORD God.

28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance : I am their inheritance : and ye shall give them no possession in Israel : I am their possession.

29 They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering ; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be their's.

30 And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's : ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.

31 The priests shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

CHAP. XLV.

MOREOVER, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the LORD, an holy portion of the land : the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about.

2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred in length, with five hundred in breadth, square round about ; and fifty cubits round about for the suburbs thereof.

3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: ⁶ and in it shall be the sanctuary and the most holy place.

4 The holy portion of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the LORD: and it shall be a place for their houses, and an holy place for the sanctuary.

5 And ⁷ the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers.

6 ¹¹ And ⁴ ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7 ¹¹ And ¹ a portion shall be for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy portion, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy portion, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length shall be over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border.

8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and ⁹ my princes shall no more oppress my people; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

9 ¹¹ Thus saith the LORD GOD: ^P Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: ⁷ remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, ⁸ take away your ⁹ exactions from my people, saith the LORD GOD.

10 Ye shall have just ¹¹ balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.

11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer.

12 And the ⁹ shekel shall be twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.

13 This is the oblation that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of barley:

14 Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, ye shall offer the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is an homer of ten baths; for ten baths are an homer:

15 And one ¹ lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for ⁵ peace offerings, ⁶ to make reconciliation for them, saith the LORD GOD.

16 All the people of the land ¹¹ shall give this oblation ^{*} for the prince in Israel.

17 And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the ¹ peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.

18 Thus saith the LORD GOD: In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and ⁶ cleanse the sanctuary:

B. C. 574.

^a ch. 43. 20.^b ch. 48. 10.^c Le. 4. 27.^d Ex. 12. 18.

Nu. 9. 2, 3.

28. 16, 17.

De. 16. 1, &c

^e ch. 48. 13.^f ch. 40. 17.^g Le. 4. 14.^h ch. 48. 15.ⁱ Le. 23. 8.^k Nu. 29. 5, &c^l ch. 48. 21.^m ch. 46. 5, 7.ⁿ Le. 23. 33.

De. 16. 13.

^o ch. 22. 27.

46. 18.

Pr. 28. 16.

Je. 22. 17.

Ja. 2. 6.

5. 1, 6.

^p ch. 44. 6.^r Je. 22. 3.

Lu. 3. 14.

^s Ne. 5. 1, 12.

1 Co. 6. 7, 8.

^{*} expulsions.^t ch. 44. 3.^u Le. 19. 35, 36.

Pr. 11. 1.

^v Lu. 1. 10.

Jno. 10. 9.

He. 10. 19.

22.

^y Ex. 30. 13.

Le. 27. 25.

Nu. 3. 47.

^z ch. 45. 17.^a ch. 45. 29.[†] the gift of his hand.

De. 16. 17.

[‡] or, kid.[§] or, thank offerings.^b Le. 1. 4.

Ro. 5. 10.

2 Co. 5. 19.

21.

Ep. 2. 16.

Col. 1. 20, 21.

He. 2. 17.

^{||} shall be for.^{*} or, with.^c Ex. 23. 14.

De. 16. 17.

Ps. 84. 7.

[†] or, thank offerings.^d Phi. 3. 13, 14.

He. 10. 38.

2 Pe. 2. 20.

21.

^e Le. 16. 16.

19 And ^a the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 And so thou shalt do the seventh day of the month ^c for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple: so shall ye reconcile the house.

21 In ^d the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22 And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land ^e a bullock for a sin offering.

23 And ^f seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; ^g and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering.

24 And ^h he shall prepare a meat offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of oil for an ephah.

25 In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the ⁱ feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meat offering, and according to the oil.

CHAP. XLVI.

THUS saith the LORD GOD: The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

2 And ^j the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

3 Likewise the people of the land ^k shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

4 And the burnt offering that ^l the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

5 And ^m the meat offering shall be an ephah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs ⁿ as he shall be able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

6 And in the day of the new moon ^o it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

7 And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of that gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

9 ^p But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, ^q he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of

the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.

10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth.

11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

12 Now when the prince shall prepare ^b a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the LORD, ^c one shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth ^d one shall shut the gate.

13 Thou ^e shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto the LORD of a lamb ^f of the first year without blemish: thou shalt prepare it every morning.

14 And thou shalt prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the LORD.

15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat offering, and the oil, every morning for ^h a continual burnt offering.

16 ^g Thus saith the Lord God; If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his sons'; it shall be their possession by inheritance.

17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to ⁱ the year of liberty; after it shall return to the prince: but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.

18 Moreover ^j the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; but he shall give his sons inheritance ^k out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

19 ^l After he brought me through the entry, which ^m was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there ⁿ was a place on the two sides westward.

20 Then said he unto me, This is the place where the priests shall ^o boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall ^p bake the meat offering; that they bear ^q them not out into the utter court, ^r to sanctify the people.

21 Then he brought me forth into the utter court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, ^s in every corner of the court there ^t was a court.

22 In the four corners of the court there ^u were courts ^v joined of forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four ^w corners were of one measure.

23 And there ^x was a row of building round about in them, round about them four, and it ^y was made with boiling places under the rows round about.

24 Then said he unto me, These ^z are the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

B. C. 574.

^a Joel 3. 18.

Zec. 13. 1.

14. 8.

Jno. 7. 37.

39.

Re. 22. 1.

^b 1 Ki. 3. 4.

1 Ch. 29. 21.

2 Ch. 29. 31.

&c.

Ro. 12. 1.

Ep. 5. 2.

^c ch. 44. 3.^d ch. 40. 3.^e waters of the ancles.

Lu. 24. 49.

^f Ac. 10. 45. 46^g Ex. 29. 38.

Nu. 28. 3.

Jno. 1. 23.

1 Pe. 1. 19. 20

^h a son of his year.ⁱ Ac. 19. 10.

20.

Ro. 15. 19.

^j morning by morning^k waters of swimming.

Mat. 13. 31.

32.

Re. 7. 9.

^l Je. 1. 11. 13.

Mat. 13. 51.

^m He. 7. 27.

9. 26.

ⁿ lip.

Re. 22. 2.

^o Le. 25. 10.^p or, plain.

De. 3. 17.

4. 49.

Jos. 3. 16.

^q ch. 45. 8.^r two rivers.^s Jno. 10. 28.

Ep. 4. 8.

^t ch. 48. 28.

Nu. 34. 6.

Jos. 23. 4.

^u 2 Ch. 35. 13.^v or, and

that which shall not be

healed.

^w Le. 2. 4. 5. 7.^x ch. 44. 19.^y come up.^z Job 3. 16.

Pa. 1. 3.

Je. 17. 8.

^a or, principal.^b a court in a corner of a court,

and a court in a corner of a court.

^c or, made with channels.

Re. 22. 2.

^d or, bruises and sores.^e cornered.^f ch. 48. 4. 5.

Ge. 48. 5.

1 Ch. 5. 1.

^g or, swore.^h Ge. 12. 7.

28. 13.

ⁱ ch. 48. 29.

CHAP. XLVII.

AFTERWARD he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, ^a waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.

2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

3 And when ^d the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the ^e waters were to the ancles.

4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; ^f the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.

5 Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, ^g waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

6 ^h And he said unto me, Son of man, ⁱ hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the ^j bank of the river were very many ^k trees on the one side and on the other.

8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the ^l desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

9 And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the ^m rivers shall come, shall live. and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from En-gedi even unto En-gelaim; they shall be a ⁿ place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of ^o the great sea, exceeding many.

11 But the miry places thereof and the marishes thereof: shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.

12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall ^p grow all trees for meat, ^q whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth ^r new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof ^s for ^t medicine.

13 ^u Thus saith the Lord God; This shall be the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: ^v Joseph shall have two portions.

14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: ^w concerning the which I ^x lifted ^y up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall ^z fall unto you for inheritance.

15 And this shall be the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, ^a the way of Hethlon, as men go to ^b Zedad;

16 Hamath, ^c Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; ^{*} Hazar-hatticon, which is by the coast of Hauran.

17 And the border from the sea shall be ^e Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And this is the north side.

18 And the east side ye shall measure [§] from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And this is the east side.

19 And the south side southward, from Tamar even to [§] the waters of [¶] strife in Kadesh, the ^{*} river to the great sea. And this is the south side [†] southward.

20 The west side also shall be the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This is the west side.

21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel.

22 [¶] And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: [‡] and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

23 And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord God.

CHAP. XLVIII.

NOW these are the names of the tribes. [‡] From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath. Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east and west; [†] a portion for Dan.

2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, ^a a portion for Asher.

3 And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, ^e a portion for Naphtali.

4 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, [¶] a portion for Manasseh.

5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side, [†] a portion for Ephraim.

6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side, [‡] a portion for Reuben.

7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side, ^a a portion for Judah.

8 [¶] And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be [‡] the offering which ye shall offer of five and twenty thousand reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the other parts, from the east side unto the west side; and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.

9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto the LORD shall be of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth.

10 And for them, ^{*} even for the priests,

B. C. 574.

a ch. 48. 1.

b Nu. 34. 8.

c 2 Sa. 8. 8.

^{*} or, the middle village.

[†] or, The sanctified portion shall be for the priests.

d ch. 44. 15.

e Nu. 34. 9.

[‡] or, ward, or, ordinance. Mat. 24. 45.

2 Ti. 4. 7.

1 Pe. 5. 4.

f ch. 44. 10.

§ from between.

g Nu. 20. 13. De. 32. 51. Ps. 81. 7.

h or, Meribah

^{*} or, valley.

[†] or, toward Teman.

i Ex. 22. 29. Le. 27. 10, 23, 33.

j ch. 42. 20.

k Ep. 2. 12. 22. 3. 6. Re. 7. 9, 10.

l Ac. 15. 9. Ro. 10. 12. Ga. 3. 28. Col. 3. 11.

m ch. 47. 15, &c.

[‡] one portion Jos. 15. 49. 47.

n Jos. 19. 21. 31.

o Jos. 9. 47. Ne. 7. 46. 62.

p Jos. 19. 32. 39.

q Jos. 17. 1. 11.

r Jos. XVI. 17. 14. 18.

s ch. 45. 7.

t Jos. 13. 15. 21.

u Jos. XV.

v ver. 8, 10.

x ch. 45. 1. 6.

y Jos. 18. 21. 28.

z Mat. 10. 10. 1 Co. 9. 13, 14.

§ one portion.

shall be this holy oblation; toward the north five and twenty thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.

11 [†] It ^d shall be for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; which have kept my [‡] charge, which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, ^f as the Levites went astray.

12 And this oblation of the land that is offered shall be unto them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites.

13 And over against the border of the priests the Levites shall have five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.

14 And [‡] they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the firstfruits of the land: for it is holy unto the LORD.

15 [¶] And the five thousand, that are left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, shall be [‡] a profane place for the city, for dwelling, and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst thereof.

16 And these shall be the measures thereof: the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred.

17 And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

18 And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy portion shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and it shall be over against the oblation of the holy portion; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto [¶] them that serve the city.

19 And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.

20 All the oblation shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation foursquare, with the possession of the city.

21 [¶] And [‡] the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, over against the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, over against the portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy oblation; [¶] and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof.

22 Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the west side [¶] Benjamin shall have [§] a portion.

24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side, ^a Simeon shall have a portion.

25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side, ^c Issachar a portion.

26 And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side, ^d Zebulun a portion.

27 And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side, ^e Gad a portion.

28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto ^f the waters of ^g strife in Kadesh, and to the river toward the great sea.

29 This ^h is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, saith the Lord God.

30 ⁱ And these are the goings out of the

B. C. 574.

^a Jos 19 1. 9.

^b Re. 21. 12,

&c.

^c Jos. 19. 17.

23.

^d Jos. 19. 10.

16.

^e Jos. 13. 24.

28.

^f ch. 47. 19.

^g Meribah-

kadesh.

^h ch. 47. 14. 21.

ⁱ Je. 33. 16.

[†] Jehovah-

shanmah.

Ex. 17. 15.

Ju. 6. 24.

[†] Je. 3. 17.

Joel 3. 21.

Zec. 2. 10.

Re. 21. 3.

22. 3.

city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures.

31 And ^b the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.

33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.

34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.

35 It was round about eighteen thousand measures: ^a and the name of the city from that day shall be, [†] The [†] LORD is there.

CHAP. XLVIII. — 35. The Lord is there, an allusion to the Shekinah, or symbol of the Divine presence, which was in the first, but most certainly was

not in the second temple. The descriptions of the temple in 1 Kings and 1 Chronicles may assist in the better understanding of this vision.

The Book of DANIEL.

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CHAP. I.

IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah ^b came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god: and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

3 ^c And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring [†] certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

4 Children ^c in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability to stand in the king's palace, and / whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine [†] which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might ^g stand before the king.

6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs ^a gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

8 ^h But Daniel purposed in his heart

B. C. 607.

^a De. 32. 38.

Eze. 4. 13.

Ho. 9. 3.

^b 2 Ki. 24. 1.

2 Ch. 36. 6.

^c Ps. 39. 21.

Pr. 106. 46.

^d Je. 10. 10.

11. 2.

Is. 11. 11.

Zec. 5. 11.

^g sadder.

[†] Foretold

2 Ki. 20. 17,

18.

Is. 39. 7.

[†] or, term,

or, continuance.

^c Le. 24. 19, 20.

^d or, the

steward.

^e of pulse.

^g that we

may eat,

&c.

^f Ac. 7. 22.

[†] of his

drink.

^g Ge. 41. 46.

1 Ki. 10. 8.

^h 2 Ki. 24. 17.

1 Ki. 3. 12.

Ja. 1. 5, 17.

that he would not defile himself ^a with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now ^c God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces ^g worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king.

11 Then said Daniel to ^g Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us ^h pulse ^{*} to eat, and water to drink.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

17 ^h As for these four children, [†] God

CHAP. I. — 3. eunuchs, rather 'chamberlains' or 'officers.' 4. Children, means young persons, and often under thirty: see Gen. xlv. 20: 2 Kin. ii. 23, 24. no blemish, in the east a fine person is a recommendation for the royal service. might teach, the Chaldeans excelled in various sciences, particularly in astronomy. 7. Belteshazzar, i. e. 'Bel's treasurer.' Shadrach, some think means 'the king's messenger.'

Abed-nego, 'servant of light.' 8. defile himself, &c. some of the food was unclean by Moses's law, and all according to their custom first offered to Bel—these would defile a worshipper of Jehovah: see 1 Cor. viii. 10; Ezek. iv. 13. 9. tender love, or compassionate regard. 10. your faces worse, which he thought would be the result from weak food. sort, or age and station. 12. pulse, signifies fruits and vegetables.

gave them ^a knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and ^b Daniel had ^c understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore ^d stood they before the king.

20 And ^e in all matters of wisdom ^f and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

21 And ^f Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

CHAP. II.

AND in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, ^g wherewith his spirit was troubled, and ^h his sleep brake from him.

2 Then ⁱ the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, ^j O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be ^k cut ^l in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

6 But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.

8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would ^m gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.

9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, ⁿ there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.

10 ^o The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore ^p there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things in any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

11 And ^q it is a rare thing that the king

B. C. 606.

^a Ac. 7. 22.

^b or, he made

^c Daniel understand.

^d ch. 5. 11.

^e Nu. 12. 6.

^f 2 Ch. 26. 5.

^g Ch. returned.

^h Ge. 41. 46.

ⁱ Ch. chief of the executioners, or slaughtermen, or, chief marshal.

^j Ge. 37. 36.

^k 1 Ki. 10. 1.

^l of.

^m ch. 6. 23.

ⁿ 10. 1.

^o He lived to see that glorious time of the return of his people from the Babylonian captivity, though he did not die then. So till is used, Ps. 110. 1.

^p 112. 8.

^q Ge. 41. 8.

^r Es. 6. 1.

^s Mar. 15. 19.

^t Ch. from before God.

^u Ex. 7. 11.

^v or, that they should not destroy Daniel, &c.

^w Job 33. 15, 16

^x Ps. 113. 2.

^y 115. 13.

^z 1 Ki. 1. 31.

^{aa} Je. 32. 13.

^{ab} 1 Ch. 29. 30.

^{ac} Job 12. 18.

^{ad} Ps. 75. 6, 7.

^{ae} Ja. 1. 5.

^{af} Ps. 25. 14.

^{ag} Ch. made pieces.

^{ah} Ezr. 6. 11.

^{ai} Ps. 139. 11, 12

^{aj} He. 4. 13.

^{ak} Ja. 1. 17.

^{al} or, see, ch. 5. 17.

^{am} Ch. buy, Ep. 5. 16.

^{an} Es. 4. 11.

^{ao} Ch. That I have found

^{ap} Ch. children of the captivity of Judah.

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^{ar} 12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

^{as} 13 And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

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28 But ^a there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar ^b what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

30 But ^c as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for ^d their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

31 ^e Thou, O king, sawest, and beheld a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

32 This ^f image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his ^g thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out ^h without ⁱ hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became ^j like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that ^k no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image ^l became a great mountain, ^m and filled the whole earth.

36 ⁿ This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 Thou, ^o O king, art a king of kings: ^p for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

38 And ^q wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And ^r the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle them-

B. C. 603.

* Ch. this

with this.

a Ge. 40. 8.

Am. 4. 13.

+ Ch. their

days.

t Ch. hath

made known

b Ge. 49. 10.

Ps. 110. 1.

Is. 9. 6, 7.

Mat. 3. 2.

Ep. 1. 20..22

c Ge. 49. 1.

d Mt. 4. 7.

Lu. 1. 32, 33.

§ Ch. king-

dom there-

of.

§ Ps. 2. 9.

Is. 60. 12.

1 Co. 15. 24.

|| Ch. came

up.

f Is. 28. 16.

* or, which

was not in

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§ Ge. 41. 16.

Ac. 3. 12.

+ Ch. after

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h Ac. 10. 25.

28. 6.

§ Ch. wast

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i Ezr. 6. 10.

k ver. 33, &c.

|| or, sides.

l ver. 6.

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ver. 45.

m Zec. 4. 6.

2 Co. 5. 1.

He. 9. 21.

n ch. 5. 11.

o ch. 3. 12.

p Ps. 1. 4.

q Es. 2. 19, 21.

3. 2.

r Ps. 37. 10, 36.

t Is. 2. 2, 3.

* Ex. 20. 23.

Ps. 115. 4, 8.

Ac. 17. 23.

v Ps. 80. 9.

z Ho. 8. 10.

y Ezr. 1. 2.

z Je. 27. 6.

a Jno. 11. 48.

+ Ch. with

might.

z Ch. they

command.

§ Ch. sym-

phony, or,

singing.

|| or, brittle.

selves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave ^a one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

41 And in ^b the days of these kings shall the God of heaven ^c set up a kingdom, ^d which shall never be destroyed: and the ^e kingdom shall not be left to other people, ^f but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

45 Forasmuch ^g as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain ^h without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold: the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass ⁱ hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

46 ^j Then ^k the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation ^l and sweet odours unto him.

47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth ^m it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.

48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, ⁿ and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and ^o chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 Then Daniel requested of the king, ^p and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel ^q sat in the gate of the king.

CHAP. III.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king made ^a an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then an herald ^b cried aloud, To you ^c it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages;

5 That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psalter, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

6 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute,

who truly know Him increase in wisdom. 30. their, himself, his companions, and people. 32. head, the Babylonian empire, ver. 37. 38. breast—arms, Medo-Persian kingdom. belly—thighs, Macedonian empire. 33. legs. Roman empire. 34. stone, the Jews all understand to mean the Messiah. 43. mingle, &c. mix with the people of other nations. 44. a kingdom, the spiritual kingdom of the Messiah. 46. worshipped, rather, 'did obeisance,' as in the east; cer-

tainly this was not Divine worship, as some think, or Daniel would have reproved him.—Ed. oblation and sweet odours, marks of reverence and honour in the east. 48. a great man, this very name is the official title of Chinese dignitaries. 49. in the gate, or king's court.

CHAP. III.—5. cornet, a sort of trumpet. flute, or pipe. sackbut, a four-stringed instrument. psalter, a sort of drum. 6. fiery furnace, burning alive

harp, sackbut, psalter, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8 ¶ Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.

9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, " O king, live for ever.

10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psalter, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:

11 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

12 There *f* are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, *g* have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

13 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, *Is it* true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psalter, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; *well*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; *and* who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, *we* are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

17 If it be so, our God whom we serve *is* able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

19 ¶ Then was Nebuchadnezzar *full* of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

20 And he commanded the *†* most mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their *†* coats, their hosen, and their *†* hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore because the king's *†* commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the *†* flame of the fire *†* slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Me-

B. C. 580.

a 2 Co. 4. 17.

1 Pe. 4. 12, 13.

• or, governors.

b ch. 6. 12.

Ac. 28. 22.

1 Pe. 4. 3, 4.

c ch. 2. 4.

5. 10.

6. 6, 21.

d Is. 43. 2.

† Ch. there is no hurt in them.

e Job 1. 6.

38. 7.

Ps. 34. 7.

† Ch. door.

f ch. 2. 49.

§ Ch. have set no regard upon thee.

§ Is. 43. 2.

He. 11. 34.

h Mat. 10. 29.

31.

Lu. 21. 17, 18.

Ac. 27. 34.

i He. 1. 14.

|| or, of purpose.

Ex. 21. 13.

† Ps. 34. 7, 8.

84. 12.

J. 17. 7.

2 Co. 1. 9, 10.

Ep. 1. 12, 13.

• Ch. a decree is made by me.

m ch. 6. 26.

† Ch. error.

n Ex. 32. 32.

Lu. 13. 9.

o ch. 2. 5.

† Ch. made pieces.

p Ex. 5. 2.

2 Ki. 18. 35.

§ Ch. made to prosper.

q Mat. 10. 19.

r ch. 3. 4.

s Ro. 8. 31.

He. 7. 25.

|| Ch. It was seemingly before me.

t ch. 3. 26.

Ps. 68. 16.

Ac. 22. 1, &c.

26. 9, 16.

u Is. 28. 29.

Ro. 11. 33.

• Ch. filled.

v Lu. 1. 32, 33.

† Ch. mighty of strength.

x ch. 2. 2.

† or, mantles.

§ or, turbans.

|| Ch. word.

• or, spark.

y Pr. 21. 18.

Mat. 27. 5.

Ac. 12. 19.

z ch. 1. 7.

a ch. 5. 11, 14.

Is. 63. 11.

shach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound unto the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his *•* counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, *•* walking in the midst of the fire, and *†* they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like *•* the Son of God.

26 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the *†* mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego came forth of the midst of the fire.

27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, *§* upon whose bodies the fire had no power, *•* nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, *•* who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that *†* trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

29 Therefore *•* I *†* make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak *•* any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall *•* be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

30 Then the king *§* promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

CHAP. IV.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king, *†* unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

2 ¶ I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders *•* that the high God hath wrought toward me.

3 How great are his signs! *•* and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

4 ¶ I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace:

5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

6 Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.

7 Then *•* came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.

8 ¶ But at the last Daniel came in before me, *•* whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, *•* and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying,

was a Babylonish punishment: see Jer. xxix. 22. 25. the Son of God, rather, 'a son of the gods,' or it may mean an angel. 28. changed the king's word, disannulled his command.

CHAP. IV.—1. that dwell in all the earth, the multitudes of his kingdom, composed of many nations; or perhaps, others around him. 8. according, &c. see chap. 1. 7, note. the holy gods, may be read 'the

9 O Belteshazzar, ^a master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.

10 Thus ^{were} the visions of mine head in my bed; * I saw, and behold ^b a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof ^{was} great.

11 The tree grew, and was strong; and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:

12 The leaves thereof ^{were} fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it ^{was} meat for all: * the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.

13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, ^a a watcher and ⁱ an holy one came down from heaven;

14 He cried [†] aloud, and said thus, ^k Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: * let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches:

15 Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field: and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion ^{be} with the beasts in the grass of the earth:

16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart ^{be} given unto him; and let seven [†] times pass over him.

17 This matter ^{is} by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent [†] that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, [†] and setteth up over it the basest of men.

18 This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, [†] forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; [†] for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

19 * Then Daniel, whose name ^{was} Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, [†] the dream ^{be} to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.

20 The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth;

21 Whose leaves ^{were} fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it ^{was} meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:

22 It [†] is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, [†] and thy dominion to the end of the earth.

B. C. 570.

^a ch. 2. 48.[†] Ch. I was seeing.^b ver. 20. 22. Eze. 31. 3.^c ch. 5. 21. &c.^d Job 30. 5. 7. Ps. 106. 20.^e La. 4. 20. Eze. 17. 23.^f Ps. 83. 18. Je. 27. 5.^g Ps. 103. 20. ch. 8. 13.^h De. 33. 2. Zec. 14. 5.ⁱ Jude 14. Ch. with might.^k Mat. 3. 10. Mat. 21. 25.^l Lu. 15. 18, 21. Eze. 31. 12.^m Mat. 3. 8. Ja. 4. 8. 10.ⁿ 1 Pe. 4. 8. Ps. 41. 1, &c.[†] or, an healing of thine error^p 1 Ki. 21. 29. or, upon.^q Pr. 16. 18. ch. 11. 13.^r 12. 7. Ps. 9. 16.^s ch. 5. 5. Lu. 12. 20.^t 1 Th. 5. 3. Ps. 12. 8.^u 113. 7, 8. 1 Co. 1. 28.^x ch. 5. 8. 15. Ge. 41. 8, 15.^y ver. 8. 2 Sa. 18. 32.^z Je. 29. 7. ch. 12. 7.^a Ps. 102. 24. Je. 10. 10.^b Jno. 5. 26. 1 Ti. 1. 17.^c 6. 16. Re. 4. 10.^d ch. 2. 44. 7. 14.^e Ps. 10. 16. Mi. 4. 7.^f Lu. 1. 33. Is. 40. 15, 17.^g Pa. 115. 3. 135. 6.^h Mat. 11. 25. 26.ⁱ Ac. 4. 28. Ep. 1. 11.^j ch. 2. 38. Job 34. 29.^k Je. 27. 6. 8. Job 9. 12.^l Is. 45. 9. Ro. 9. 20.

23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, [†] and let his portion ^{be} with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;

24 This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:

25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee [†] to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, [†] till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and [†] giveth it to whomsoever he will.

26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the [†] heavens do rule.

27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and [†] break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; [†] if it may be [†] a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

28 * All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king [†] spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

31 While [†] the word ^{was} in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him [†] that liveth for ever, whose dominion is [†] an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

35 And [†] all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and [†] he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and [†] none can stay his hand, or say unto him, [†] What dost thou?

36 At the same time my reason returned

holy God.' 13. watcher, or sort of guardian angel. 19. to them that hate thee, &c. as if he had said, I could have wished that, &c. would it, that what it predicts were to befall thine enemies. 30. I have built, not founded; but he improved, aggrandized, and extended it. 32. seven times, or years. 33.

driven from men, Dr. Mead thinks this was hypochondriasis, under the influence of which he ran wild into the fields; but, as Davidson remarks, it was very likely a form of insanity produced by the immediate infliction of Heaven. did not grass as oxen, i.e. lived among the beasts and on vegetables.

unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, ^d all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: ^e and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

CHAP. V.

BELSHAZZAR the king ^f made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

2 Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels ^g which his ^h father Nebuchadnezzar had ⁱ taken out of the temple which ^j was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which ^k was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.

4 They drank wine, ^l and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 ^m In ⁿ the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's ^o countenance ^p was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the ^q joints of his loins were loosed, and his ^r knees smote one against another.

7 The ^s king cried aloud to bring in ^t the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with ^u scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, ^v and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

8 Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.

9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his ^w countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished.

10 ^x Now the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: and the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed:

11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy ^y father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy ^z father, the king, ^{aa} I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers;

B. C. 538.

^a ch. 6. 3.^{* or, of an in-}^{terpreter.}^{† or, of a}^{dissolver.}^{‡ Ch. knots.}^b ch. 1. 7.^c Job 42. 12.^p Pr. 22. 4.^q Mat. 6. 33.^d Ps. 33. 4.^{Re.} 15. 3.^{16.} 7.^e Ex. 18. 11.^s or, grand-^{father.}^f Es. 1. 3.^g Je. 52. 19.^h or, grand-^{father.}^{Je} 27. 7.² Sa. 9. 7.² Ch. 13. 16.^{Ch. brought}^{forth.}^{† Ch. inter-}^{pret.}^h Re. 9. 20.ⁱ Ac. 8. 18, 20.^k ch. 4. 31.^l Ps. 119. 46.^m or, see,^{ch. 2. 6.}ⁿ Ch. bright-^{nesses.}^{ver. 9.}^o Ch. changed^{it.}^m De. 32. 8.^{Ro.} 13. 1.^p Ch. bind-^{ings, or,}^{knots, or,}^{girdles.}^{Is.} 5. 27.^q Na. 2. 10.^r ch. 2. 2.^{† Ch. with}^{might.}^s Je. 27. 7.⁹ Is. 47. 13.^{Pr.} 16. 11.^t Jno. 19. 11.^u Lu. 1. 52, 53.^{18.} 14.^v He. 3. 13.^z or, purple.^s or, to deal^{proudly.}^{Ex.} 18. 11.^{ch.} 6. 2.^h Ch. made^{to come}^{down.}^{* or, he made}^{his heart}^{equal, &c.}^{† Ch. bright-}^{nesses.}^u Ps. 83. 17, 18.^v 2 Ch. 33. 23.^{36.} 12.^{Mat.} 21. 32.¹ Pe. 5. 5, 6.^{† or, grand-}^{father.}^{ver. 2.}^x Ps. 115. 5, 6.^y Je. 10. 23.^{He.} 4. 13.

12 Forasmuch ^a as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, ^{*} interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and [†] dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, ^b whom the king named Belshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my ^g father brought out of Jewry?

14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.

15 And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing:

16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst [†] make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, [†] thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

17 [†] Then Daniel answered and said before the king, [†] Let thy gifts be to myself, and give thy [†] rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

18 O thou king, ^u the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:

19 And for the majesty that he gave him, ^p all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: ^r whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.

20 But ^s when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened ^q in pride, he was [†] deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:

21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and ^{*} his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; ^u till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, ^v hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;

23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, ^{*} which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, ^y and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

CHAP. V.—1. *Belshazzar*, grandson of Nebuchadnezzar, reigned seventeen years. The person is determined by his being the last king of that monarchy: but he is called by other names, as Nabonnedus and Nabonidelus. *a thousand*, a number for which an eastern palace would afford ample accommodation. 2. *tasted*, alludes to the libation to the gods, being

tasted before it was poured out. *father*, or ancestor. 3. *drank, &c.* employing the sacred vessels for profane uses.

6. *countenance*, the word denotes a healthy, blooming countenance. 7. *scarlet*, or purple, the colour worn by men of rank. *chain*, a mark of dignity. 13. *Jewry*, *y* Judea.

17. *Let thy gifts*, &c. he would let this profane prince see that he did not these things

24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

25 * And this is the writing that was written. MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 TEKEL; * Thou art weighed in the balances, * and art found wanting.

28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the * Medes and * Persians.

29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 * In * that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

31 And * Darius the Median took the kingdom, * being † about threescore and two years old.

CHAP. VI.

IT pleased Darius to set ^m over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first; * that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.

3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit *was* in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

4 * Then ^p the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; * but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he *was* faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.

6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, * King Darius, live forever.

7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, * have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm ^d decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the ^l law of the Medes and Persians, which * altereth not.

9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

B. C. 538.

a 1 Ki. 8. 44, 48.

Ps. 5. 7.

Jon. 2. 4.

b Ps. 55. 17.

Lu. 12. 4. 9.

Ac. 2. 1, 2, 15.

3. 1.

10. 9.

c Job 31. 6.

Ps. 62. 9.

Je. 6. 30.

d Mat. 22. 11.

... 13.

1 Co. 3. 13.

e ch. 3. 8.

f Foretold,

Is. 21. 2.

g ch. 6. 28.

h Je. 51. 31, 39.

57.

i ch. 9. 1.

* Ch. he as

the son of,

q.c.

† or, now.

k ch. 1. 6.

5. 13.

l ch. 3. 12.

m Es. 1. 1.

n Mar. 6. 26.

o Mat. 18. 23.

&c.

Lu. 16. 2.

1 Co. 4. 2.

p Ec. 4. 4.

q Jno. 19. 4.

2 Co. 11. 12.

Phi. 2. 15.

1 Pe. 2. 12.

3. 16.

r Is. 43. 2.

Ac. 27. 23, 24.

s La. 3. 53.

t Mat. 27. 66.

† or, came tu-

multuously

u Ne. 2. 3.

§ or, table.

v ch. 2. 1.

x Mat. 12. 14.

Mar. 15. 1.

Jno. 12. 10.

|| or, inter-

dict.

y Lu. 18. 1.

Ac. 6. 4.

Ro. 2. 7.

1 Th. 5. 17, 18.

z Es. 1. 19.

8. 8.

* Ch. passeth

not.

a ch. 3. 28.

10 * Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber ^a toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees ^b three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

12 Then ^c they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, ^e which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, ^f regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

14 Then the king, when he heard *these* words, ^g was sore displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, ^h he will deliver thee.

17 And ⁱ a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; ^j and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

18 * Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; neither were ^k instruments of music brought before him: ^l and his sleep went from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, ^m whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My ⁿ God hath sent his angel, and

for a fee, but for God's glory. 24. *from him*, from God. 25. *Mene, Mene*, he hath numbered, he hath numbered. *Tekel*, he hath weighed. *Upharsin*, they divide, i.e. the Medes and Persians divide the kingdom. The last word should be rendered 'and Pharsin,' or Peres. Parsin, in Hebrew, signifies the Persians; *Parsin*, in Chaldee, signifies dividing. 29. *they clothed Daniel*, which he accepted in obedience to the king's command as a subject, but not as his reward. 31. *Darius—took the kingdom*, this was Cyaxares, the son of Astyages and uncle of Cyrus; he took it from Cyrus, who conquered it.

CHAP. VI.—1. *princes*, viceroys, satraps according to the number of provinces subject to the Medo-Persian empire. 2. *presidents*, perhaps the hundred and twenty provinces were divided into three equal parts, and over each part was a deputy king, of which Daniel was the head. *have no damage*, suffer no loss. 3. *excellent spirit*, 'superior mind.' *thought*, &c.

thought of abolishing his triumvirate, and making Daniel his viceroy. 4. *occasion*, &c. some transaction injurious to the kingdom.—Ed. 5. *concerning the law*, &c. about his religion. 8. *altereth not*, Chardin says, that if the king of Persia be even drunk when he condemns a man, the law takes its course. 10. *toward Jerusalem*, see 1 Kings viii. 48; Jonan. i. 4. 14. *sore displeased*, &c. means exceedingly distressed. *he laboured*, &c. his thoughts were occupied in devising in vain some scheme to evade the sentence. 15. *assembled*, tumultuously. 16. *cast him*, &c. no ancient writer mentions this punishment as occurring at Babylon; but some ancient sculptures, in which it is represented, have recently been found on the spot. 17. *sealed it*, the impression was probably on clay. *purpose—not be changed*, the accusers hoped thus to secure Daniel from any rescue, and the king might hope to secure him against their substituting any other death, should he escape the lions.

hath ^a shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

24 [†] And the king commanded, ^c and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, *them*, ^f their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

25 [†] Then [‡] king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men [¶] tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: [¶] for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be [¶] destroyed, and his dominion shall be *even* unto the end.

27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the [†] power of the lions.

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, [†] and in the reign of [¶] Cyrus the Persian.

CHAP. VII.

IN the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon [¶] Daniel had a dream and [¶] visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the [¶] matters.

2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

3 And four great beasts ^c came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

4 The first was ^d like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, ^e and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 And [¶] behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up [†] itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also [¶] four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it

B. C. 537.

^a He. 11. 33.

^b Re. 13. 1.

^c De. 19. 19.

^d Re. 9. 7.

^e Ps. 12. 3.

^f De. 24. 16.

2 Ki. 14. 6.

Es. 9. 10.

^g Ps. 90. 2.

^h Ps. 104. 2.

Re. 1. 14.

ⁱ Eze. 1. 15, 16

^k ch. 4. 1.

^l Ps. 50. 3.

97. 3.

Is. 30. 33.

66. 15.

^m 1 Ki. 22. 19.

Ps. 68. 17.

He. 12. 22.

Re. 5. 11.

ⁿ Re. 20. 4, 12.

^o Ps. 99. 1.

^p ch. 4. 34.

^q Re. 19. 20.

^r Lu. 1. 33.

^s Ch. a pro-

longing in

life was

given them

^t hand.

^u ch. 1. 21.

^v Eze. 1. 1, 2.

^w Eze. 1. 26.

Mat. 24. 30.

26. 64.

Re. 1. 7, 13.

14. 14.

^y Nu. 12. 6.

Am. 3. 7.

^z Ch. saw.

^{aa} ch. 2. 28.

^{ab} Ps. 2. 6, 8.

8. 6.

110. 1, 2.

Mat. 11. 27.

28. 18.

Jno. 3. 35.

1 Co. 15. 27.

Ep. 1. 22.

^c or, words.

^d Ps. 145. 13.

Mt. 4. 7.

Jno. 12. 34.

He. 12. 28.

^e Re. 13. 1.

^f Ch. sheath.

^g De. 28. 49.

^h or, where-

with.

ⁱ ch. 2. 39, 40.

^j or, one do-

minion.

^k Is. 60. 12. 14

2 Ti. 2. 11, 12.

Re. 2. 26, 27.

^l Ch. high

ones, i. e.

things, or,

places.

^m Ch. those.

ⁿ ch. 8. 8, 22.

had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it ^b and it had ten horns.

8 I considered the horns, and, behold there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes ^d of man, ^e and a mouth speaking great things.

9 [¶] I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and [¶] the Ancient of days did sit, [¶] whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was* like the fiery flame, [¶] and his wheels as burning fire.

10 A [¶] fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: [¶] *ten* thousand thousand ministered unto him, and *ten* thousand times *ten* thousand stood before him. [¶] The judgment was set, and the books *were* opened.

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: [¶] I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts: they had their dominion taken away: yet [¶] their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, [¶] *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And [¶] there was given him dominion and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is [¶] an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

15 [¶] I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* [¶] body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 These great beasts, which are four are four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

18 But [¶] the saints of the [¶] most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast; which was diverse from all [¶] the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were* of iron, and his nails of brass: *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20 And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn

CHAP. VII.—1. *first year of Belshazzar*, chronologically, this chapter precedes chap. v., but the first is historical; which being ended, is succeeded by records of the prophet's visions and prophecies. 3. *beasts*, explained v. 17. 4. *The first*, the Babylonish empire, *lifted up*, raised to pre-eminence. 5. *another beast*, the Medo-Persian empire. 6. *three ribs*, Babylonian, Media, and Persia. 7. *leopard*, Macedonian empire. 8. *fourth beast*, the Roman empire. 9. *little horn*, the papacy. 10. *eyes like the eyes of a man*, understanding or policy of man. 11. *thrones were cast down*, 'were placed.'—Boothroyd, who follows the old versions: these are supposed

to mean the honour conferred on the saints, calling the nations to judgment: compare Rev. chap. iv. 4. Remark here, that phraseology used for the general judgment is also employed when Jehovah executes his judgments on the enemies of his church in this world: see Is. xiv. 21—23, &c. 12. *the rest of the beasts*, the three former kingdoms gradually blended successively in each other, and they also still exist in new hands and forms; but this should perish at once, and the kingdom be given to Christ and his saints. 14. *dominion*, &c. it is plain from v. 5, that the grand event predicted in this passage is Christ's glorious coming to destroy the kingdom of every antichristian

that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

21 I beheld, ^a and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them:

22 Until the Ancient of days came, ^b and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be ^c the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And ^d the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 And ^e he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall ^f wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand ^g until a time and times and the dividing of time.

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, ^h whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, ⁱ and all ^j dominions shall serve and obey him.

28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I ^k kept the matter in my heart.

CHAP. VIII.

IN the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me ^a at the first.

2 And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at ^b Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.

3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the ^c other, and the higher came up last.

4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

5 And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and ^d touched not the ground: and the goat had ^e a notable horn between his eyes.

6 And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before

B. C. 555.

^a Re. 11. 7.

^b 19. 19.

^c 1 Co. 6. 2.

^d Re. 1. 6.

^e 5. 10.

^f ch. 2. 40.

^g ch. 11. 4.

^h Re. 17. 12.

ⁱ ch. 11. 21.

^j Ps. 48. 2.

^k Eze. 20. 6. 15.

^l or, against

^m the host.

ⁿ Is. 14. 13.

^o Is. 37. 23.

^p Re. 13. 5, 6.

^q Re. 12. 4.

^r Re. 17. 6.

^s 18. 24.

^t Je. 48. 26, 42.

^u or, against

^v ch. 12. 7.

^w Re. 12. 14.

^x Jos. 5. 14.

^y or, from.

^z Ex. 29. 38.

^{aa} Nu. 28. 3.

^{ab} Eze. 46. 13.

^{ac} or, the host

^{ad} was given

^{ae} over for the

^{af} transgression

^{ag} against the daily

^{ah} sacrifice.

^{ai} ch. 11. 31.

^{aj} Ps. 119. 43.

^{ak} 142.

^{al} Is. 59. 14.

^{am} 1 Pe. 1. 12.

^{an} Re. 11. 15.

^{ao} Palmori,

^{ap} or the

^{aq} numberer

^{ar} of secrets,

^{as} or, the

^{at} wonderful

^{au} numberer.

^{av} Is. 60. 12.

^{aw} or, rulers.

^{ax} or, making

^{ay} desolate.

^{az} Lu. 2. 19, 51.

^{ba} evening

^{bb} morning.

^{bc} justified.

^{bd} ch. 12. 8.

^{be} 1 Pe. 1. 10, 11.

^{bf} ch. 7. 1.

^{bg} Eze. 1. 26.

^{bh} Es. 1. 2.

^{bi} Lu. 1. 19, 26.

^{bj} Re. 1. 17.

^{bk} second.

^{bl} Lu. 9. 32.

^{bm} Eze. 2. 2.

^{bn} made me

^{bo} stand upon

^{bp} my stand-

^{bq} ing.

^{br} or, none

^{bs} touched

^{bt} him in the

^{bu} earth.

^{bv} a horn of

^{bw} sight.

the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up ^a four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

9 And ^b out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the ^c pleasant land.

10 And it waxed great, even ^d to ^e the host of heaven; and ^f it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

11 Yea, ^g he magnified himself even ^h to ⁱ the prince of the host, and ^j by him ^k the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

12 And ^l an ^m host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down ⁿ the truth to the ground: and it practised, and prospered.

13 ^o Then I heard ^p one saint speaking, and another saint said unto ^q that certain saint which spake How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression ^r of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

14 And he said unto me Unto two thousand and three hundred ^s 1 days; then shall the sanctuary be ^t cleansed.

15 ^u And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and ^v sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me ^w as the appearance of a man.

16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, ^x Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.

17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and ^y fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.

18 Now ^z as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: ^{aa} but he touched me, and ^{ab} set me upright.

19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.

20 The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.

21 And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

power, and to render his own kingdom universal upon earth. 25. wear out, by barbarous treatment, persecutions and massacres. times and laws, forms and constitutions of kingdoms. a time, prophetically year—times, two years—dividing of time, half a year, in all three years and a half, amounting to 1260 days, which in the style of prophecy mean common years.

CHAP. VIII.—2. Shushan, capital of Elam. Ulai, the greatest river of the province of Shushiana. the ram, same as bear in former vision; it was the known emblem of the Medes and Persians; the golden

diadems of the Persian kings were made like a ram's head: see v. 20. 5. he-goat, known emblem of Greece: the first king made the goat his ensigns: see v. 21. 8. he was strong, in the full strength of the empire, Alexander died. four, Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy, and Seleucus, governors who divided it into four kingdoms. 9. little horn, thought to mean Antiochus Epiphanes, or the Roman temporal power, or Mahometanism. 10. host of heaven, Jewish state. 11. prince, i. e. high priest. taken away, by the Romans. 14. days, i. e. years.

22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.

27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

CHAP. IX.

IN the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

4 And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

8 O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

9 To thee the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might

B. C. 553.

a Le 26.14, &c

accomplished.

b Zec. 1. 6.

c De. 28. 50.

d Re. 17. 13, 17

e Je. 28. 15.

f Is. 9. 13.

† intrate we not the face of, &c.

‡ people of the holy ones.

§ or, prosperity.

¶ Job 34. 20.

La. 4. 6.

A Ex. 6. 1, 6.

i Eze. 12. 27.

Re. 22. 10.

|| made thee a name.

k ver. 16.

l Ex. 20. 5.

• or, in which he, &c.

m Jno. 15. 24.

n 2 Ch. 36. 21.

Jas. 2. 10.

o Is. 37. 17.

† whereupon thy name is called.

p Ja. 4. 8, 10.

† cause to fall.

Je. 36. 7.

r 1 Ki. 8. 47.

Ps. 106. 6.

Is. 64. 5, 7.

§ with weariness, or, fight.

¶ Ro. 3. 5, 6.

|| or, thou hast, &c.

• make thee skilful of word.

† word.

‡ a man of desires.

§ They begin from the 20th of Artaxerxes

Nu. 14. 34.

Eze. 4. 6.

† Ep. 1. 6, 8.

|| or, restrain

• or, seal up,

La. 4. 22.

u Is. 53. 10, 11.

v Je. 23. 5, 6.

He. 9. 12.

Re. 14. 6.

† prophet.

‡ Ps. 45. 7.

Lu. 1. 35.

Jno. 1. 41.

¶ Mat. 24. 15.

¶ Is. 1. 4, 6.

a Ne. 2. 1, &c.

‡ or, build again Jerusalem.

2 Sa. 15. 25.

not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet I made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.

14 Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.

15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt by a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.

17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

20 And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God;

21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jeru-

saem unto ^a the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall ^b be built again, and the ^c wall, even in ^d troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks ^e shall Messiah be cut off, ^f but ^g not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary: and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war ^h desolations are determined.

27 And he shall confirm ⁱ the covenant with ^j many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, ^k and for the overspreading of ^l abominations he shall make ^m it desolate, ⁿ even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the ^o desolate.

CHAP. X.

IN the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was ^a long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.

3 I ate no ^b pleasant bread, neither meat flesh nor wine in my mouth, ^c neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is ^d Hiddekel;

5 Then ^e I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold ^f a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were ^g girded with a gold of Uphaz:

6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel ^h alone saw the vision: but the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my ⁱ comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I remained no strength.

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

10 And, behold, an hand touched me, which ^a set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man ^b greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and ^c stand

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a Jno. 4. 25.

* return and

be builded.

† or, breach,

or, ditch.

‡ strait of

times.

Ne. 6. 15.

c Re. 1. 17.

d Mar. 9. 12.

§ or, and

shall have

nothing,

Jno. 14. 30.

e 1 Pe. 2. 21.

|| or, and [the

Jews] they

shall be no

more his

people.

ch. 11. 17.

or, and the

prince's

[Messiah's,

ver. 25]

future

people.

f Ac. 10. 4.

* or, it shall

be cut off by

desolations.

† or, a,

§ Jude 9.

|| or, the first,

h He. 9. 23.

§ or, and

upon the

battlements

shall be the

idols of the

desolator.

i Mar. 13. 14.

k Ge. 49. 1.

l Ro. 11. 26.

m Hab. 2. 3.

|| or, deso-

lator.

n ch. 8. 15.

o Je. 1. 9.

* great.

† or, this

servant of.

‡ weeks of

days.

§ bread of

desires.

p Mat. 6. 17.

q Ge. 2. 14.

r Mat. 23. 5.

s Jos. 5. 13.

|| one man.

u Re. 1. 13. 15.

v Ac. 9. 7.

* strength-

eneth him-

self.

† or, vigour.

‡ moved.

§ of desires.

|| stand upon

thy stand-

ing.

upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

12 Then said he unto me, ^a Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, ^b thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, ^c Michael, ^d one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people ^e in the latter days: ^f for yet the vision is for many days.

15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

16 And, behold, ^g one like the similitude of the sons of men ^h touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17 For how can ⁱ the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

18 Then there came again and touched me ^j one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

19 And said, O man greatly beloved, ^k fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that ^l holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

CHAP. XI.

ALSO I in the first year of Darius the Mede, ^a even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

2 And now will I shew thee the truth: Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided

hundred and ninety years. 25. seven weeks, refers to the restoration of the Jews and rebuilding Jerusalem. threescore and two weeks, or four hundred and sixty-four years, refers to the time from the restoration of Jerusalem to the Messiah. 27. one week, the time of the ministry of John the Baptist and of Christ, the three periods making four hundred and ninety years. and for the overspreading, &c. and in the temple shall be the abomination of desolation; for until the consummation determined, shall it be given up to desolation.—Boothroyd.

CHAP. X.—3. pleasant bread, agreeable food. Hiddekel, the Tigris. 5. Uphaz, see Jer. x. 9, &c. certain man, John's description of Christ corresponds with this: see Rev. i. 13. 8. comeliness—

corruption, he became lifeless and spiritless like a dead carcase. 13. the prince, commentators differ respecting this opponent: an evil angel, Cyrus, Cambyzes, Saran, have all been named; it, however, signifies an obstacle resisted for a season. days, the days of Daniel's fasting: verses 2, 3. 20. prince, see on v. 13. gone forth, having finished with Persia. prince of Grecia, interpreted to mean Alexander the Great, who would ultimately befriend the Jews more than Persia.

CHAP. XI.—1. I, the angel continues speaking. 2. yet three, besides Cyrus, who now reigned. The three were Cambyzes, i.e. Ahasuerus, Smerdis, Darius, fourth—richer, Xerxes. 3. mighty king, Alexander. 4. broken, chap. viii. 8, note.

toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, ^a nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

5 ¶ And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.

6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and the that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.

7 But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:

8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with [†] their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north.

9 So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

10 But his sons shall [†] be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress.

11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

12 And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened by it.

13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

15 So the king of the north shall come,

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• city of munitions.

a ch. 8. 22.

† the people of his choices.

† land of ornament, or, goodly land,

ch. 8. 9.

§ associate themselves.

b 2 Ch. 20. 3.

|| rights.

• or, much uprightness: or, equal conditions.

† to corrupt.

† or, when she brought forth.

§ for him.

|| his reproach.

• or, place, or, office.

ver. 20.

c Job 20. 8.

Ps. 37. 36.

† vessels of their desire

† or, place.

§ one that causeth an exacter to pass over.

|| angers.

• or, place.

† or, war.

d ch. 9. 26.

Is. 8. 8.

† or, be stirred up again.

c ch. 8. 10.

f Fulfilled

171.

§ or, into the peaceable and fat.

|| think his thoughts.

• at the end of times, even years.

ch. 4. 16.

12. 7.

§ Fulfilled

170.

† children of robbers.

and cast up a mound, and take the fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither [†] has there people, neither shall there be any strong to withstand.

16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and shall stand before him: and he shall star in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

17 He shall also [†] set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom: and [•] upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, [†] corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him.

18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to turn upon him.

19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overthrown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.

23 And after the league made with him, he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

24 He shall enter peacefully even upon the fatter places of the province; and shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil and riches: yea, and he shall foreca: his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

25 And he shall stir up his power against his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

26 Yea, they that feed of the portion

5. south, Egypt, south of Judea. strong, Ptolemy reigned over many countries. one of his, i. e. say interpreters, one of Alexander's. and he, or, but another shall be strong—Seleucus, king of Syria, who acquired three parts of Alexander's dominions. 6. an agreement, alliances: Antiochus Theos of Syria made peace with Ptolemy Philadelphus of Egypt, and married Berenice his daughter, putting away his first queen Lætiæ. she shall not, &c. he recalled Laodice. neither shall he stand, the restored queen poisoned him. she shall be given up, Berenice, who was murdered by her queen rival. 7. branch, &c. Ptolemy Euergetes, brother of Berenice, who avenged the death of his sister. The whole of his prophecy is illustrated by the historical accounts of the contests between Egypt and Syria. 10. one, &c. Antiochus with a great army recovered Syria. 11. king of the south, Ptolemy Philopater met Antiochus, who had a large army, and defeated him. 13. the king of the north shall return, after fourteen years Antiochus renewed his attack upon Egypt. 14. many stand up, the Egyptian provinces rebelled. robbers, revolters or perverse sons. Judea was tributary to Egypt, but

seized a favourable moment to cast off the yoke, establish the vision, contribute to its fulfilment. the shall fall, the Jews were reduced to obedience to Scopas, sent by Ptolemy. 16. he that cometh Antiochus came again and conquered. glorious land, the Jews submitted to him. 17. upright one, Jewish, so distinguished from idolatrous soldiers: daughter of women, Cleopatra, so called by way of eminence, for her beauty: Antiochus gave her to Ptolemy. corrupting her, or to corrupt and destroy it. 18. a prince, a Roman prince. 19. stumble and fall, he was slain by the people. 20. raiser of taxes, Seleucus Philopater, tributary to the Romans: exacted heavily of the Jews. in the glory of the kingdom, plundering the temple. 21. vile person, Antiochus Epiphanes. 22. and with, &c. or 'And the arms of the overflowing land,' i. e. Egypt, 'shall be overthrown before him.' Antiochus defeated it army under Heliodorus, the prince, &c. the king of Egypt, with whom he had formed a league. 23. forecast devices, probably the king of Egypt's officers were corrupted. 26. they that feed, his mercenaries

his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

27 And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.

28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.

29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

30 ¶ For ^c the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation ^d against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, ^e and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall be ^{*} corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

33 And [§] they that understand among the people shall instruct many: [¶] yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, [†] to try [†] them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall ^{*} exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, [¶] nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

38 But in his [¶] estate shall he honour the God of [†] forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and [¶] pleasant things.

39 Thus shall he do in the [¶] most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for ^{*} gain.

40 And at the time of the end shall the

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a Is. 21. 1.

• their hearts

† land of

delight, or

ornament,

or, goodly

land,

ver. 16.

b Is. 11. 14.

• send.

c Nu. 24. 24.

Je. 2. 10.

d Fulfilled

169.

e Fulfilled

168.

§ mountain

of delight

of holiness,

or, goodly.

|| or, astro-

nisheth.

f 2 Th. 2. 8.

• or, cause to

dissemble.

g Mat. 2. 7.

h He. 11. 35.

&c.

i Ro. 11. 26.

k Ex. 32. 32.

Lu. 10. 20.

Re. 3. 5.

l 1 Pe. 1. 7.

• or, by them.

m Mat. 25. 45.

Jas. 5. 25.

n Ro. 9. 21.

• or, teachers

o Mat. 13. 43.

p Ja. 5. 20.

q 2 Th. 2. 4.

r 1 Co. 15. 41.

s Re. 22. 10.

t 1 Ti. 4. 3.

§ his.

|| as for the

almighty

God, in his

seat he shall

honour,

yea, he

shall ho-

nour a

god, &c.

• or, stead.

† Mazzin,

or, zonis

protectors,

or, muni-

tions.

• or, from

above.

§ things de-

sired.

Is. 44. 9.

|| fortresses

or muni-

tions.

• a price.

† or, part.

o Lu. 21. 24.

king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him ^a like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall enter also into the [†] glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, ^b even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall [†] stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the [§] glorious holy mountain; [¶] yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

CHAP. XII.

AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people [†] shall be delivered, every one that shall be found [‡] written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, [¶] some to everlasting life, and some to shame [¶] and everlasting contempt.

3 And they that be [†] wise shall [•] shine as the brightness of the firmament; [¶] and they that turn many to righteousness [•] as the stars for ever and ever.

4 But thou, O Daniel, [†] shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 [•] Then I Daniel looked, and behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the [§] bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was [†] upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and [†] an half; [¶] and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the

27. at one table, at an entertainment at Memphis, where they are food together. the end, of both their kingdoms.

28. covenant, the covenant between God and the Jews to be a distinct people.

29. ships of Chittim, Grecian ships belonging to Rome, demanding peace, to which he was obliged to submit.

30. the God of forces, perhaps, Jupiter Olympius.

31. the king of the south, this part of the prophecy requires more discussion than can be allowed in small limits. It is thought to mean the Roman power, south of whom were the Saracens. king of the north, the Turks, originally Scythians, who overthrew the eastern empire, and made successful attacks on the western.

41. glorious land, Judaea. these shall escape, &c. the Arab tribes were never subdued.

44. east-north, most probably the Per-

sians east, and the Russians north, will unite against the Turks, destroy their empire, and with it the doctrine of the false prophet.

45. the seas, supposed to mean the Mediterranean and Dead sea.

CHAP. XII.—1. at that time, this prophecy is contemporaneous with that in chap. xi. 44. 45. Michael, i. e. 'Who is like God?' and must refer to Christ.

a time of trouble, the last struggle of antichrist, sharp and short. thy people, &c. the Jews shall be turned from all their transgressions. the book, of God's remembrance.

2. And many, &c. after the complete setting up of Christ's kingdom shall be the general resurrection.

5. river, i. e. Hiddekel, or Tigris, ch. x. 4. 7. time, &c. just so long to the end: see ch. vii. 25. note. when he shall have accomplished, &c. when God shall have finished scattering the

power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many ^a shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but ^d the wise shall understand.

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* to set up the abomination, &c.

† or, astomisheth.

^a Zec. 13. 9.

† or, and.

^b Re. 14. 13.

^c Jude 24.

^d Jno. 7. 17.

18. 37.

11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and ^a the abomination that [†] maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

13 But go thou thy way till the end be: [†] for ^b thou shalt rest, ^c and stand in thine lot at the end of the days.

power of the Jews, and have gathered them from all nations. 10. many—purified, by the church's afflictions. wicked—do wickedly, go on in a course of sin. 11. from the time, &c. various dates have

been given, but events will finally so agree as to explain more clearly the prediction; from the sign of the times those events are certainly hastening. Let us pray, 'Thy kingdom come.'

HOSEA A.

Here begin the twelve minor prophets, so called from the brevity of their works. The Jewish nation Messiah, and latter days, are the subjects of this book. Hosea prophesied from about 790 years B. C. to about 724.

CHAP. I.

THE word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Abaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

2 The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, ^d Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for ^e the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD.

3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.

4 And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, ^e and I will [§] avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

5 And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

6 [†] And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Lo-ruhamah: for I will ^{*} no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; [†] but I will utterly take them away.

7 But [†] I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

8 [†] Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son.

9 Then said God, Call his name Lo-ammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.

10 [†] Yet ^e the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered;

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^a Ro. 9. 25. 26.

¹ Ps. 2. 10.

* or, instead of that.

^b Jno. 1. 12.

¹ Jno. 3. 1.

^c Is. 11. 12. 13.

^d Je. 3. 18.

^e ch. 3. 1.

^f De. 31. 16.

^g Ps. 73. 27.

^h Je. 2. 13.

ⁱ i. e. my people.

^j i. e. having obtained mercy.

^k Is. 50. 1.

^l 2 Ki. 10. 11.

^m s. visit.

ⁿ Eze. 16. 4.

^o Am. 8. 11.

^p Jno. 8. 44.

^q i. e. not having obtained mercy.

* not add any more to.

^r Is. 1. 21.

^s Je. 3. 1.

† or, that I should altogether pardon them.

^t 2 Ki. 19. 35.

^u Je. 44. 17.

^v drinks.

^w s. call a wall.

^x i. e. not my people.

^y Ge. 32. 12.

^z La. 15. 18.

^a and it shall come to pass, that ^{*} in that place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are ^b the sons of the living God.

11 Then ^c shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

CHAP. II.

SAY ye unto your brethren, [†] Ammi; and to your sisters, [†] Ruhamah.

2 Plead with your mother, plead: for she ^f is not my wife, neither ^{am} I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;

3 Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was [†] born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with [†] thirst.

4 And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the [†] children of whoredoms.

5 For [†] their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, [†] that give me my bread, my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my [†] drink.

6 [†] Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and [†] make a wall that she shall not find her paths.

7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, [†] I will go and return to my first husband; for then was [†] it better with me than now.

CHAP. I.—take thee a wife of whoredoms, several eminent critics, such as Witsius, Gill, Rosenmüller, Boothroyd, &c. view this as a parable, in which the spiritual adultery of Israel is represented under the feigned name of an unchaste woman. Abp. Newcome supposes a wife of the idolatrous Israelites, guilty of spiritual fornication, is meant; but would the prophet be required to defile himself by such a union, any more than by marrying a common harlot? The first objection obviates all difficulties. 4. the blood of Jezreel, Jehu's acts of cruelty when living at Jezreel: Josh. xix. 18. 5. break the bow, signifies, destroy

the military strength. 11. one head, is considered as referring to Zerubbabel or Christ. out of the land of their dispersion. day, means any memorable period. Jezreel, i. e. Israel, 'the seed of God,' o. 'holy seed.' Is. vi. 13.

CHAP. II.—1. Say, &c. God here commissions the faithful few to warn the others. 2. mother, Jerusalem or Samaria. not my wife, forfeited protection. 3. strip, &c. the ancient punishment of the adulteress Ez. xvi. 17. 5. lovers, idols, and foreign alliances. 6. thorns, such fences are common in the East.

8 For she did not ^a know that I gave her corn, and ^{*} wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, [†] which they prepared for Baal.

9 Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will [‡] recover my wool and my flax ^{given} to cover her nakedness.

10 And now ^{*} will I discover her [§] lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand.

11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her [§] feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

12 And I will ^{*} destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and [†] I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

13 And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the LORD.

14 [†] Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and [†] bring her into the wilderness, and speak [§] comfortably unto her.

15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and [†] the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in ^{*} the days of her youth, and ^{*} as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

16 And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me [†] Ishi; and shalt call me no more ^{*} Baali.

17 For ^{*} I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

18 And in that day will I make a [†] covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and ^{*} I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to [†] lie down safely.

19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and ^{*} thou shalt know the LORD.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, [†] I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth;

22 And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel.

23 And I will sow her unto me in the

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^a Is. 1. 3.

^{*} new wine.

[†] Ro. 9. 26.

[‡] Pe. 2. 10.

[§] or, where-

with they

made Baal,

ch. 8. 4.

[†] or, take

away.

^c ch. 1. 2.

^d Je. 3. 20.

^e Eze. 23. 29.

[§] folly, or,

villany.

[†] grapes.

[†] Ki. 12. 32.

[†] make deso-

late.

[†] lethech.

[†] De. 21. 13.

[†] Is. 5. 5.

[†] ch. 10. 3.

[†] a standing,

or, statue,

or, pillar,

Is. 19. 13.

[†] Je. 28. 6.

[†] Ju. 17. 5.

[†] Eze. 20. 35.

[†] Je. 50. 4, 5.

[†] to her

heart, or,

friendly.

[†] Je. 39. 9.

[†] Da. 2. 28.

[†] Jos. 7. 26.

[†] Is. 65. 10.

[†] Je. 2. 2.

[†] Ex. 15. 1.

[†] Is. 1. 18.

[†] i. e. my

husband.

[†] i. e. my

lord.

[†] Ex. 23. 13.

[†] Ps. 16. 4.

[†] Zec. 13. 2.

[†] bloods.

[†] Je. 12. 4.

[†] Job 5. 23.

[†] Eze. 34. 25.

[†] Zep. 1. 3.

[†] Ps. 46. 9.

[†] Is. 2. 4.

[†] Zec. 9. 10.

[†] De. 17. 12.

[†] Le. 26. 5.

[†] Ju. 21. 6.

[†] cut off.

[†] Is. 5. 13.

[†] cut off.

[†] Je. 21. 33.

[†] Jer. 17. 3.

[†] Zec. 8. 12.

[†] Phi. 3. 19.

[†] lift up their

soul to.

earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I [†] will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

CHAP. III.

THEN said the LORD unto me, ^{*} Go yet, love a woman beloved of her [†] friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of [†] wine.

2 So I bought her to me for fifteen [†] pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley:

3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide [†] for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee.

4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days [†] without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without [†] an image, and without an [†] ephod, and without [†] teraphim:

5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and [†] seek the LORD their God, and [†] David their king; and shall [†] say, LORD and his goodness in the [†] latter days.

CHAP. IV.

HEAR the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a [†] controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because [†] there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and [†] blood toucheth blood.

3 Therefore [†] shall the land mourn, and [†] every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people [†] are as they [†] that strive with the priest.

5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will [†] destroy thy mother.

6 [†] My [†] people are [†] destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: [†] therefore will I change their glory into shame.

8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they [†] set their heart on their iniquity.

9. take away, by unfruitful seasons and noxious vapours. 11. worth to cease, &c. by captivity.

14. Therefore, rather, 'Notwithstanding this,' allure, soothe, or persuade. wilderness, exile. 15. give her her vineyards, revive and comfort her. Achor, as the Levites on their first entrance into Canaan took possession of the valley of Achor, so will I afford Israel a door of hope: comp. Jos. vii. 26; Is. lxxv. 10. 16. Baah, 'my lord,' an appellation of fear. 18. a covenant, &c. secure them against all evils. 21. 22. hear, &c. the heavens and earth, as it were, shall answer the desires of my people, and supply their wants. 23. sow, &c. signifies the multiplication of converts.

CHAP. III.—1. Go yet, 'Go again,' love a woman. We must suppose one divorced to be meant; but then this could not be any real transaction, as such conduct in a prophet would have been the disgrace of his office.—Achar, friend, or 'husband,' the word is so

used Jer. iii. 20; Cant. v. 16. 2. bought her, as a concubine: see Deut. xxi. 11—14. 4. prince, or ruler: such ten tribes have never recovered. sacrifice, this could not be offered in foreign countries. image, altar. ephod, part of the priest's dress, put for high priest. teraphim, household gods; in their captivity the Jews should disregard these objects of superstition. 5. David, understood to signify the Messiah.

CHAP. IV.—2. beasts, &c. these shall suffer in the judgments of severity. 4. for thy people, &c. 'for my people are as the priest that contendeth with me,' signifying, the people are as wicked and insensible as the idolatrous priest, who contends with and against me. 5. shall thou, i. e. the priest; he and the false prophet and the mother city, Samaria, shall fall together.—Mother. 6. knowledge, of God's law. thy children, i. e. Israel. 8. sin, 'sin-offerings.' The priests ate the sacrifices which ought to have

9 And there shall be, ^a like people, like priest: and I will ^{*} punish them for their ways, and [†] reward them their doings.

10 For ^b they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD.

11 Whoredom and wine and new wine ^a take away the heart.

12 [†] My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for ^{*} the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

13 They ^{*} sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: [†] therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.

14 [†] I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people [†] that doth not understand shall fall.

15 [†] Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Beth-aven, nor swear, The LORD liveth.

16 For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.

17 Ephraim is joined to idols: [†] let him alone.

18 Their drink [†] is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her [†] rulers will shame do love, Give ye.

19 The ^{*} wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

CHAP. V.

HEAR ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabar.

2 And the revolvers are ^{*} profound to make slaughter, [†] though I have been a ^{*} rebuker of them all.

3 I ^b know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, ^{*} thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled.

4 [†] They will not frame their doings to

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^a Is. 24. 2.

[†] Je. 5. 31.

^{*} visit upon.

[†] cause to return.

^b Le. 26. 26.

^c Pr. 1. 28.

^d Is. 1. 15.

^e Jno. 7. 34.

^f Ec. 7. 7.

^g Is. 28. 7.

^h Is. 44. 20.

ⁱ Zec. 11. 8.

^j Is. 1. 29.

^k Eze. 6. 13.

^l Is. 10. 33.

^m Am. 7. 17.

ⁿ Ro. 1. 28.

^o or, Shall I not, &c.

^p De. 19. 14.

^q 27. 17.

^r Is. 28. 33.

^s or, be punished.

^t 1 Ki. 12. 28.

^u Mi. 6. 16.

^v Pr. 12. 4.

^w or, a worm.

^x 2 Ki. 15. 19.

^y or, to the king of Jareb: or, to the king that should plead.

^z Mar. 15. 14.

^{aa} [†] is gone.

^{ab} La. 3. 10.

^{ac} [†] shields.

^{ad} Ps. 74. 9.

^{ae} Ps. 50. 22.

^{af} Je. 4. 11, 12.

^{ag} Le. 26. 40.

^{ah} Je. 29. 12, 13.

^{ai} [†] be guilty.

^{aj} De. 32. 39.

^{ak} Je. 30. 17.

^{al} 1 Co. 15. 4.

^{am} Is. 29. 15.

^{an} or, and, &c.

^{ao} ^{*} correction.

^{ap} Is. 54. 13.

^{aq} Am. 3. 2.

^{ar} Eze. 23. 5.

^{as} &c.

^{at} They will not give, or, Their doings will not suffer them.

turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them and they have not known the LORD.

5 And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them.

6 They ^{*} shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them.

7 They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall ^{*} a month devour them with their portions.

8 Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: [†] cry aloud at Beth-aven, after thee, O Benjamin.

9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.

10 The princes of Judah were like them: [†] they remove the bound: therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.

11 Ephraim is ^{*} oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after [†] the commandment.

12 Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah ^{*} as rottenness.

13 When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim ^{*} to the Assyrian, and sent ^{*} to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you nor cure you of your wound.

14 For ^{*} I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: ^{*} I, even I, will tear and go away: I will take away, and none shall rescue him.

15 [†] I will go and return to my place till [†] they [†] acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

CHAP. VI.

COME, and let us return unto the LORD for ^{*} he hath torn, and ^{*} he will heal us: he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

2 After [†] two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

3 Then ^a shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

been consumed. 9. like people, &c. alike in sin, alike in punishment.

12. stocks, idols. staff, they divined by rods: see Ezek. xxi. 21. 13. daughters shall, &c. the result of their idolatry would be, making their wives and daughters as corrupt as themselves.—Ed.

14. I will not punish. &c. They shall not merely individually suffer, if you lead them into iniquity.—Ed. I will not punish them for the sins committed through your influence and example.

For themselves, i. e. for you separate yourselves, &c. referring to the prostitution anciently practised in honour of an idol.

15. Gilgal—Beth-aven, doubtless places of gross idolatry. nor swear, i. e. make no profession of the true God in these places.

16. backsliding, or unruly. as a lamb in a large place, an open country, exposed to blasts of prey. 18. drink is sour, or vapid; their drink offerings had become offensive, as dead wine to the taste. her rulers, &c. this rendering is perplexed. Horsley's is, 'given up to lasciviousness, greedy of gifts, (O shame!) are her great men.'

19. The wind, &c. The storm of God's wrath shall scatter them into far countries as captives.

CHAP. V.—1. Mizpah—Tabar, mountains in the kingdom of Israel. As hunters laid snares, so here the rulers tempted to idolatry. 2. revolvers, from

God, were subtle in leading men to destruction though I have been, &c. therefore I will bring chastisement on them all.—Boothroyd.

3. Ephraim—Israel, elegantly expressing the same.—Poole. no hid, i. e. is well known. 6. flocks, i. e. sacrifices.

7. strange children, brought up as idolaters. month, short time. Boothroyd adopts the Greek translation 'Now shall the locust devour their portions,' i. e. their allotted lands.

8. Gibeah—Ramah, cities in Judah Beth-aven, same as Bethel; so called here from its being 'the house of iniquity,' instead of 'the house of God.'

10. bound, or landmark: see Deut. xxvii. 17. passing over all God's prescribed limits. water, i. e. a flood. 11. commandment, of Jeroboam, 1 King xii. 28.

12. as a moth, consuming. rottenness, of a destroying worm. 13. Jareb, a revenger of quarrels, describing the king of Assyria, to whom Menahem and Ahaz applied for an alliance: 2 King xv. 19, 20: xvi. 5—9. 15. go, leave the temple of Jerusalem.

CHAP. VI.—2. two days, &c. proverbial for soon. 3. Then, &c. i. e. We shall know the Lord, if we earnestly seek to know him. going forth, manifestation of himself. prepared as the morning, certain at the return of dawn. rain, &c. (see Job xxi. 23,

4 "O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your *goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.

5 Therefore have I hewed them^b by the prophets; I have slain them by^d the words of my mouth: †and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth.

6 For I desired^f mercy, and not sacrifice; and the^g knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

7 But they likeⁱ men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.

8 Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, and is^j polluted with blood.

9 And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so^k the company of priests murder in the way^l by consent: for they commit^m lawlessness.

10 I have seenⁿ †an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there is the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.

11 Also, O Judah, "he hath set an harvest for thee," when I returned the captivity of my people.

CHAP. VII.

WHEN I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers^o spoileth without.

2 And they †consider not in their hearts that I^p remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.

3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.

4 They^q are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, †who ceaseth from^r raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.

5 In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with^s bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.

6 For they have^t made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.

7 They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges: all their kings^u are fallen: there is none among them that calleth unto me.

8 Ephraim, he^v hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are †here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.

alludes to his refreshing return. 6. and not sacrifice, i. e. rather than sacrifice. 8. Gilead, Ramoth-gilead, a city of refuge and priests: Deut. iv. 43. 9. in the way by consent, 'in the way to Shechem,' another priests' city: Joshua xx. 7. 11. set an harvest, rather, 'an harvest is appointed for thee, when I bring back,' &c. Some understand this of mercy, and some of judgment.

CHAP. VII.—1. healed, to heal is to pardon. then the iniquity, &c. God's kindness produced no effect. 2. before my face, intimates the publicity of their sins. 3. glad, gratifies them by complying with their idolatry. 4. heated, inflamed with lust. raising, 'watching.'—Booths. They were so eager for idol-worship, that they scarcely waited for its preparations. 5. day, feast-day. 6. it burneth, their lust is incessant. 8. people, 'nations.' cake not turned, neither watched nor cared for. The allusion is to

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a Is. 9. 13.

* or, mercy, or, kindness.

b Je. 1. 10.

c 2 Ki. 17. 4.

d He. 4. 12.

† or, that thy judgments might be, &c.

e Eze. 12. 13.

f 1 Sa. 15. 22.

g Mat. 9. 13.

h 12. 7.

i Jno. 17. 3.

j or, Adam.

k Job 31. 33.

l spoil.

m Mi. 6. 4.

n or, cunning for blood.

o Ps. 78. 36.

p Je. 11. 9.

q Eze. 22. 25.

r with one shoulder, or, to Shechem.

s or, enormity.

t Je. 5. 30.

u or, chastened.

v Re. 14. 15.

w Ps. 125. 1.

x evils.

y the roof of thy mouth.

z Je. 4. 13.

a or, strippeth.

b say not to.

c Je. 17. 1.

d Tit. 1. 16.

e 2 Ki. 15. 13.

f 17. 25.

g Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah.

h Je. 9. 2.

i or, the raiser will cease.

j or, waking.

k or, heat through wine.

l Je. 13. 27.

m or, applied.

n Fulfilled.

o 773.

p 2 Ki. 15. 10.

q &c.

r Pr. 22. 6.

s or, standing corn.

t Ps. 106. 35.

u sprinkled.

v loves.

10 And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and^a they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this.

11 "Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: †they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.

12 When they shall go, †I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard.

13 Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: †destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against^b me, though^c †I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.

14 And^d they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against me.

15 Though I have^e bound and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me.

16 They return, but not to the most High: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

CHAP. VIII.

SET the trumpet to^f thy mouth. He shall come^g as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.

2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee.

3 Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him.

4 They^h have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.

5 "Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency?

6 For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.

7 Forⁱ they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: it so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

8 Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.

9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired^j lovers.

eastern bread, prepared on the hearth and often turned, or it is not fit for use. 9. gray, his strength is decaying. 11. without heart, means without sense. call to Egypt, &c. for alliances. 13. redeemed, often signally delivered them. 14. for corn, in the famine. 15. Though, &c. whether God punished or favoured them, still they pursued their idols. 16. deceitful bow, which never directs the arrow to the right mark. rage, &c. probably against true religion.

CHAP. VIII.—1. Set, &c. the prophet is commanded to call a solemn assembly, that they may take warning. He, &c. i. e. Sennacherib, king of Assyria: 2 Kings xvi. 6. 2. My God, &c. just as they will own God. 7. have sown, &c. proverbial for disappointed hopes: Prov. xxii. 8. 9. wild, &c. quite untractable. lovers, idolatrous allies.

10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now ^c will I gather them, and they shall ^{* sorrow} [†] a little for the burden of the king of princes.

11 Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.

12 I have written to him ^d the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.

13 [†] They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but the LORD accepteth them not; [†] now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt.

14 For Israel hath forgotten [†] his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

CHAP. IX.

REJOICE not, O Israel, for joy, as other people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward ^{*} upon every cornfloor.

2 The floor and the [†] winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.

3 They shall not dwell in the LORD's land; [†] but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria.

4 They shall not offer wine offerings to the LORD, [†] neither shall they be pleasing unto him: [†] their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD.

5 What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the LORD?

6 For, lo, they are gone because of [†] destruction: Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: [†] the pleasant places for their silver, nettles shall possess them: thorns shall be in their tabernacles.

7 The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know it: the prophet is a fool, [†] the [†] spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.

8 The watchman of Ephraim was with my God: but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred ^{*} in the house of his God.

9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days [†] of Gibeah: therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.

10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first-ripe in the fig tree at her first time: but they went to Baal-peor, and separated

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^a Ju. 6. 32.

^b Ps. 81. 12.

^c Eze. 16. 37.

^d or, begin.

[†] or, in a little while.

Hag. 2. 6.

^d Ps. 119. 18.

^e De. 28. 11, 52.

^f 1 Sa. 28. 15.

[†] or, in the sacrifices of mine offerings.

thee, &c.

^g Eze. xxvi.

^h Am. 8. 7.

ⁱ Lu. 23. 29.

[†] womb that casteth the fruit.

^k Ep. 2. 10.

[†] the desires.

Eze. 24. 21.

[†] or, in.

[†] or, vinefat.

men. 11. 5.

Not into Egypt itself, but into another bondage as bad as that.

[†] or, a vine emptying the fruit which it giveth.

ⁿ Na. 2. 2.

^o Je. 6. 20.

^p De. 26. 14.

[†] statues, or, standing images.

[†] or, He hath divided their heart.

^r Mat. 6. 21.

[†] behead.

[†] spoil.

[†] the desire, or, their silver shall be desired, the nettle.

^s Ac. 8. 23.

^t 1 Ki. 12. 28.

[†] Mi. 2. 11.

[†] man of the spirit.

[†] or, Chemarim.

[†] 2 Ki. 23. 5.

[†] or, against.

[†] Ju. 19. 22.

[†] face of the water.

[†] Lu. 23. 30.

themselves ^a unto that shame; ^b and their abominations were according as they loved.

11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.

12 Though they bring up their children, yet ^c will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yea, we also to them when I depart from them!

13 Ephraim, ^e as I saw Tyrus, is planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer.

14 Give them, O LORD: what wilt thou give? give them [†] a [†] miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

15 All their wickedness is in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes are revolvers.

16 Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even [†] the beloved fruit of their womb.

17 My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

CHAP. X.

ISRAEL is [†] an [†] empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly [†] images.

2 [†] Their heart is [†] divided: now shall they be found faulty: he shall [†] break down their altars, he shall spoil their images.

3 For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us?

4 They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up ^{*} as hemlock in the furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of [†] the calves of Beth-aven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and [†] the priests thereof that rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it.

6 It shall be also carried unto Assyria for a present to king Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

7 As for Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the [†] water.

8 The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; [†] and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

9 O Israel, thou hast sinned from the

10. for the burden, &c. which the king of Assyria should inflict.

CHAP. IX.—1. *cornfloor*, this was in the open air, and here they had offered oblations of corn to idols, as expressive of gratitude for the harvest. 4. *bread of mourners*, accounted unclean, coming in contact with the dead. 5. *What will ye do?* no feasts in captivity. 6. *gone*, to Egypt and elsewhere. *because of destruction*, by the Assyrian army. *Memphis*, an Egyptian city, the pleasant, &c. their pleasant houses bought with their silver.—*Boothr.* 7. *prophet—spiritual man*, names applied to those who formed the schools of the prophets. *mad*, they cannot discern the signs of the times. *hated*, i. e. of God. 8. *The watchman*, &c. Ephraim lurks for the people of my God. and *hated*, &c. and deep is their hatred to the house of my God.—*Boothr.* 9. *of Gibeah*,

comp. Judg. xix. 22, with Gen. xix. 4: see also Judges xix. 25.

10. *like grapes—firstripe—fig tree*, God delighted in Israel in their prime. 11. *from the birth*, &c. there shall be no birth, pregnancy, or conception.—*Boothr.* 14. *Give*, &c. let their children not be brought forth, or die as soon as they are born, rather than be reared for the murderer. 15. in *Gilgal*, there was their first trespass after entering Canaan, and there in later ages was a principal seat of idolatry: see Amos iv. 4.

CHAP. X.—1. *an empty*, rather a yielding vine, before their apostasy their prosperity was great. according, &c. the more they prospered, the more they sinned.—*Ed.* 2. *be found faulty*, 'be punished.' 5. *shall fear*, &c. i. e. be confounded because of their idolatry. 7. *king*, i. e. Hoshea: 2 Kings xvii. 6—19. 8. *of Aven*, 'of iniquity.' and they, i. e. the idolaters

days of Gibeah: there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.

10 *It is* in my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when * they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.

11 And Ephraim *is* as an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods.

12 Sow ^o to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

13 Ye ^d have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon her children.

15 So shall Beth-el do unto you because of your great wickedness: in a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.

CHAP. XI.

WHEN Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and ^b called my son out of Egypt.

2 As they called them, so they went from them: ^m they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.

3 I ^a taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that ^r I healed them.

4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and ^e I was to them as they that ^t take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.

5 ^h He shall not return into the land of Egypt, ⁱ but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return.

6 And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, because of their own counsels.

7 And my people are bent to ^u backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, ^v none at all would exalt him.

8 How ^w shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as ^x Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.

9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy

B. C. 740.

^a Is. 55. 8, 9.^b De. 28. 63.^c or, I shall^d bind them^e for their^f two trans-^ggressions,^h or, in theirⁱ two habita-^j tions.^k the beauty^l of her neck.^m Pr. 18. 21.ⁿ or, most^o holy.^p Ga. 6. 7, 8.^q 2 Ki. 17. 4.^r 2 Ki. 18. 34.^s Mi. 6. 2.^t visit upon.^u the evil of^v your evil.^w Eze. 25. 26.^x Je. 32. 24, &c.^y was a^z prince, or,^{aa} behaved^{ab} himself^{ac} princely.^{ad} Mat. 2. 15.^{ae} Ex. 4. 22, 23.^{af} 2 Ki. 17. 16.^{ag} De. 1. 31.^{ah} ch. 14. 1.^{ai} Ps. 37. 7.^{aj} Ex. 15. 26.^{ak} or, Canaan^{al} Eze. 16. 3.^{am} Je. 26. 13.^{an} lift up.^{ao} or, deceive.^{ap} Re. 3. 17.^{aq} They be-^{ar} came tri-^{as} butaries to^{at} Salmans-^{au} ser, 728.^{av} or, all my^{aw} labours^{ax} suffice me^{ay} not: he^{az} shall have^{ba} punish-^{bb} ment of^{bc} iniquity in^{bd} whom is^{be} sin.^{bf} which.^{bg} Je. 3. 6, &c.^{bh} together^{bi} they ex-^{bj} alted not.^{bk} hand.^{bl} Je. 9. 7.^{bm} Je. 19. 24, 25.^{bn} Je. 28. 5.

Ephraim: ^a for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.

10 They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.

11 They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, saith the LORD.

12 Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.

CHAP. XII.

EPHRAIM feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; ^a and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.

2 The ^b LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will ^c punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.

3 ^d He took his brother ^e by the heel in the womb, and by his strength ^f he ^g had power with God:

4 Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Beth-el, and there he spake with us;

5 Even the LORD God of hosts; the LORD is his memorial.

6 Therefore ^h turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and ⁱ wait on thy God continually.

7 ^j He is ^k a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress.

8 And Ephraim said, ^l Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: ^m in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me: ⁿ that were sin.

9 And I ^o that am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.

10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ^p ministry of the prophets.

11 ^q Is there iniquity in Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

12 And Jacob ^r fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep.

9. stood, in battle array: Judg. xix.

10. when they shall bind, &c. 'when they are chastised for their two iniquities.'

11. is as, 'shall be.' to ride, 'tread out the grain:' it means, they shall be subjected to servitude.—Boothr.

14. as Sholman, &c. alludes to some unknown battle. 15. So shall Beth-el, its idolatry being the cause of their suffering, morning, suddenly as the breaking forth of light.

CHAP. XI.—1. child, in its first stage. 2. As they called, &c. the more the prophets invited, the more were they disobedient. 3. to go, allusion to the training of the nurse. 4. with cords, &c. the ties which bind the dearest relations are, in the east, called 'cords of love.' take off the yoke, &c. i.e. gave them rest, for so the beast was relieved. laid meat, i.e. refreshed them. 5. return—Egypt, no more lying thither for refuge. refused to return, to God. 6. branches, people. 7. they called, i.e. the prophets called. 8. Admah, &c. two cities of the plain: Deut. xxix. 23. my repentings, &c. or 'my bowels

yearn altogether.'

9. to destroy Ephraim. Boothr. adds, 'utterly.' 10. They shall walk, &c. they shall refrain from idolatry when Jehovah shall display his power in delivering them. tremble, 'hasten.' west, put for all countries west of Judea. 12. yet ruleth, 'as yet ruleth.' maintained God's laws, and were comparatively faithful.

CHAP. XII.—1. on wind, i.e. labour in vain. and followeth, &c. pursues that which is destructive.—Ed. oil, this was sent as a present, being scarce in Egypt, and famous in the land of Israel. 3. took his brother, &c. this was a prediction of his future greatness, and is here mentioned as an encouragement. 5. the Lord is his memorial, no need of images to remember him. 7. He, i.e. Ephraim.—Boothroyd. 8. in all, &c.

'All his labours shall' not suffice him, For the iniquity wherewith he hath sinned.'

12. Jacob fled, &c. they should be shamed by his example, who became an exile to avoid union with

13 And ^a by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.

14 Ephraim provoked him to anger † most bitterly: therefore shall he leave his † blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.

CHAP. XIII.

WHEN Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but ^c when he offended in Baal, he died.

2 And now they † sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the † men that sacrifice † kiss the calves.

3 Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, ^e as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

4 Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me.

5 † I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of ^g great drought.

6 According ⁱ to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me.

7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe them:

8 I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the † wild beast shall tear them.

9 † O Israel, ^p thou hast destroyed thy self; but in me ^q is thine help.

10 † I will be thy king. ^r Where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes?

11 I ^s gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath.

12 The ^t iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is hid.

13 The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; for he should not stay † long in the

B. C. 725.

^a Ex. 12. 50, 51

^b hand.

^c 1 Co. 15. 54.

^d 55.

^e with bitter-

^f nesses.

^g Ro. 11. 29.

^h † bloods.

ⁱ Ge. 48. 19.

^j 2 Ki. 17. 16.

^k vessels of

^l desire.

^m Na. 2. 9.

ⁿ † add to sin.

^o Fulfilled,

^p 721.

^q 2 Ki. 17. 6.

^r or, sacri-

^s ficers of

^t men.

^u 1 Ki. 19. 18.

^v Da. 2. 35.

^w or, give

^x good.

^y He. 13. 15.

^z Je. 31. 18.

^{aa} De. 17. 16.

^{ab} droughts.

^{ac} De. 8. 12, 14.

^{ad} Ps. 68. 5.

^{ae} Ep. 1. 6.

^{af} or, blossom.

^{ag} strike.

^{ah} go.

^{ai} or, beast of the

^{aj} field.

^{ak} Pr. 6. 32.

^{al} Ps. 91. 1.

^{am} in thy help.

^{an} Rather,

^{ao} Where is

^{ap} thy king?

^{aq} King

^{ar} Hoshea

^{as} being then

^{at} in prison.

^{au} 2 Ki. 17. 4.

^{av} De. 32. 38.

^{aw} or, blossom.

^{ax} or, memo-

^{ay} rial.

^{az} 1 Sa. 8. 7.

^{ba} Ja. 1. 17.

^{bb} Job 14. 17.

^{bc} Jno. 8. 47.

^{bd} Lu. 2. 34.

^{be} 2 Co. 2. 16.

^{bf} a time.

place of the breaking forth of children.

14 I will ransom them from the ^a power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: ^b O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: ^c repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

15 † Though ^d he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all ^e pleasant vessels.

16 * Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

CHAP. XIV.

O ISRAEL, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

2 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the ^a calves of our lips.

3 Asshur ⁱ shall not save us; ^k we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: ^m for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

4 † I will heal their backsliding, I will love themⁿ freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

5 I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall ^o grow as the lily, and ^p cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

6 His branches shall ^q spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

7 They ^r that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and ^s grow as the vine: the ^t scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

8 Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. ^u From me is thy fruit found.

9 Who ^v is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for ^w the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

idolaters. 13. prophet, i. e. the prophet Moses.

CHAP. XIII.—1. *spake trembling*, i. e. with reverence of God. *died*, brought on a civil death. 2. *kiss*, an act of adoration. 6. *According*, &c. when blessed with plenty they were elated, and rebelled against their Benefactor. 7, 8. *as a lion*, &c. express severe punishments. 10. *I will*, &c. 'Where is thy king?'—So numerous foreign critics, as Tremellius, Piscator, &c. 12. *bound up*, treasured up. *hid*, laid up in memory. 13. *he should not stay*, 'for

else he would not stay in the birth,' i. e. in a suffering state. 14. *I will ransom*, &c. though in a hopeless state, God would in due time deliver them. *repentance*, i. e. what I have now said shall come to pass.

CHAP. XIV.—2. *calves*, &c. instead of calves in offering, should be the praises of their lips. 3. *Asshur*, Assyria. *ride*, &c. seek help from Egypt. 7. *his shadow*, Israel's, still continuing the same similitude. *as the wine*, &c. which was most grateful. 8. *I am like*, &c. 'I will make him like a green fir tree.'—Boothroyd.

The date of this prophecy is fixed by some from B. C. 697 to 660, and in the reign of Manasseh, but this is quite uncertain. Joel prophesied to Judah.

CHAP. I.

THE word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

3 Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

4 That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.

5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

6 For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

7 He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.

8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

9 The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn.

10 The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.

11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

12 The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God.

14 Sanctify ye a fast, call for a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD.

15 Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God?

17 The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.

B. C. 800.

a Ho. 4. 3.
b Ps. 50. 13.
c Je. 9. 10.

* or, habitations.

d Ps. 78. 4.
e Job 38. 41.

f Ps. 104. 21.
g 1 Ki. 17. 7.

h 18. 5.

† The residue of the palmerworm.

i ch. 2. 25.
d. 28. 38.

h Je. 4. 5.

† or, cornet.

† Nu. 10. 5, 9.
i Is. 32. 10.

† Ob. 15.

zeph. 1. 14, 15.

m Pr. 30. 25.

n Re. 9. 8.

o Ex. 10. 14.

p Is. 5. 6.

§ laid my fig tree for a barking.

|| generation and generation.

r Is. 22. 12.

s Pr. 2. 17.

t Je. 3. 4.

u Is. 51. 3.

v Zec. 7. 14.

x Je. 12. 11.

y Is. 21. 7.

* or, ashamed.

z Re. 9. 9.

a Je. 14. 3, 4.

b Je. 8. 21.

La. 4. 8.

Na. 2. 10.

† pot.

c Ps. 4. 7.

Is. 9. 3.

24. 11.

Je. 48. 33.

d Je. 4. 8.

† or, dart.

e 2 Ch. 20. 3, 4.

f Le. 23. 36.

§ or, day of restraint.

g 2 Ch. 20. 13.

h Je. 9. 21.

i Jno. 10. 1.

k Ps. 18. 7.

l Je. 30. 7.

m Is. 13. 6, 9.

n Mat. 24. 29.

o Je. 50. 34.

Re. 18. 8.

|| grains.

p Je. 30. 7.

Am. 5. 18.

zeph. 1. 15.

18 How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

19 O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

20 The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

CHAP. II.

BLOW ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

9 They shall run to and fro in the city: they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

CHAP. I.—2. *Hath this*, such a famine. 4. *palmerworm*, not ascertained, many think different species of locusts are here meant. 5. *new wine—cut off*, the locusts having spoiled the vines and grapes. 6. *nation*, locusts, doubtless literally fulfilled, but might also represent the Chaldean armies. 9. *meat offering*, &c. cannot be presented, owing to the dearth. 15. *day of the Lord*, i.e. of Divine vengeance: Is. xiii. 6.

19. *fire*, heat and drought, or locusts, burning wind or the Assyrian army in part or combined.

CHAP. II.—1. *Blow*, &c. probably a call to the priests to summon the people to pray. 2. *as the morning*, 'as the dusk.' 3—11. *A fire*, &c. all this is an accurate description of the movements and ravages of the locusts, which press onwards in dense masses, destroying whole provinces, and leaving the

Zion comforted with present

12 ^a Therefore also now, saith the LORD, ^a turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

13 And ^a rend your heart, and not ^a your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

14 Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave ^a a blessing behind him; *even* a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

15 ^a Blow ^a the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

16 Gather the people, ^a sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, ^a gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: ^a let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep ^a between the porch and the altar, and let them say, "Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should ^a rule over them: ^a wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?"

18 ^a Then will the LORD ^a be jealous for his land, ^a and pity his people.

19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you ^a corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

20 But ^a I will remove far off from you ^a the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath ^a done great things.

21 ^a Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for ^a the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and ^a rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you ^a the former rain ^a moderately, and he will cause to come down for you ^a the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

26 And ye shall ^a eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD

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- ^a Ho. 14. 1.
- ^b Le. 26. 11, 12.
- ^c Ps. 51. 17.
- ^d Ge. 37. 34.
- ^e Is. 45. 5.
- ^f Is. 44. 3.
- ^g Eze. 39. 29.
- ^h Ac. 2. 17.
- ⁱ Zec. 12. 10.
- ^j Jno. 7. 39.
- ^k Ac. 21. 9.
- ^l Hag. 2. 19.
- ^m Nu. 10. 3.
- ⁿ 1 Co. 12. 13.
- ^o Ga. 3. 28.
- ^p Col. 3. 11.
- ^q Ex. 19. 10, 22.
- ^r 2 Ch. 20. 13.
- ^s Mat. 24. 29.
- ^t 1 Co. 7. 5.
- ^u Is. 13. 9, 10.
- ^v Re. 6. 12.
- ^w Mal. 4. 5.
- ^x Mat. 23. 35.
- ^y Ex. 32. 11, 12.
- ^z or, use a byword against them.
- ^a Ro. 10. 13.
- ^b Ps. 42. 10.
- ^c 115. 2.
- ^d Ob. 17.
- ^e Ro. 11. 26.
- ^f Zec. 1. 14.
- ^g 8. 2.
- ^h Ro. 9. 27.
- ⁱ 11. 5, 7.
- ^j De. 32. 35.
- ^k Is. 60. 10.
- ^l Mal. 3. 10.
- ^m 12.
- ⁿ Je. 30. 3.
- ^o Eze. 38. 14.
- ^p Ex. 10. 19.
- ^q Zec. 14. 2, 3.
- ^r Je. 1. 14.
- ^s 2 Ch. 20. 26.
- ^t Is. 66. 16.
- ^u Eze. 38. 22.
- ^v + magnified to do.
- ^w Ob. 11.
- ^x Na. 3. 10.
- ^y Am. 1. 6, 9.
- ^z ch. 1. 19.
- ^a Is. 61. 10.
- ^b or, a teacher of righteousness.
- ^c according to righteousness.
- ^d desirable.
- ^e Da. 11. 35.
- ^f Ja. 5. 7.
- ^g sons of the Grecians.
- ^h Je. 23. 8.
- ⁱ Ps. 22. 26.

and future blessings.

your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that I ^a am ^a in the midst of Israel, and that ^a I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

28 ^a And ^a it shall come to pass afterward, that I ^a will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and ^a your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon ^a the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

30 And ^a I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 The ^a sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, ^a before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

32 And it shall come to pass, that ^a whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for ^a in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in ^a the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

CHAP. III.

FOR, behold, ^a in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

2 I ^a will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into ^a the valley of Jehoshaphat, and ^a will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

3 And they have ^a cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

5 Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly ^a pleasant things:

6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the ^a Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.

7 Behold, ^a I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head:

8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to

appearance of a destroying conflagration by their withering march.—Ed. 13. *not your garments*, not merely these, as usual in great sorrow: Genesis xxxvii. 29, &c. 14. *even a meat offering*, i.e. he might leave abundance enough to enable them to go to his altar. 17. *between the porch*, &c. in the open court just before the porch of the temple, where the altar of burnt offerings stood: 2 Chron. viii. 12. *that the heathen should rule*, this looks to the approach of warlike foes. 20. *northern*, a northern wind brought the locusts into Judea. *land barren*, Arabia Deserta. *east sea*, Dead Sea, east of Jerusalem. *utmost sea*, Mediterranean. *stink*, cast up by the waters, the locusts produce a powerful stench. *done great things*, committed great depredations. 21. *great things*, in working deliverance. 28. *pour out*, &c. applied by the apostle Peter to the descent of

the Holy Ghost; Acts ii. 17. *prophesy*, as Agabus, Barnabas, Simeon, and the daughters of Philip: Acts xi. 28; xiii. 1; and xxi. 9, 10: see *visions*, as Ananias, Peter, Paul, John, &c., Acts ix. 10; i. 17; xvi. 9; xxii. 17; xxvi. 19; xxvii. 23. The language may also mean the exceeding light and knowledge of gospel times. 30. *show wonders*, &c. express great commotions and changes in the world, and in the civil and ecclesiastical state of the Jews.

CHAP. III.—1. *those days*, the last or gospel days: Acts ii. 17. 2. *Jehoshaphat*, this signifies God's judgments, and is symbolical. *plead*, in judgment: Ezek. xvii. 20; xx. 35; xxxviii. 22. 3. *cast lots*, so ancient nations divided captives among them. *for an harlot*, as her hire. 4. *will—a recompence*, or retaliation? Do you suppose yourselves injured because I have honoured them? 8. *shall sell*, the

the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

9 ^a Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; [†] Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

10 Beat ^a your plowshares into swords, and your [†] pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: [†] thither [†] cause [†] thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

13 Put ^a ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of [†] decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion,

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^a Is. 8. 9, 10.

^b Is. 51. 5, 6.

^c place of

^d repair, or,

^e harbour.

^f Sanctify.

^g Mt. 4. 3.

^h Da. 11. 45.

ⁱ or, scythes.

^j holiness.

^k Zec. 14. 21.

^l or, the

^m LORD

ⁿ shall bring

^o down.

^p Ps. 103. 20.

^q go.

^r Ps. 45. 4.

^s Re. 22. 1.

^t Mat. 13. 39.

^u Re. 14. 15, 18

^v Is. 19. 1, &c.

^w or, con-

^x cision, or,

^y threshing.

^z or, abide.

^{aa} or, even I

^{ab} the LORD

^{ac} that.

^{ad} Re. 21. 3.

and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: ^b but the LORD will be the ^c hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

17 So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, ^d my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be ^e holy, and there shall no ^f strangers pass through her any more.

18 ^g And it shall come to pass in that day, ^h that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall ⁱ flow with waters, and ^j a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

19 Egypt ^k shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence ^l against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

20 But Judah shall ^m dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to genera-

tion.

21 For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: ⁿ for ^o the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

Jews, like other ancient nations, sold their captives. 13. put—sickle, the destruction of enemies is here represented as reaping down the harvest. 14. valley of decision, or excision: the terms denote to cut off:

Lev. xlii. 22; Job xiv. 5: same place as Jehoshaphat, v. 2. 15. sun and the moon, &c. i. e. high powers. 18. that day, times of Messiah or of Jerusalem finally restored. drop down, &c. expressive of great fertility.

A M O S.

Amos was a herdsman, but rural employments were in his time honourable. He was not of the schools of the prophets. He was a native of Tekoa, a city in the tribe of Judah, but prophesied to Israel B. C. 809 to 788. He was contemporary with Isaiah, Hosea, and Joel. Israel's captivity, the judgment of surrounding nations, and Messiah's kingdom, are the subjects of his prophecies.

CHAP. I.

THE words of Amos, ^a who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the ^b earthquake.

2 And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

3 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of ^c Damascus, [†] and for four, I will not [†] turn away the punishment thereof; ^f because they have threshed [†] Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:

4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.

5 I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from [†] the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from [†] the house of Eden: and [†] the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD.

6 [†] Thus saith the LORD; For three

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^a Is. 14. 29.

^b ch. 7. 14.

^c or, them

^d away with

^e an entire

^f captivity.

^g 2 Ch. 21. 16.

^h Zec. 14. 5.

ⁱ Ps. 81. 14.

^j Is. 8. 4.

^k or, yea, for

^l four.

^m or, convert

ⁿ it, or, let it

^o be quiet.

^p ver. 6, &c.

^q 2 Ki. 10. 33.

^r Eze. xxvi.

^s xxviii.

^t covenant of

^u brethren,

^v 2 Sa. 5. 11.

^w or, Bika-

^x aren.

^y or, Beth-

^z eden.

^{aa} fulfilled,

^{ab} 2 Ki. 16. 9.

transgressions of ^a Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they carried ^b away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom:

7 But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof:

8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will ^c turn mine hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the LORD God.

9 [†] Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of ^d Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the ^e brotherly covenant:

10 But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

11 [†] Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment

CHAP. I.—1. earthquake, alluded to Zech. xiv. 5. 2. roar, as a lion; denouncing judgments, as Joel iii. 16. habitations—mourn, forsaken for want of pasture. Carmel, a fruitful mountain: Josh. xv. 35; xxxv. 2. 3. For three, &c. that is, many. threshed Gilead, its inhabitants were cruelly treated by Hazael: see 2 Ki. x. 32, 33, &c. 4. send a fire, denotes God's judgments on his posterity. palaces, may denote also temples. Ben-hadad, a common name of the Syrian

kings. 5. bar, gates and fortifications. of Aven, or 'of an idol.'—Fulg. The Syrians had their gods of the valleys, and perhaps here was one: 1 Kings xx. 20. house of Eden, pleasure house. Kir, a place of Media, in Asia: see 2 Kings xvi. 9. 6. to Baa, the Philistines sold them to their deadly enemies, after taking them: 2 Chron. xxi. 16. 7. S. Gaza, &c. places of the Philistines. 9. the whole captivity, or a number of captives. covenant, 2 Sam. vi. 11; 1 Kings v. 1;

thereof; because he did pursue ^a his brother with the sword, and ^{*} did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever:

12 But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

13 [†] Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of ^b the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have [†] ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border:

14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of ^c Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:

15 And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.

CHAP. II.

THUS saith the LORD; For three transgressions of ^d Moab, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he ^e burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:

2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kiriath, and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet:

3 And I will cut off ^f the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.

4 [†] Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; [†] because they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and [†] their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked:

5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

6 [†] Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because [†] they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;

7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: [†] and a man and his father will go in unto the same [†] maid, [†] to profane my holy name:

8 And they lay themselves down upon clothes laid to pledge [†] by every altar, and they drink the wine of [†] the condemned in the house of their god.

9 [†] Yet destroyed I the [†] Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I [†] destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

10 Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

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^a Ge. 27. 41. ^{*} corrupted his compassions.

^b Je. 49. 1, 2. [†] or, I will press your place, as a cart full of sheaves presseth.

^c Is. 1. 14. ^d Je. 9. 23.

^e or, divided the mountains.

^f Ps. 33. 16, 17. [†] his soul, or, life.

[†] Eze. 25. 5. [†] strong of his heart.

[†] Is. XV. XVI.

[†] Je. XLVIII. ^h 2 Ki. 3. 27.

ⁱ Ps. 147. 20. ^k Da. 9. 12.

[†] Mat. 11. 22. [†] Lu. 12. 47.

[†] Ro. 2. 9. [†] 1 Pe. 4. 17.

^{*} visit upon.

[†] Nu. 24. 17. [†] Je. 48. 7.

[†] give forth his voice.

^m Da. 9. 11. ⁿ Is. 28. 15.

[†] Ro. 1. 25. [†] or, run together.

^o Is. 45. 7. [†] or, shall not the LORD do some-what?

^p Ge. 18. 17. [†] Jno. 15. 15.

[†] Is. 29. 21. [†] Ac. 4. 20.

[†] 5:20, 29. [†] 1 Co. 9. 16.

[†] Eze. 22. 11. [†] or, young woman.

[†] Ro. 2. 24. [†] 1 Co. 8. 10.

[†] 10. 21. [†] or, oppressions.

[†] or, such as have fled, or, mulcted.

[†] Je. 4. 22. [†] Nu. 21. 24.

[†] or, spoil. [†] 2 Ki. 17. 3, 6.

[†] Is. 5. 24. [†] delivereth.

11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.

12 But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not.

13 Behold, [†] I [†] am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.

14 Therefore [†] the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, [†] neither shall the mighty deliver [†] himself:

15 Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself.

16 And he that is [†] courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

CHAP. III.

HEAR this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

2 You [†] only have I known of all the families of the earth: [†] therefore I will [†] punish you for all your iniquities.

3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion [†] cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?

5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him? shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not [†] be afraid? [†] shall there be evil in a city, and [†] the LORD hath not done it?

7 Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but [†] he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, [†] who can but prophesy?

9 [†] Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the [†] oppressed in the midst thereof.

10 For they [†] know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and [†] robbery in their palaces.

11 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; [†] An adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled.

12 Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd [†] taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the

ix. 11. 11. did pursue, comp. Jer. xlix. 7; Ezek. xxv. 12; xxxv. 2. 12. Teman, a principal city of Edom; its founder named Gen. xxxv. 11. Bozrah, another city. 13. Ammon-ripped, perhaps aided Hazael: see 2 Kings viii. 12, and x. 32, 33. 14. Rabbah, the chief city of the Ammonites: see 2 Sam. xii. 26.

CHAP. II.—1. into lime, might be some act of superstition.—Ed. 2. Kiriath, a principal city. 4. lies, false oracles or idols. 6. sold, &c. gave an unjust sentence for a small bribe. 7. That pant, &c. 'They bruise the head of the poor in dust.' meek, depressed.—Booth, as Newcome. 8. clothes laid to pledge, that they may drink at the idol feast. condemned, unjustly fined. 12. gave—wine, to break

their vow: see Numb. vi. 2. 13. Behold, &c. 'Behold, I will press you in your place, as a loaded corn-wain presseth its sheaves.'—Newcome. 14. the flight, &c. i. e. the swift shall now fail in escaping.—Ed. 16. naked, losing his outer garment.

CHAP. III.—2. known, acknowledged: Ps. i. 6; Matt. xxv. 12. therefore, &c. i. e. for the vindication of his great name. 4. roar—when—no prey, he is then silent; roaring indicated danger. 6. evil, war, &c. done it, rather inflicted it, as a punishment. 9. Publish, &c. let the heathen know that Israel is justly punished. Samaria, the metropolis of the ten tribes. 11. adversary, the king of Assyria, who took Israel captive in the days of Hoshea: 2 Ki. xvii. 6. 12. As the shepherd, &c. mere fragments of Israel

children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and * in Damascus in a couch.

13 Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord God, the God of hosts,

14 That in the day that I shall † visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Beth-el: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.

15 And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the Lord.

CHAP. IV.

HEAR this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

2 The Lord God hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.

3 And † ye shall go out at the breaches, every cow at that which is before her; and ye shall cast § them into the palace, saith the Lord.

4 ¶ Come to Beth-el, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years:

5 And * offer^m a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publishⁿ the free offerings: † for † this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord God.

6 ¶ And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

7 And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.

8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: § when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

10 I have sent among you the pestilence after † the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, * and

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* or, on the

bed's feet.

a Ge. 13. 24, 25

† or, punish

Israel for.

b Jude 23.

c Lu. 14. 31, 32.

z or, spirit.

d Ps. 139. 2.

e Da. 2. 28.

f De. 33. 29.

g Mi. 1. 3.

h Is. 47. 4.

i Je. 10. 16.

j Eze. 7. 29.

k Eze. 19. 1.

l Eze. 12. 5, 12

§ or, away

the things

of the

palace.

i Nu. 28. 3, 4.

k 2 Ch. 15. 2.

l Je. 29. 13.

m Is. 55. 3.

n three years

of days.

* offer by

burning.

m Le. 7. 13.

n 23. 17.

o De. 22. 18, 21.

p De. 12. 6.

q Ps. 81. 12.

r so ye love.

s Ho. 4. 15.

t Is. 10. 8.

u Job 9. 9.

v 38. 31.

w Ps. 104. 20.

x Job 38. 34.

y spoil.

z De. 28. 22.

§ or, the mul-

titude of

your gar-

dens. &c.

did the pal-

merworm,

&c.

v Is. 29. 21.

x 1 Ki. 22. 8.

y De. 28. 30.

z 38. 39.

Mi. 6. 15.

Zep. 1. 13.

Hag. 1. 6.

|| or, in the

way.

z Ex. 12. 29.

Ps. 78. 50.

* with the

captivity of

your horses

2 Ki. 13. 7.

† vineyards

of desire.

have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

11 I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew^a Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, † prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, the Lord, The God of hosts, is his name.

CHAP. V.

HEAR ye this word which I † take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Israel.

2 The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up.

3 For thus saith the Lord God; The city that went out by a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth by an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

4 ¶ For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, † Seek ye me, † and ye shall live:

5 But seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and † Beth-el shall come to nought.

6 Seek the Lord, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Beth-el.

7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

8 Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his name:

9 That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress.

10 They † hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they † abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

11 Forasmuch therefore as you tread upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: † ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted † pleasant vine-

should escape. *bed, divan. couch, mattress:* this expresses their ease and luxury. 14. *visit the altars of Beth-el, spare no idolatrous place.* 15. *smite the winter house, &c. i. e. the places of luxury.*

CHAP. IV.—1. *vine, luxurious oppressors:* Psalm xlii. 12. 2. *fishhooks, 'fishers' nets.* They should be easily and abundantly caught in the toils of the enemy.—Ed. 3. *cove, 'fish'* should have been here supplied. *cast—into the palace, 'into Armenia.'*—Syriac. The Israelites should go there captive.—Booth. 4. *after three years,* in imitation of the law, Deut. xiv. 22—29. 5. *this liketh you, or, this ye love.* This is irony. 6. *cleanness, &c. having nothing to foul the teeth.* 7. *not to rain upon another,* so that it was clearly out of the course of nature, where there were regular returns of rain. 11. *overthrown, &c.* may perhaps refer to earthquakes, other judgments having just been specified.—Ed.

as a firebrand, &c. proverbial for a narrow escape. 12. *thus will I do,* this is impressive: He does not say what, and leaves a terrific blank for conscience to fill up the desert.—Ed. 13. *morning darkness, 'morning and the darkness.'*—Sept.

CHAP. V.—2. *virgin, i. e. kingdom* never before subdued. 5. *Beth-el, the place of Jeroboam's calves.* Gilgal, also an idolatrous spot. Beer-sheba, another place of idolatrous worship. 6. *house of Joseph, i. e. the ten tribes,* usually called after his son Ephraim. 7. *to wormwood, or 'hemlock,' i. e. pervert justice.* 8. *Orion, &c.* see Job ix. 9; xxxviii. 31, 32. *turneth, &c.* produces the succession of day and night. 9. *spoiled, or weak.* Boothroyd reads:

'Who scattereth desolation over the strong, And bringeth desolation on the fortress.'

10. *They hate him, 'Ye that hate him,' &c.*—Booth

yards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a * bribe, and they * turn aside the poor in the gate *from their right*.

13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, ^a as ye have spoken.

15 Hate ^f the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: ^g it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

16 Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing *shall be* in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and ^h such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing.

17 And in all vineyards *shall be* wailing: for ^m I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.

18 Woe ⁿ unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? ^o the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

19 As ^p if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

20 *Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?*

21 ^q I ^r hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not ^s smell in your solemn assemblies.

22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept *them*: neither will I regard the ^t peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

24 But let judgment ^u run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

25 Have ^v ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

26 But ye have borne ^w the tabernacle ^x of your Moloch and Chium your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.

27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity ^y beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts.

CHAP. VI.

WOE ^z to them *that are* ^a at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, *which are* named ^b chief ^c of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

2 Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great:

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* or, ransom.
a Is. 29. 21.
b Eze. 12. 27.
c Ps. 94. 20.
† or, habitation.
‡ or, abound with superfluities.
d Mi. 3. 11.
§ or, quaver.
e Is. 5. 12.
f Ps. 34. 11.
g Ro. 12. 9.
h Ex. 32. 30.
i Ki. 19. 4.
j Joel 2. 14.
k 1 Ch. 23. 5.
|| or, in bowls of wine.
l Ge. 37. 25.
m breach.
n Je. 9. 17.
o Je. 51. 14.
p He. 6. 13, 17.
q Ex. 12. 12.
r Na. 1. 12.
s 2 Pe. 3. 4.
t Zep. 1. 15.
+ the fulness thereof.
u Je. 48. 44.
v Pr. 21. 27.
w Is. 1. 11. 16.
x or, smell your holy days.
y or, they will not, or, have not.
|| or, thank offerings.
* or, droppings.
z Ho. 10. 4.
† roll.
a Is. 43. 23.
b Ac. 7. 42, 43.
c Je. 5. 15.
d or, Siccuth your king.
e 1 Ki. 11. 33.
f Nu. 34. 8.
g 1 Ki. 8. 65.
h or, valley.
i 2 Ki. 17. 6.
|| or, green worms.
* Lu. 6. 24.
* or, secure.
† or, first-fruits.
a Ex. 19. 5.
x or, who of (or, for.)
y Jacob shall stand?

then go down to Gath of the Philistines *be they* better than these kingdoms? ^a their border greater than your border?

3 Ye that ^b put far away the evil day, ^c because ^d the ^e seat of violence to come near

4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

5 That ^f chant ^g to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of music, ^h like David;

6 That drink ⁱ wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: ^j but they are not grieved for ^k affliction of Joseph.

7 ^l Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

8 The ^m Lord God hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hath his palaces: therefore will I deliver ⁿ the city with all ^o that is therein.

9 And it shall come to pass, if they remain ten men in one house, that the shall die.

10 And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is by the sides of the house, *Is there yet any with thee?* and he shall say, No. Then shall he say Hold thy tongue: for ^p we may not make mention of the name of the LORD.

11 For, behold, the LORD commandeth: and he will smite the great house with ^q breaches, and the little house with clefts.

12 ^r Shall horses run upon the rock will one plow *there* with oxen? for ^s ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock:

13 Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought which say, Have we not taken to us horn: by our own strength?

14 But, behold, ^t I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the ^u entering in of Hamath unto the ^v river of the wilderness.

CHAP. VII.

THUS hath the Lord God shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed ^w grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, *it was* the latter growth after the king's mowings.

2 And it came to pass, *that* when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord God, forgive, I beseech thee: ^x by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.

the nearest surviving relative. *burneth him*, clandestinely instead of burial. *yet any*, any other corpse to burn. *Hold, &c.* Speak no more, for silence is the best security.—*Ed.* 11. *smite—great—little*, punish all ranks. 12. *horses*, in the east were not shod. God would make the earth too hard for their animals by drought, because they had perverted justice: so *Booth*. 13. *horns*, i. e. power. 14. *a nation*, Assyria. *Hamath*, a city in the north of the kingdom. *river of the wilderness*, Besor, whose source was in the south.

CHAP. VII.—1. *grasshoppers*, 'locusts,' mowings, or 'eating,' or 'feeding down.' It is thought that certain common pastures were first used for the king's cattle, and then left for the people; for grass is not usually cut down in the east. 2. *by whom*, &c. 'if thou thus afflict Jacob, by whose help shall

13. *keep silence*, for complaint will be useless. 18. *day of the Lord*, i. e. of retribution. *to desire it*, may express their virtually urging it onward by their sins.—*Ed.* Some think it was desired deridingly. 19. *As if, &c.* shunning one danger, he falls into another. 24. *mighty stream*, sweeping away all transgressors. 25. *Have ye offered, &c.* or, 'Did ye offer?' No; the nation from its origin had practised idolatry. 26. *tabernacle—star*, supposed to have been small shrines in these shapes. *Chium*, supposed the Saturn of the classics. 27. *beyond Damascus*, into Assyria.

CHAP. VI.—1. *nations*, i. e. Judah and Israel. 2. *Calneh—Hamath—Gath*, celebrated cities recently spoiled: Isa. x. 10; 2 Chron. xxvii. 6. 4—6. *That lie, &c.* describes their selfishness and luxury. 8. *excellency*, 'pride.'—*Fulg.* 10. *uncle*, now become

3 The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

4 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

5 Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.

6 The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

8 And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more;

9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

13 But thy prophecy not again any more at Beth-el: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.

14 Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdsman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit:

15 And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

16 Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophecy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac.

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

CHAP. VIII.

THUS hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit.

2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.

3 And the songs of the temple shall

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a De. 32. 36.

Jon. 3. 10.

Ja. 5. 16.

* hour.

b ch. 6. 9, 10.

† be silent.

c Ps. 14. 4.

Pr. 30. 14.

† or, month.

d Ne. 13. 15, 16.

§ open.

† Mi. 6. 10, 11.

|| perverting

the ba-

lances of

deceit.

Ho. 12. 7.

f ch. 2. 6.

§ 2 Ki. 21. 13.

Is. 28. 17.

La. 2. 8.

h Ho. 8. 13.

9. 9.

i ch. 8. 2.

Mi. 7. 18.

k Ho. 4. 3.

l Beer-sheba

Ge. 26. 23.

46. 1.

m ch. 9. 5.

n Fulfilled,

2 Ki. 15. 10.

o 1 Ki. 12. 32.

p Job 5. 14.

Is. 13. 10.

59. 9, 10.

Je. 15. 9.

Mi. 3. 6.

r 2 Ki. 14. 23.

s Je. 6. 26.

t Dec. 12. 10.

† ch. 2. 12.

or, sanc-

tuary.

u 1 Sa. 3. 1.

Ps. 74. 9.

Eze. 7. 26.

† house of

the king-

dom.

v 1 Ki. 20. 35.

z ch. 1. 1.

zec. 13. 5.

† or, wild

fire.

§ from

behind.

y Ho. 4. 15.

z De. 9. 21.

|| way.

Ac. 9. 2.

24. 14.

a Is. 13. 16.

* or, chap-

ter, or, knop

† or, wound

them.

b Ps. 63. 21.

Hab. 3. 13.

c Ps. 139. 8.

sc.

d Job 20. 6.

e Eze. 7. 2.

* be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; b they shall cast them forth with silence.

4 Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,

5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

7 The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:

10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

14 They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beer-sheba liveth; even they shall fail, and never rise up again.

CHAP. IX.

I SAW the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and I cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.

2 Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them: though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:

3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea,

he be restored? small, 'weak.' 3. repented, see Gen. vi. 6, note. 4. fire, may mean the drought or war: see chap. iv. 6-8; 2 Kings xv. 29. 8. set a plumbline, represents a country being measured for destruction: 2 Kings xxi. 13; Isa. xxviii. 17. 9. high places of Isaac, such as the ten tribes descended from him built at Beersheba, in imitation of him, but dedicated to idolatry. rise, &c. fulfilled 2 Kings xv. 10. 14. gatherer, 'dresser.' sycomore, a wild fig.

CHAP. VIII.—1. summer, &c. 'late summer fruits.' —Newc.; consequently quite ripe. end—come, i. e.

they are ripe for destruction. not again pass by, their offences. 3. of the temple, viz. at Bethel and other idolatrous places. 6. buy the poor, oppress them, till they must sell themselves. 7. by the excellency of Jacob, viz. by Himself, Psal. lxxviii. 34. 8. land tremble, perhaps alludes to an earthquake. 9. cause the sun, &c. expresses calamities. 11. but of hearing, there should be no prophet to teach them. 14. sin, &c. in worshipping the calf.

CHAP. IX.—1. altar, of Bethel, say some: at Jerusalem, others. Smite the lintel, in token of demolition. head, representing its chiefs. 2-4. Though

thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them :

4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies,^a thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them : and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

5 And the Lord God of hosts is he that toucheth the land, and it shall ^c melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn : and it shall rise up wholly like a flood ; and shall be drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.

6 *It* is he that buildeth his [§] stories ^f in the heaven, and hath founded his ^{||} troop in the earth ; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth : The LORD is his name.

7 *Are* ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from ^h Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom, and I ^m will destroy it from off the face of the earth ; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.

9 For, lo, I will command, and I will [†] sift the house of Israel among all na-

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* stone.

^a Le. 26. 33.

De. 28. 65.

^b Ac. 15. 16, 17.

^c Mi. 1. 4.

[†] hedge, or,

wall.

^d Ob. 19.

^e Nu. 24. 18.

[†] upon whom

my name

is called.

[§] ascensions,

or, spheres.

^f Ps. 104. 3, 13.

^{||} or, bundle.

^h Le. 26. 5.

* draweth

forth.

^h Joel 3. 18.

[†] or, new

wine.

ⁱ Je. 30. 3.

^k De. 2. 23.

^l Is. 65. 21.

^m Je. 30. 11.

31. 35, 36.

ⁿ Ob. 16, 17.

^o Is. 60. 21.

[†] cause to

move.

tions, like as *corn* is sifted in a sieve, ye shall not the least * grain fall upon the earth.

10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

11 [†] In ^h that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and [†] close up the breaches thereof ; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old :

12 That ^d they may possess the remnant of ^e Edom, and of all the heathen, [†] which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

13 Behold, [§] the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtaken the reaper, and the trader of grapes him that ^{*} soweth seed ; ^h and the mountain shall drop [†] sweet wine, and all the hill shall melt.

14 And [†] I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and [†] they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them* and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof ; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

15 And I will plant them upon their land, and ^m they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

they dig, &c. these verses teach that the hand of God would find them every where. 6. *stories*, 'upper chambers.' 7. *Are ye not*, Ye are no better in my esteem than the heathen. and *the Philistines*, &c. God had transplanted other nations, as well as them.

9. *sift*, separate the chaff from the wheat. 11—15. *In that day*, &c. describes, according to some, the happiness of gospel times. *Boothroyd* thinks it means, that the restored should enjoy peace and prosperity for a long period in their own land.

O B A D I A H.

Supposed to have flourished between the taking of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, B.C. 588, and the destruction of Idumea by the same monarch, a few years afterwards.

CHAP. I.

THE vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord God ^a concerning Edom ; We have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.

2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen : thou art greatly despised.

3 [†] The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts ^c of the rock, whose habitation is high ; [†] that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

4 Though [§] thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou ⁱ set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.

5 If [†] thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, would they not leave ^{||} some grapes?

6 How are the *things* of Esau searched out! *how* are his hidden things sought up!

7 All the men of thy confederacy have

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* of thy peace

^a Is. 21. 11.

[†] the men of

thy bread.

^b Is. 19. 11, 12.

[†] or, of it.

^c Job 5. 12, 13.

^d Ps. 76. 5.

^e 2 Ki. 14. 7.

^f Re. 18. 7.

^g Job 20. 6.

^h Am. 9. 2.

ⁱ Ge. 27. 11.

^l Ps. 137. 7.

^l Hab. 2. 9.

[§] or, carried

away his

substance.

^{||} or, glean-

ings.

* or, do not

behold, &c.

^k Ps. 37. 13.

137. 7.

brought thee *even* to the border : the men ^{*} that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee, [†] they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee : ^h there is none understanding [†] in him.

8 Shall [†] I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

9 And thy ^d mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

10 [§] For thy ^h violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers [§] carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them.

12 But ^{*} thou shouldst not have looked on ^k the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger ; neither shouldst

CHAP. I.—1. *rumour*, report or revelation. *ambassador* is sent, messengers from Babylon, to summon the tributary nations to battle. 2. *I have made*, 'I will make', the past being put for the future, showing its certainty. 3. *in the clefts*, their capital, Petra, and houses there, were literally cut out of the rocks, and still remain in ruins. 4. *as the eagle*, may allude to

their lofty abodes. 5. *If thieves*, &c. these and grape-gatherers would not take every thing, but, 6. *How*, &c. every thing should be explored and carried away. 7. *All the men*, thy own allies have helped to lead thee forth, and deliver thee as captives. 9. *Teman*, a part of Edom, named from Teman: Gen. xxxvi. 11.

thou have ^a rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldst thou have [†] spoken proudly in the day of distress.

13 Thou shouldst not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldst not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid *hands* on their *substance* in the day of their calamity;

14 Neither shouldst thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldst thou have *delivered* up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

15 For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: ^b as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

16 For ^d as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall [†] swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

17 [¶] But upon mount Zion shall be

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^a Job 31. 29.

[•] or, *they*

that escape.

[†] or, *it shall*

be holy.

Joel 3. 17.

[†] *magnified*

thy mouth.

or, forces.

or, shut up.

Ps. 31. 8.

^b Hab. 2. 8.

^c 1 Ki. 17. 9, 10.

^d 1 Pe. 4. 17.

[•] or, *shall*

possess that

which is in

Seppharad.

[†] or, *sup up.*

^c 1 Ti. 4. 16.

Ja. 5. 20.

^f Ps. 22. 28.

Da. 7. 14, 27.

Lu. 1. 33.

Re. 19. 6.

* deliverance, and [†] there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

19 And *they of* the south shall possess the mount of Esau; and *they of* the plain the Philistines; and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.

20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel *shall possess* that of the Canaanites, *even* unto ^c Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, [•] which is in Seppharad, shall possess the cities of the south.

21 And [•] saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the *f* kingdom shall be the LORD's.

17. upon mount Zion, &c. the return of the Jews from Babylon is here foretold.—Booth. 19. possess—Esau, fulfilled: see 1 Macc. v. 3—5, 63; 2 Macc. x. 15—23.

21. saviours, 'deliverers,' should arise in succession. This according to some, ultimately refers to the kingdom of Christ.

J O N A H.

Jonah is the oldest prophet extant. He prophesied in the reign of Jeroboam the second, king of Israel, b. c. 823. He was the only prophet sent to a distant city and people, to declare the Divine will.

CHAP. I.

NOW the word of the LORD came unto ^a Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that ^b great city, and cry against it; for ^c their wickedness is come up before me.

3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to ^d Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish ^e from the presence of the LORD.

4 [¶] But *f* the LORD *sent* out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was [•] like to be broken.

5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and ^h cast forth the wares that *were* in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.

7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us [•] cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us? What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people *art* thou?

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[•] or, *JE-*

HONAH.

^a 2 Ki. 14. 25.

Mat. 12. 39.

Jonas.

^b Ge. 10. 11, 12.

^c Ge. 18. 20, 21.

Ja. 5. 4.

Re. 18. 5.

[†] afraid with

great fear.

^d Jos. 19. 46.

Ac. 9. 36.

^e Ge. 4. 16.

[†] silent from

us.

[§] went, or,

grew more

and more

tempestu-

ous.

^f Ps. 107. 25.

[¶] cast forth.

^g Job. 11. 50.

[•] thought.

^h Ac. 27. 18, 19.

38.

[†] digged.

ⁱ Pr. 21. 30.

^k Pr. 16. 33.

[†] stood.

[§] sacrificed a

sacrifice

unto the

LORD,

and vowed

vows.

[†] Mat. 12. 40.

|| bowels.

9 And he said unto them, I *am* an Hebrew; and I fear [•] the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.

10 Then were the men [†] exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

11 [¶] Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be [•] calm unto us? for the sea [§] wrought, and was tempestuous.

12 And he said unto them, [•] Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

13 Nevertheless the men [†] rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; ⁱ but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.

14 Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.

15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea [†] ceased from her raging.

16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and [§] offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.

17 [¶] Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

CHAP. I.—2. *Ninereh*, the capital of the Assyrians. *great*, sixty miles round. 3. *Tarshish*, Carthage.—*Sept.* but there were several places so called. *from*

the presence. &c. from the place of the stomach. 7. *lots*, these were used by heathen and Jews. *it feared*, hence it is inferred the men became converts to God.

CHAP. II.

THEN Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

2 And said, I ^a cried * by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, ^b and he heard me; out of the belly of ^c hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.

3 For ^d thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the ^e midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: ^f all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

4 Then ^g I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again ^h toward thy holy temple.

5 The ⁱ waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

6 I went down to the ^j bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life ^k from ^l corruption, O LORD my God.

7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: ^m and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

8 They that observe ⁿ lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

9 But I will ^o sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. ^p Salvation is of the LORD.

10 ^q And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

CHAP. III.

AND the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was ^r an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and ^s he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5 ^t So the people of Nineveh ^u believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered ^v him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

7 And he caused ^w it to be proclaimed and ^x published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his ^y nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock,

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^a Ps. 120. 1.

^b Ps. 130. 1.

^c La. 1. 1.

^d La. 3. 55, 56.

^e or, out of mine.

^f Ps. 50. 15.

^g Is. 65. 2.

^h Is. 58. 6.

ⁱ or, the grave.

^j Is. 14. 9.

^k Is. 59. 6.

^l Ps. 88. 6.

^m 2 Sa. 12. 22.

ⁿ Joel 2. 14.

^o heart.

^p Ps. 42. 7.

^q Ps. 31. 22.

^r 1 Ki. 8. 38.

^s Ps. 69. 1.

^t La. 3. 54.

^u cuttings off.

^v Ps. 16. 10.

^w or, the pit.

^x Ex. 34. 6.

^y Ps. 86. 5.

^z Ro. 5. 20, 21.

^{aa} Ep. 1. 7, 8.

^{ab} Ps. 18. 6.

^{ac} 1 Ki. 19. 4.

^{ad} 2 Ki. 17. 15.

^{ae} or, Art thou greatly angry?

^{af} Ps. 50. 14, 23.

^{ag} Ho. 14. 2.

^{ah} He. 13. 15.

^{ai} Ps. 3. 8.

^{aj} Kikajon, or, palm-crist.

^{ak} rejoiced with great joy.

^{al} a city of God.

^{am} Ge. 30. 8.

^{an} Ps. 36. 6.

^{ao} Ps. 80. 10.

^{ap} or, silent.

^{aq} De. 18. 22.

^{ar} or, Art thou greatly angry?

^{as} Lu. 11. 32.

^{at} or, I am greatly angry.

^{au} or, spared.

^{av} was the son of the night

^{aw} Job 2. 8.

^{ax} said.

^{ay} De. 1. 39.

^{az} great men.

taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, ^a let them turn every one from his evil way, and from ^b the violence that is in their hands.

9 Who ^c can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

10 ^d And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

CHAP. IV.

BUT it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, ^e was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou ^f art a ^g gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

3 Therefore ^h now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for ⁱ it is better for me to die than to live.

4 ^j Then said the LORD, ^k Doest thou well to be angry?

5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And the LORD God prepared a ^l gourd, and made ^m it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah ⁿ was exceeding glad of the gourd.

7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a ^o vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, ^p It is better for me to die than to live.

9 And God said to Jonah, ^q Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, ^r I do well to be angry, ^s even unto death.

10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast ^t had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which ^u came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than ^v sixscore thousand persons ^w that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

CHAP. II.—2. hell, sheol, the place of departed spirits. 4. sight, regard. 8. vanities, idols. mercy its true source, God.

CHAP. III.—10. God repented, which he is said to do when he changes his proceedings in providence.

CHAP. IV.—5. a booth, 'a shelter.' 6. gourd, thought to be the palma christi. 7. worm, the

palma christi speedily produces the rough caterpillar: by the worm being prepared, some think this was miraculously formed. 8. vehement, or still east wind, like the scorching wind of the desert. 11. that cannot discern, &c. i. e. infants: Deut. i. 39; Isa. xv. 16. much cattle, large spaces for the feeding of which were left in the great eastern cities.

M I C A H.

This prophet was contemporaneous with Isaiah and Hosea. His prophecies relate to Judah and Israel.

CHAP. I.

THE word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, *all ye people*; hearken, O earth, and *all that therein is*: and let the LORD God be witness against you, the LORD from his holy temple.

3 For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

4 And *the mountains shall be molten under him*, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down *a steep place*.

5 For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? *is it not Samaria?* and what are the high places of Judah? *are they not Jerusalem?*

6 Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof.

7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered *it of the hire of an harlot*, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot.

8 Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the *owls*.

9 For *her wound is incurable*; for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, *even to Jerusalem*.

10 *Declare ye it not at Gath*, weep ye not at all: in the house of *Aphrah* roll thyself in the dust.

11 Pass ye away, *thou inhabitant of Saphir*, having thy shame naked: the inhabitant of *Zaanan* came not forth in the mourning of *Beth-ezel*; he shall receive of you his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth *waited carefully for good*: but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.

13 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

14 Therefore shalt thou give presents

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* or, for.
† i. e. a lie.
a Je. 26. 18.
or, the glory of Israel shall come, &c.
b Job 1. 20.
§ ye people, all of them.
|| the fulness thereof.
c Ps. 50. 7.
d Ho. 7. 6.
e Is. 64. 1. 3.
f Ge. 31. 29.
* a descent.
† or, defrauded.
§ Ep. 5. 16.
h Hab. 2. 6.
i 2 Sa. 1. 17.
† lamentation of lamentations.
§ or, instead of restoring.
k De. 32. 8. 9.
|| Drop, &c.
Eze. 21. 2.
or, Prophecy not as they prophesy.
* daughters of the owl.
† or, she is grievously sick of her wounds.
† or, shortened.
§ upright.
|| i. e. dust.
|| yesterday.
† over against a garment.
† or, thou that dwellest fairly.
§ inhabitress.
|| or, the country of flocks.
* or, wines.
† or, a place near.
† or, was grieved.
§ or, walk with the wind, and lie falsely.

* to Moresheth-gath: the houses of *Ach-zib* shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.

15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: *he shall come unto Adullam* the glory of Israel.

16 Make thee *bald*, and poll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

CHAP. II.

WOE to them *that devise iniquity*, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because *it is in the power of their hand*.

2 And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they *oppress a man and his house*, even a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: *for this time is evil*.

4 *In that day shall one take up a parable against you*, and *lament with a doleful lamentation*, and say, We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people; how hath he removed it from me! *turning away he hath divided our fields*.

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

6 *Prophecy ye not, say they to them that prophesy*: they shall not prophesy to them, that they shall not take shame.

7 *O thou that art named the house of Jacob*, is the spirit of the LORD *straitened*? are these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh *uprightly*?

8 Even *of late my people is risen up as an enemy*: ye pull off the robe *with the garment from them that pass by* securely as men averse from war.

9 The *women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses*; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.

10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction.

11 If a man *is walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying*, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

CHAP. I.—1. *Morasthite*, of Morasthi, a place in the south of Judah: Jos. xv. 44. 2 Chron. xi. 8. 2. *earth*, 'land' of Canaan. 3. *cometh forth*, signifies in awful majesty. *tread upon*, conquer, destroy, or reduce. *high places*, strong places, dignitaries, idolatrous spots. 5. *Samaria*, i. e. its calf. 6. *heap*, i. e. a stony heap. *as plantings*, i. e. a place fit for them. 7. *hires*, moneys paid for idolatrous purposes. 8. *naked*, like a mourner, without the upper garment. 9. *he is come*, i. e. the Assyrian. 10. *Aphrah*, thought to be a fictitious name expressive of ruin; it signifies 'house of dust.' 11. *Saphir*, 'fair, beautiful,' such was Samaria: Hos. 1. 3. *Zaanan*, in the tribe of Judah: Jos. xv. 37. *Beth-ezel*, near Jerusalem: Zech. xiv. 5. 12. *Maroth*, a city in the tribe of Judah: Jos. xv. 29. 13.

Lachish, idem. *beginning*, first commenced the idolatry. 14. *to Moresheth-Gath*, to the Philistines there. *Ach-zib*, a town: Jos. xv. 44. 15. *an heir*, i. e. an enemy shall possess thee. *Mareshah*, another city in the tribe of Judah: Jos. xv. 44. *Adullam*, a royal city. 16. *bald*, as a deep mourner: Is. xv. 2, &c. *as the eagle*, moulting.

CHAP. II.—3. *not remove your necks*, be in complete subjection, like the yoked bullock. 5. *pour-cast a cord*, no possessions shall be to divide: see Jos. xviii. 10. 6. *Prophecy ye not*, so they wished, so God granted in judgment. 8. *ye pull*, &c. a common practice of eastern robbers. 9. *women-cast*, &c. seized widows' property. 10. *polluted*, idolatrous: see Amos vii. 17. 11. *of wine*, i. e. of

12 ¶ I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together ^a as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: ^b they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.

13 The breaker is come up before them; they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and ^c their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

CHAP. III.

AND I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; ^d Is it not for you to know judgment?

2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;

3 Who also ^e eat the flesh of my people, and lay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and ^f as flesh within the caldron.

4 Then ^g shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

5 ^h Thus saith the LORD ⁱ concerning the prophets that make my people err, that ^j bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and ^k he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him:

6 Therefore ^l night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; ^m and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; ⁿ for there is no answer of God.

8 ¶ But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, ^o to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.

10 They ^p build up Zion with ^q blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

11 The ^r heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money; ^s yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.

12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be ^t plowed as a field, ^u and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

CHAP. IV.

BUT ^v in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the

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a Je. 31. 10.

b Eze. 36. 37.

c Ho. 3. 5.

d Is. 52. 12.

e Joel 3. 10.

f or, scythes.

g Ps. 72. 7.

h Je. 5. 4, 5.

i Ki. 4. 25.

j Zec. 3. 10.

k Ps. 14. 4.

l Je. 2. 11.

m Zec. 10. 12.

n Eze. 11. 3, 7.

o Eze. 34. 16.

p Zep. 3. 19.

q Ps. 18. 41.

r Pr. 1. 28.

s Is. 1. 15.

t Zec. 7. 13.

u Eze. 34. 13.

v Ps. 37. 21.

w Is. 56. 10, 11.

x Eze. 22. 25.

y Is. 9. 6.

z Da. 7. 11, 27.

aa Lu. 1. 35.

ab Re. 11. 15.

ac Mat. 7. 15.

ad Eze. 13. 18.

ae 19.

af or, Edar.

ag Ge. 35. 21.

ah Is. 8. 20, 23.

ai Zec. 13. 4.

aj from a vision.

ak from

al divining.

am Am. 8. 9.

an Je. 8. 19.

ao Is. 13. 8.

ap 21. 3.

aq Je. 30. 6.

ar 50. 43.

as upper lip.

at Ps. 74. 9.

au Is. 58. 1.

av La. 2. 16.

aw Ob. 12.

ax c. 22. 13.

ay bloods.

az Is. 55. 8.

ba Ro. 11. 33.

bb Is. 1. 23.

bc Is. 21. 10.

bd Is. 41. 15, 16.

be Je. 51. 33.

bf Is. 48. 2.

bg Je. 7. 4.

bh Ro. 2. 17.

bi saying.

bj Da. 2. 44.

bk Is. 18. 7.

bl 23. 18.

bm 60. 6. 9.

bn Je. 26. 15.

bo Ps. 79. 1.

bp Is. 2. 2, &c.

bq Eze. 17. 22.

br 23.

bs La. 3. 30.

bt Mar. 5. 33.

bu 27. 30.

bv Mat. 2. 6.

bw Jno. 7. 42.

mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

3 ¶ And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into ^c plowshares, and their spears into ^d pruning hooks: neither shall they lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

4 But ^e they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and not shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

5 For ^f all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and ^g we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

6 In that day, saith the LORD, ^h will assemble her that halteth, ⁱ and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;

7 And I will make her that halted remnant, and her that was cast far off strong nation: and the LORD ^j shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth even for ever.

8 ¶ And then, O tower of ^k the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? ^l is there no king in thee? is thy counsel perished? for ^m pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go ⁿ even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

11 ¶ Now ^o also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye ^p look upon Zion.

12 But they know not ^q the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them ^r as sheaves into the floor.

13 Arise ^s and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt ^t beat in pieces many people: ^u and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

CHAP. V.

NOW gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us; they shall ^v smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

2 But thou, ^w Beth-lehem Ephratah

luxury. 12. Bozrah, famed for flocks and pastures. The meaning is, all would go into captivity like sheep. 13. breaker, king of Assyria. Some consider the Messiah as here predicted.

CHAP. III.—2. pluck, &c. a charge of inhumanity, proverbial. 3. also eat, &c. treat them with cruelty, violence, and oppression. 5. bite, prophesy for a reward of bread: see ver. 11. 6. night, calamity

CHAP. IV.—1. last days, days of Messiah. the mountain, &c. seems a quotation of the prophet for Isa. ii. 2, &c. See notes there. 4. Sit, &c. expresses peace. 8. tower, mount Zion, representative as the watch-tower of the kingdom. the first, the former. 13. and thresh, &c. the allusion is to cattle treading out corn: see Deut. xxv. 4.

CHAP. V.—1. daughter of troops, Babylon. 2. Beth-lehem Ephratah, called Ephrath, Gen. xxxv. 19

though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is to be* ^a ruler in Israel: ^b whose goings forth have been from of old, from ^c everlasting.

3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time *that* she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and ^d feed ^e in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now ^f shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

5 And this *man* ^g shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight ^h principal men.

6 And they shall ⁱ waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod ^j in the entrances thereof: thus shall he ^k deliver ^l us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people ^m as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.

8 ⁿ And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of ^o sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

9 Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots:

11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds:

12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers:

13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and ^p thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.

14 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy ^q cities.

15 And I will ^r execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

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^a Ge. 49. 10.

Is. 9. 6.

^b or, with.

Ps. 90. 2.

Pr. 8. 22, 23.

Jno. 1. 1.

^c the days of

eternity.

Ho. 12. 2.

^d Is. 1. 18.

Ho. 4. 1.

^e Je. 2. 5, 31.

^f or, rule.

Is. 40. 11.

^g Ex. 12. 51.

^h Lu. 1. 32.

ⁱ Is. 9. 6.

^j Zec. 9. 10.

^k Lu. 2. 14.

^l Ep. 2. 14

^m Nu. XXII

XXIV.

ⁿ princes of

men.

^o Nu. 25. 1.

33. 49.

^p Ju. 5. 11.

^q eat up.

^r or, with her

own naked

swords.

^s Lu. 1. 71.

^t sons of a

year?

^u Ps. 50. 9.

^v Ps. 110. 3.

^w 2 Ki. 16. 3.

^x Je. 7. 31.

^y Eze. 23. 37.

^z belly.

^{aa} De. 10. 12.

^{ab} 1 Sa. 15. 22.

^{ac} Ge. 18. 19.

^{ad} humble

thyself to

walk.

^{ae} or, goats.

^{af} or, thy

name shall

see that

which is.

^{ag} or, is there

yet unto

every man

an house of

the wicked,

&c.

^{ah} measure of

leanness,

Am. 8. 5.

^{ai} Pr. 11. 1.

^{aj} or, be pure

with, &c.

^{ak} Le. 26. 16.

^{al} Ps. 107. 17.

^{am} or, statues.

^{an} or, enemies

^{ao} 2 Th. 1. 8.

CHAP. VI.

HEAR ye now what the LORD saith; Arise, contend thou ^a before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

2 Hear ye, O mountains, ^b the LORD's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for ^c the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

3 O my people, ^d what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

4 For ^e I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember now what ^f Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from ^g Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know ^h the righteousness of the LORD.

6 ⁱ Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves ^j of a year old?

7 Will ^k the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? ^l shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my ^m body for the sin of my soul?

8 He hath ⁿ shewed thee, O man, what is good; and to what doth the LORD require of thee, but ^o to do justly, and to love mercy, and to ^p walk humbly with thy God?

9 The LORD's voice crieth unto the city, and ^q the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.

10 ^r Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the ^s scant measure ^t that is abominable?

11 Shall I ^u count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

12 For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13 Therefore also will I ^v make thee sick in smiting thee, in making thee desolate because of thy sins.

14 Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy casting down shall be in the midst of thee; and thou shalt take hold, but shalt not deliver; and ^w that which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword.

15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

and xlviii. 7. thousands, explained 1 Chron. xii. 20. Tribes were divided into thousands, having their leaders. *to be ruler*, Messiah, the prophecy being of Christ. *goings forth*, appearances in majesty: comp. Hos. vi. 3; Col. i. 16. *old, eternity*, as De. xxxiii. 27; Psalm lv. 19; Hab. i. 12. 3. *she, &c.* alludes to the birth: Isa. vii. 14.—*Loth.* 4. *he, Christ*. *feed*, as Shepherd of his church, he shall instruct and govern. *they, i.e. his flock*. *abide*, secure under his protection. 5. *And this man shall be the peace*, & And he shall be the Author of peace.—*Boothr.* 5. *When the Assyrian*, is the beginning of a new paragraph so *Houbigan* and *Boothr.* It predicts the downfall of the Assyrians.—*G. Holden*. *seven—eight*, an indefinite number: Eccles. xi. 2. *shepherds*, rulers, or commanders: see Jer. vi. 3; xxv. 34; Nah. iii. 18. *Boothroyd* interprets these as chiefs of the Medes and Babylonians, who attacked and took Nineveh. 6. *of Nimrod, Assyria*, founded by him, Gen. x. 11.

7 *remnant—as a dew*, the Jews in captivity spread the knowledge of God: Dan. ii. 47; iii. 29; iv. 34, &c. 8. *the remnant, &c.* predicts the victory of the Maccabees.—*Newcome*. of the church.—*Hutchinson*. 10, 11. *cut off thy horses, &c.* predicts security without foreign intervention. 12. *cut off witchcrafts, &c.* predicts the extirpation of idolatry. CHAP. VI.—1. *mountains—hills*, these, where they had sinned, are appealed to. 6. *wherewith, &c.* one is introduced asking how may Jehovah be appeased? 8. *He hath shewed, &c.* the prophet replies, they were taught by the law and prophets. 9. *voice*, by the prophet. *city, Jerusalem*. *hear ye the rod*, the denounced punishment.—*G. Holden*. The versions read, 'hear, O ye tribes.' and *who, &c.* 'him that testifieth'.—*Boothr.* 10. *Are there, i.e. there are*. 14. *eat, but not be satisfied*, sin has cursed thine enjoyments. *be in the midst*, extend to thy very centre. *take hold, grasp* unavailingly at every seeming

16 ¶ For *the statutes of ^a Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of ^b Abab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee a †desolation, and the inhabitants thereof a hissing: therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

CHAP. VII.

WOE is me! for I am as ¶ when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: *there is no cluster to eat:* ^a my soul desired the first-ripe fruit.

2 The † good man is perished out of the earth; and *there is none upright among men:* they all lie in wait for blood; ^f they hunt every man his brother with a net.

3 ¶ That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth ¶ his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up.

4 The best of them ⁵ is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.

5 ¶ Trust ⁱ ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

6 For ^k the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

8 ¶ Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: ⁹ when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, ^p the LORD shall be a light unto me.

9 I ^r will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

B. C. 710.

* or, he doth much keep the, &c.

^a 1 Ki. 16. 25.

† or, And thou wilt see her that is mine enemy, and cover her with shame

^b 1 Ki. 16. 30.

&c.

† or, astonishment.

^s she shall be for a treading down.

^c Am. 9. 11, &c.

¶ the gatherings of summer.

^d Is. 11. 16.

* or, even to.

^e Ho. 9. 10.

† or, godly,

or, merciful

† or, After that it hath been.

^f Hab. 1. 15.

^g or, Rule,

^h Ps. 28. 9.

¶ the mischief of his soul.

ⁱ Is. 55. 13.

^j Is. 26. 11.

^k Je. 9. 4.

^l Eze. 23. 7.

^m Lu. 12. 53.

ⁿ 21. 16.

^o 2 Ti. 3. 2, 3.

* or, creeping things.

^p Ex. 15. 11.

^q Ex. 31. 6, 7.

^r Ps. 103. 9.

^s Pr. 24. 16.

^t Ps. 27. 1.

^u La. 3. 39.

^v Lu. 1. 72, 73.

10 † Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the LORD the God? mine eyes shall behold her: now ¹¹ shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.

11 In the day that thy ¹² walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree be far removed.

12 In that day also ^d he shall come even to thee from Assyria, * and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.

13 † Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

14 ¶ Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

15 According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things.

16 ¶ The nations ¹⁷ shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf.

17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like ¹⁸ worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee.

18 Who ¹⁹ is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? ²⁰ he retaineth not his anger for ever because he delighteth in mercy.

19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

20 Thou ²¹ wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

means of safety. 16. statutes of Omri, rites of idolatry which he enforced: 1 Kings xvi. 25.

CHAP. VII.—1. as when—gathered, no fruit of righteousness is left in the land. 4. watchmen, prophets' day, i. e. which they foretold. 5. Trust ye not, &c. all were depraved and unfaithful. 8. fall—sit in darkness, outward sufferings. 9. indignation, manifestation of Divine displeasure. 10.

she, Babylon, fulfilled Dan. v. 30, 31. 11. decree for Zion's captivity, or of her enemies to ruin her. 12. he, the dispersed of Israel. 13. Notwithstanding, &c. 'Though the land had been desolate.'—Dr. A. Clarke. 14. rod, 'crock.' 'Guide thy people with thy crook.'—Booth. which dwell solitarily, in their dispersed state. 15. according to 'as in.' 17. lick, &c. describes an abject state.

NAHUM.

A prophecy of the downfall of the Assyrian empire.

CHAP. I.

THE burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

2 * God is ^b jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and ^t is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

3 The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

B. C. 713.

^a Mat. 8. 26.

* or, The LORD is a jealous God, and a revenger.

^b Ex. 20. 5.

† that hat's fury.

^c 2 Pe. 3. 10.

† stand up.

^d Re. 16. 1.

^e or, strength

4 He ^a rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.

5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and ⁶ the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can ⁷ abide in the fierceness of his anger? ^d his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

7 The LORD is good, a ⁸ strong hold in

CHAP. I.—1. burden, 'oracle.' Elkoshite, from Elkosh, a village in Galilee. 4. sea, i. e. the Red

Sea, the Jordan. 5. mountains quake, &c. these are allusions to Sinai at the giving of the law.

the day of trouble; and ^c he knoweth them that trust in him.

8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

9 What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.

10 For while they be folded together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

11 There is one come out of thee, ^c that imagineth evil against the LORD, a wicked counsellor.

12 Thus saith the LORD; || Though they be quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be ^{*} cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.

13 For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.

14 And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.

15 Behold ^s upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for ^s the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

CHAP. II.

HE ^{*} that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily.

2 For the LORD hath turned away the [†] excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches.

3 The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots shall be with ^s flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.

4 The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: || they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.

5 He shall recount his ^{*} worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the [†] defence shall be prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved.

7 And || Huzzab shall be ^{*} led away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead her as with the voice of doves, taberning upon their breasts.

8 But Nineveh is [†] of old like a pool of

B. C. 713.

a 2 Ti. 2. 19.

* or, cause them to turn.

† or, and their infinite store.

vessels of desire.

Da. 5. 6.

c 2 Ki. 19. 22.

d Eze. 19. 2. 7.

§ counsellor of Belial.

|| or, If they would have been at peace, so should they have been many, and so should they have been shorn, and he should have passed away.

* shorn.

e Eze. 29. 3.

f 2 Ki. 19. 9. 23.

g Ro. 10. 15.

† city of bloods.

§ feast.

† Belial.

|| flame of the sword, and the lighting of the spear.

* or, The disperser, or jammer.

† or, pride of Jacob as the pride of Israel.

† or, dyed scarlet.

§ or, fiery.

|| their show.

* or, gallants.

† covering, or, coverer.

† or, mollen.

§ No amon, or, nourishing.

|| or, that which was established, or, there was a stand made.

* or, discovered.

† or, from the days that she hath been.

water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, shall they cry; but none shall ^{*} look back.

9 Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: [†] for there is none end of the store and glory out of all the pleasant furniture.

10 She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and ^b the knees smite together, and much pain is in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness.

11 Where is the dwelling of ^d the lions, and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion, even the old lion, walked, and the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid?

12 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin.

13 Behold, ^c I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy [†] messengers shall no more be heard.

CHAP. III.

WOE to the [†] bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not;

2 The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing horses, and of the jumping chariots.

3 The horseman litten up both: the ^{||} bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcases; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses:

4 Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

5 Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame.

6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazingstock.

7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?

8 Art thou better than ^s populous No, that was situate among the rivers, that had the waters round about it, whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was from the sea?

9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength,

3. flood, army, judgments. 10. thorns, i. e. a thorn hedge. 11. one, Sennacherib. 12. quiet, prosperous. 13. his yoke, the Assyrian yoke on the Jews, who paid tribute to that power: 2 Kings xviii. 14. 14. name be sown, fame and renown.

CHAP. II.—1. He that dasheth, &c. Nebuchadnezzar with Ahasuerus, king of the Medes, conquered Nineveh. 2. For the Lord hath turned, &c. God their excellency had withdrawn his favour from Israel and Judah for a season, and delivered them to the Assyrians. 3. red, &c. describes their marks as an army. the chariots shall, &c. are as flaming torches; with their scythes glittering in the sun.—Boothroyd. 4. recount, &c. muster his troops. Some refer this verse to the besieger, others to the besieged; the latter seems most natural, showing their hasty

defence.—Ed. 6. The gates of the rivers, &c. in the third year of the siege, the overflowing river broke down the wall. 7. Huzzab, which some understand as Nineveh. taberning, 'smiting their hands.' 8. like a pool, its site became a marsh. 11. lions, i. e. fierce conquerors.

CHAP. III.—1. bloody, where schemes of cruelty were devised and executed. 2. noise of a whip, &c. describe troops hastening to battle. 3. horseman, &c. is the battle scene. Some think this suggests the bloody nature of the government, covering its land with dead. 4. mistress of witchcrafts, or 'enchancements,' alluring the conquered to the worship of her gods. 5. discover, &c. i. e. expose thy shame. 8. No, an Egyptian city: see Ezek. xxx. 14, 15.

and it was infinite; Put and Lubim were * thy helpers.

10 Yet *was* she carried away, she went into captivity: *b* her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they *c* cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

11 Thou also shalt be *c* drunken: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy.

12 All thy strong holds *shall be like* fig^s trees with the firstripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold, *h* thy people in the midst of thee *are* women: the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy *i* bars.

14 Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brickkiln.

15 There shall the fire devour thee; the

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* *in thy help.*

a Joel 1. 4.

b Ps. 137. 9.

Is. 13. 16.

Ho. 13. 16.

c Joel 3. 3.

Ob. 11.

† or, *spread-*

eth himself.

d Re. 9. 7.

e Je. 25. 17, 27.

f Re. 6. 13.

g Ex. 15. 16.

Ps. 76. 6.

† or, *valiant*

ones.

h Je. 50. 37.

51. 30.

i Ps. 147. 13.

§ *wrinkling.*

k Is. 14. 8, &c.

La. 2. 15.

Zep. 2. 15.

sword shall cut thee off; it shall eat thee up like *a* the cankerworm: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts.

16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the cankerworm *†* spoileth, and fleeth away.

17 Thy *d* crowned *are* as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, *but* when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they *are*.

18 Thy *e* shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: thy *†* nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered over the mountains, and no man gathereth them.

19 *There is* no *§* healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: *h* all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

Jer. xlv. 25. *Put*, the people of the Moors. *Lubim*, the Lybians. 11. *drunken*, with God's wrath. *hid*, in hopes of escape. 13. *women*, without courage.

bars, gates. 14. *go into clay*, make bricks to repair the breaches. 15. *as the cankerworm*, &c. 'as locusts spread thyself and fly away.' 18. *shepherds*, rulers.

H A B A K K U K.

Reproves the Jews, and foretells the destruction of the Chaldeans and Babylonian empire.

CHAP. I.

THE burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! *even* cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!

3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause *me* to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence *are* before me: and there *are* *that* raise up strife and contention.

4 Therefore the law is slackened, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore *§* wrong judgment proceedeth.

5 *¶* Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, *which* ye will not believe, though it be told you.

6 For lo, *¶* I raise up the Chaldeans, *that* bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the *†* breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces *that are* not their's.

7 They *are* terrible and dreadful: *§* their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.

8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more *** fierce than the evening wolves; and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth to eat.

9 They shall come all for violence: *§* their faces shall sup up *as* the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity *as* the sand.

10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.

B. C. 626.

* *rock.*

De. 32. 4.

† *founded.*

† or, *grievance.*

§ or, *wrested.*

|| or, *moving.*

¶ Fulfilled,

2 Ch. 36. 6.

† or, *flue net.*

† *breadths.*

§ or, *from*

them shall

proceed the

judgment

of these,

and the

captivity of

these.

|| *fat, or,*

dainty.

* *sharp.*

† *fenced*

place.

† or, *in me.*

§ *the opposi-*

tion of

their faces

toward the

east, or,

thesupping

up of their

faces, &c.

or, *their*

faces shall

look toward

the east.

|| *upon my*

reproof, or,

arguing,

or, *when I*

am argued

with.

11 Then shall *his* mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, *imputing* this his power unto his god.

12 *¶* *Art* thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O *** mighty God, thou hast testablished them for correction.

13 *Thou art* of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on *†* iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth *the man that* is more righteous than he?

14 And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the *||* creeping things, *that have* no ruler over them?

15 They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their *†* drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad.

16 Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion *is* fat, and their meat *¶* plenteous.

17 Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

CHAP. II.

I WILL stand upon my watch, and set me upon the *†* tower, and will watch to see what he will say *†* unto me, and what I shall answer *¶* when I am reproved.

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3 For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; be-

CHAP. I.—5. *Behold—among the heathen*, Ye Jews, see God's dealings there. *in your days*, who are now alive: see the quotation, Acts xiii. 41. 9. *sup up as the east*, &c. wherever they appear, it will be to destroy. *captivity*, 'captives.' 11. *his* 'their.' *he shall pass over*, 'they will transgress.' *his god*, 'their gods.'

Boothr. 12. *die*, i. e. utterly perish. 14. *makest men as the fishes*, so easily the Chaldeans subdued the nations. 16. *sacrifice unto their net*, ascribe all to their own valour. 17. *empty*, 'always empty.'

CHAP. II.—2. *tables*, 'tablets.' *may run*, &c. perhaps the prophets hung up their prophecies in public

cause it will surely come, it will not tarry.
4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the ⁶ just shall live by his faith.

5 ¶ Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:

6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, *Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with ticklacy!

7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?

8 Because ⁵ thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

9 ¶ Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the [†] power of evil!

10 Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned against thy soul.

11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the ^{||} beam out of the timber shall answer it.

12 ¶ Woe to him that buildeth a town with [†] blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity!

13 Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves [§] for very vanity?

14 For the earth shall be filled *with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

15 ¶ Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!

16 Thou art filled [†] with shame for glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory.

17 For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, which made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

18 ¶ What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the *maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?

19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood,

B. C. 626.

a He. 10. 37.

b Jno. 3. 36.

* or, How

much more.

c Ps. 11. 4.

† be silent all

the earth.

† or, accord-

ing to vari-

able songs,

or, tunes,

called in

Hebrew,

Shigionoth.

d Ps. 7, title.

§ report, or,

hearing.

|| or, preserve

alive.

e Ps. 85. 6.

* or, Ho, he,

† or, the

south.

f De. 33. 2.

§ Is. 33. 1.

† or, bright

beams out

of his sight.

§ bloods.

|| or, diseases,

De. 32. 24.

* or, gaineth

an evil

gain.

† palm of the

hand.

† or, Ethi-

opia.

§ or, under

affliction,

or, wantly.

† or, piece,

or, fasten-

ing.

* or, witness

against it.

† bloods.

† or, were.

† or, in vain.

|| or, rivers of

the earth.

* or, by

knowing

the glory.

† or, thine

arrows

walked in

the light,

&c.

† or, more

with shame

than with

glory.

§ making

naked.

|| were tem-

pestuous.

* fashioner

of his

fashion.

† or, mud.

Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.

20 But [†] the LORD is in his holy temple: [†] let all the earth keep silence before him.

CHAP. III.

A PRAYER of Habakkuk the prophet upon ² Shigionoth.

2 O LORD, I have heard thy [§] speech, and was afraid: O LORD, [§] revive [§] thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

3 God came from [†] Teman, [§] and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

4 And his brightness was as the light; he had [†] horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.

5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning ^{||} coals went forth at his feet.

6 He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting.

7 I saw the tents of [†] Cushan [§] in affliction: and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

8 Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots: of salvation?

9 Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes: even thy word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the ^{||} earth with rivers.

10 The mountains saw thee, and they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high.

11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: [†] at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear.

12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.

13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, [§] by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.

14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they ^{||} came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, through the [†] heap of great waters.

places, as the Romans their laws. 4. his soul, &c. he who is lifted up, to despise the prophecy, his soul is 'not upright in him.' 5. Yea, &c. 'Truly, as a man transgressing by wine.' Nebuchadnezzar seems here described. 6. how long? &c. 'how long will he lade himself with ticklacy?' 9. that coveteth, &c. i. e. would so aggrandize his house. 11. the stony, &c. the buildings of Babylon should witness against him. 15. look, &c. i. e. expose them to shame. 16. let thy fureskin, &c. it shall be manifest by worship not the true God. The verses mean, that those who give others the wine of wrath, shall themselves drink of it. 17. of Lebanon, i. e. done to it. make thee afraid, 'make thee afraid.'

CHAP. III.—1. Shigionoth, same as Ps. vii.: see title, note there. 2. speech, threatening captivity.

3. came, showed his majesty. Teman—Paran, districts near Sinai, to which this alludes. 4. horns, 'rays,' hiding, 'hiding place.' 7. tents of Cushan, &c. the wandering tribes trembling at God's judgments. 8. sea, i. e. Red Sea. thy chariots, angelic attendants: see Ps. lxviii. 17, &c. 9. oaths of the tribes, 'oath to the tribes.' cleave, &c. 'cleave the streams of the land,' in dividing Jordan: Jos. i. 16, 17. 11. The sun, &c. see Jos. x. 12, 13. at the light, &c.

'By their light thine arrows went abroad. By their brightness, thy glittering spear.'

13. anointed, 'anointed ones.' the head, alludes to the first-born of the Egyptians. by discovering, &c. 'Thou didst lay bare the foundation to the rock.' 14. his staves, 'thy rod.'

16 When I heard, ^a my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will ^{*} invade them with his troops.

17 " Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail,

B. C. 626.

^a Ps. 119. 120.

Je. 23. 9.

^b Is. 61. 10.

Phi. 4. 4.

^{*} or, cut them

in pieces.

[†] *Neginoth*,

Ps. 4, title.

[‡] *lie*.

and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

18 Yet I will ^b rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19 The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

16. *people, the Jews. his troops, the Chaldeans.*

19. *like hinds', both sure-footed and swift. upon—*

high places, denotes triumph over enemies: Deut. xxxiii. 29; Mic. i. 3.

ZEPHANIAH.

Zephaniah was contemporary with Jeremiah. He prophesied of the captivity.

CHAP. I.

THE word of the LORD which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

2 ^{*} I will utterly consume all things from off [†] the land, saith the LORD.

3 I ^d will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and ^e the [‡] stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD.

4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and [§] I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of ^k the Chemarims with the priests;

5 And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear [§] by the LORD, and that swear ^k by Malcham;

6 And them that are turned back from the LORD; and those that ^m have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him.

7 Hold ⁿ thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: ^o for the day of the LORD is at hand: for ^p the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath ^l bid his guests.

8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD's sacrifice, that I will ^{*} punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

9 In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and an howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills.

11 Howl, ^t ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off.

12 And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are ^u settled ^u on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.

B. C. 630.

^a De. 28. 30, 39.

Am. 5. 11.

^b Mi. 6. 15.

^c Joel 2. 1, 11.

^{*} By taking

away I will

make an

end.

[†] the face of

the land.

^d Ho. 4. 3.

^e Eze. 7. 19.

14. 3, 4, 7.

Mat. 13. 41.

[‡] or, idols.

[§] Je. 4. 19.

[§] Fulfilled,

624.

2 Ki. 23. 4, 5.

^h Ho. 10. 5.

ⁱ De. 28. 29.

Is. 59. 10.

[§] or, to.

^j Ps. 83. 10.

Je. 9. 22.

16. 4.

^k 1 Ki. 11. 33.

^l Pr. 11. 4.

^m Eze. 7. 19.

ⁿ Ho. 7. 7.

^o Zec. 2. 13.

^p Is. 13. 6.

^p Is. 34. 6.

Je. 46. 10.

Eze. 39. 17.

Re. 19. 17.

^{||} sanctified,

or, pre-

pared.

^{*} visit upon.

[†] or, desirous.

^q Job 21. 18.

Ps. 1. 4.

Is. 17. 13.

Ho. 13. 3.

^r Joel 2. 14.

Am. 5. 15.

Jon. 3. 9.

^s Je. 47. 4, 5.

Eze. 25. 15.

Am. 1. 6. 8.

Zec. 9. 5, 6.

^t Ja. 5. 1.

[‡] curdled, or,

thickened.

^u Je. 48. 11.

Am. 6. 1.

13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but ^a not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but ^b not drink the wine thereof.

14 The ^c great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 A day of ^f the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall [†] walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh [‡] as the dung.

18 Neither ⁱ their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

CHAP. II.

GATHER yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not [†] desired;

2 Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass ^q as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger come upon you.

3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: ^{*} it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.

4 [†] For [‡] Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coasts, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.

CHAP. I.—3. *stumblingblocks with the wicked, i. e. idols with their worshippers.* 4. *Chemarims, or black ones, Baal's priests, who wore black: comp. 2 Kings xxiii. 5.* 5. *Malcham, or Moloch.* 6. *sacrifice, slaughter. guests, Chaldeans.* 9. *leap, a heathen rite.* 10. *second, i. e. second city, part of Jerusalem so called.* 11. *Maktesh i. e. 'a hollow*

place,' probably the lower city. 12. *with candles, i. e. diligently. settled, &c. quiet as settled wine.* 17. *like blind, not knowing where to go.*

CHAP. II.—1. *not desired, i. e. hated.* 2. *as the chaff, i. e. swiftly.* 4. *For Gaza, &c. a digression to the fate of neighbouring nations.* 5. *Cherethites,*

6 And the sea coast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, ^a and folds for flocks.

7 And the coast shall be for ^b the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: [†] for the LORD their God shall ^d visit them, and turn away their captivity.

8 [†] I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified *themselves* against their border.

9 Therefore as I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely [†] Moab shall be as Sodom, and [†] the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, [†] even the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.

10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified *themselves* against the people of the LORD of hosts.

11 The LORD *will be* terrible unto them: for he will [†] famish all the gods of the earth; [†] and men shall worship him, every one from his place, *even* all [†] the isles of the heathen.

12 [†] Ye [†] Ethiopians also, ye *shall be* slain by my sword.

13 And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and [†] destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness.

14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all [†] the beasts of the nations: both the [†] cormorant [†] and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it; *their voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds;* [†] for he shall uncover the cedar work.

15 This is the rejoicing city [†] that dwelt carelessly, [†] that said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her [†] shall hiss, and wag his hand.

CHAP. III.

WOE to [†] her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

2 She [†] obeyed not the voice; she [†] received not [†] correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.

3 Her [†] princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are [†] evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

4 Her [†] prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done [†] violence to the law.

5 The [†] just LORD [†] is in the midst hereof; he will not do iniquity: [†] every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

6 I have cut off the nations: their

B. C. 630.

[†] or, corners.

^a Is. 17. 2.

^b Is. 11. 11.

^c Je. 8. 6.

[†] or, when.

^d Ex. 4. 31.

[†] Lu. 1. 68.

^e Ge. 6. 12.

^f Eze. 25. 8.

^g Joel 3. 2.

^h Is. XV.

ⁱ Am. 1. 13.

^k Ge. 19. 25.

[†] Is. 19. 18.

[†] lip.

[†] shoulder.

^m Ps. 68. 31.

ⁿ Mal. 1. 11.

^o Ac. 8. 27.

^p make lean.

^q Mal. 1. 11.

^r Jno. 4. 21.

^s Mat. 3. 9.

^t Ge. 10. 5.

[†] in my holy.

^u Is. 18. 1.

^v Mat. 5. 3.

^w 1 Co. 1. 27, 28.

^x Ja. 2. 5.

^y Is. 10. 12.

^z Eze. 31. 3.

^{aa} Na. 1. 1.

^{ab} Is. 63. 8.

^{ac} Re. 14. 5.

^{ad} Is. 13. 21, 22.

^{ae} or, pelican.

^{af} Is. 34. 11, 14.

^{ag} or, knops,

^{ah} or, chapiters.

^{ai} or, when

^{aj} he hath

^{ak} uncovered.

^{al} Is. 47. 8.

^{am} Jno. 1. 49.

^{an} Re. 7. 15.

^{ao} 21. 3. 4.

^{ap} Re. 18. 7.

^{aq} He. 12. 12.

^{ar} Job 27. 23.

^{as} or, faint.

^{at} Fe. 30. 9.

^{au} or, crawl, or,

^{av} glutinous.

^{aw} † be silent.

^{ax} Je. 22. 21.

^{ay} Je. 5. 3.

^{az} or, instruction.

^{ba} Eze. 22. 27.

^{bb} burden

^{bc} upon it was

^{bd} reproach.

^{be} Hab. 1. 8.

^{bf} La. 2. 14.

^{bg} Ho. 9. 7.

^{bh} † set them

^{bi} for a praise

^{bj} Eze. 22. 26.

^{bk} of their

^{bl} shame.

^{bm} De. 32. 4.

^{bn} Mi. 3. 11.

^{bo} Is. 11. 12.

^{bp} Am. 9. 14.

^{bq} † morning

^{br} by morn-

^{bs} ing.

* towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

7 I [†] said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and [†] corrupted all their doings.

8 [†] Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is [†] to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, *even* all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

9 For then will I turn to the people [†] a pure [†] language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one [†] consent.

10 From [†] beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, *even* the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.

11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that [†] rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty [†] because of my holy mountain.

12 I will also leave in the midst of thee [†] an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, [†] nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

14 [†] Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: [†] the king of Israel, *even* the LORD, [†] is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: *and* to Zion, [†] Let not thine hands be [†] slack.

17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, [†] he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will [†] rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

18 I will gather *them* that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, *who* are of thee, to whom the [†] reproach of it was a burden.

19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven forth; and I will [†] get them praise and fame in every land [†] where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time [†] will I bring you *again*, *even* in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

colonies of Crete: see 1 Sam. xxx. 14. then the day of visitation is past. 681

7. evening, 12. Ethiopians,

CHAP. III.—1. her, Jerusalem. i. e. they instantly devour it. &c. i. e. he gives daily proof of his equity.

3. gnaw not, &c. 5. every morning,

H A G G A I.

This prophet prophesied to the Jews during the rebuilding of the temple, B. C. 520.

CHAP. I.

IN^a the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD * by Haggai the prophet unto^b Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, † governor of Judah, and to^c Joshua the son of^d Josedech, the high priest, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.

3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 *Is^a it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?*

5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; § Consider[†] your ways.

6 Ye have^k sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and^m he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bagⁿ with holes.

7 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did^p blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

10 Therefore^q the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

11 And I^r called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon^s that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

12 ¶ Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, § obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people^t did fear before the LORD.

13 Then spake Haggai^u the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, *I am with you, saith the LORD.*

14 And^v the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; ^w and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

15 In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

B. C. 520.

^a Ezr. 4. 24.

^b 5. 1.

^c Zec. 1. 1.

^d by the hand of.

^e by the hand of.

^f Mat. 1. 12.

^g or, captain.

^h Ezr. 3. 2.

ⁱ 1 Ch. 6. 15.

^j Ezr. 3. 12.

^k Zec. 4. 10.

^l Zec. 8. 9.

^m 2 Sa. 7. 2.

ⁿ Ps. 132. 3.

^o &c.

^p Set your heart on.

^q La. 3. 40.

^r De. 28. 38.

^s Ho. 4. 10.

^t Ex. 29. 45, 46.

^u No. 9. 20.

^v Is. 63. 11.

^w Zec. 8. 10.

^x pierced through.

^y He. 12. 26.

^z Joel 3. 16.

^{aa} Ge. 49. 10.

^{ab} Mal. 3. 1.

^{ac} or, blow it away.

^{ad} Jno. 1. 14.

^{ae} Ps. 85. 8, 9.

^{af} Lu. 2. 14.

^{ag} Ep. 2. 14.

^{ah} Le. 26. 19.

^{ai} De. 28. 23.

^{aj} 1 Ki. 8. 35.

^{ak} 1 Ki. 17. 1.

^{al} 2 Ki. 8. 1.

^{am} Job 34. 29.

^{an} Le. 10. 10. 11.

^{ao} De. 33. 10.

^{ap} Mal. 2. 7.

^{aq} Is. 55. 10, 11.

^{ar} Col. 1. 6.

^{as} 1 Th. 1. 5, 6.

^{at} 2. 13.

^{au} Nu. 19. 11.

^{av} Ec. 12. 13.

^{aw} Ac. 9. 31.

^{ax} He. 12. 28.

^{ay} Tit. 1. 15.

^{az} 2 Co. 5. 20.

^{ba} Mat. 18. 20.

^{bb} 28. 20.

^{bc} Ro. 8. 31.

^{bd} 2 Ti. 4. 17, 22.

^{be} Ro. 6. 21.

^{bf} 1 Co. 11. 31.

^{bg} 2 Ch. 36. 22.

^{bh} Ezr. 1. 1.

^{bi} Ac. 17. 16.

^{bj} 1 Co. 12. 4.

^{bk} 11.

^{bl} Zec. 8. 10.

^{bm} Ezr. 5. 2, 8.

^{bn} 1 Co. 15. 58.

^{bo} De. 28. 22.

^{bp} 1 Ki. 8. 37.

^{bq} Am. 4. 9.

CHAP. II.

IN the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD † by the prophet Haggai, saying,

2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,

3 Who^c is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? *f* is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

4 Yet now^e be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:

5 According[†] to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so^m my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; ° Yet once, it is a little while, and^p I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

7 And I will shake all nations, ° and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

9 The ° glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts; and in this place will I give[†] peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

10 ¶ In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

11 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; * Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying,

12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.

13 Then said Haggai, *If one that is ° unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean?* And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

14 Then answered Haggai, and said, *So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.*

15 And now, I pray you, ° consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:

16 Since those days were, § when one came to an heap of twenty measures, there were but ten: when one came to the press-fat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty.

17 I[†] smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of

CHAP. I.—1. *Darius*, i. e. Darius Hystaspes. 2. *time*, &c. end of the seventy years. 4. *Is it time*, &c. 5. *Then the time cannot be come for you to build your-*

selves comfortable houses.' 6. *with holes*, i. e. nothing can be saved. 9. *did blow*, it was a blasted harvest.

CHAP. II.—7. *shake*, &c. cause great commotions

your hands ; ^a yet ye turned not to me, saith the LORD.

18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from ^d the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider it.

19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth : ^f from this day will I bless you.

20 ¶ And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

and changes. 23. In that day, &c. when all nations should be shaken. Zerubbabel, under his name is couched that of the Messiah; for the prophecy was

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- ^a Je. 5. 3.
- ^b He. 12. 26.
- ^c Da. 2. 44.
- ^d Mat. 24. 7.
- ^e Zec. 8. 9.
- ^f Mi. 5. 10.
- ^g Zec. 4. 6.
- ^h 9. 10.
- ⁱ Mat. 6. 33.
- ^j Ca. 8. 6.
- ^k Je. 22. 24.
- ^l Is. 42. 1.
- ^m 43. 10.
- ⁿ Mat. 12. 18.
- ^o 1 Pe. 2. 4.

21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, ^b I will shake the heavens and the earth ;

22 And ^c I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen ; and ^d I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them ; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.

23 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, ^e and will make thee as a signet : for ^f I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

not fulfilled in Zerubbabel, who did not live to see the great changes predicted. as a signet, symbolizes Jehovah's care and love.

Z E C H A R I A H.

This prophet was contemporary with Haggai ; his message to the Jews was of the same kind, but more particularly pointed to the advent and glory of the Messiah.

CHAP. I.

IN the eighth month, ^a in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD ^b unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

2 The LORD hath been ^c sore displeased with your fathers.

3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts ; Turn ye ^d unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 Be ye not as your fathers, ^e unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts ; ^f Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings : but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.

5 Your fathers, where are they ? and the prophets, do they live for ever ?

6 But ^g my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not ^h take hold of your fathers ? and they returned and said, ⁱ Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

7 ¶ Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

8 I saw by night, and behold ^j a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom ; and behind him were there red horses, ^k speckled, and white.

9 Then said I, O my lord, what are these ? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be.

10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, ^l These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

11 And ^m they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees,

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- ^a Eze. 4. 24.
- ^b Hag. 1. 1.
- ^c Eze. 5. 1.
- ^d Mat. 23. 35.
- ^e Ps. 102. 13.
- ^f Re. 6. 10.
- ^g with displeasure.
- ^h ch. 7. 5.
- ⁱ Je. 25. 11, 12.
- ^j Da. 9. 2.
- ^k Mal. 3. 7.
- ^l Lu. 15. 20.
- ^m Ja. 4. 8.
- ⁿ Je. 29. 10.
- ^o 2 Ch. 36. 15.
- ^p 16.
- ^q Is. 31. 6.
- ^r Je. 3. 12.
- ^s 18. 11.
- ^t Eze. 18. 30.
- ^u Ho. 14. 1.
- ^v Mat. 3. 8.
- ^w Ac. 3. 19.
- ^x ch. 8. 2.
- ^y Joel 2. 18.
- ^z Is. 47. 6.
- ^{aa} He. 12. 6, 7.
- ^{ab} Is. 55. 1.
- ^{ac} or. overtake.
- ^{ad} Is. 12. 1.
- ^{ae} 53. 8.
- ^{af} La. 1. 18.
- ^{ag} 2. 17.
- ^{ah} good.
- ^{ai} Is. 51. 3.
- ^{aj} Ps. 14. 1.
- ^{ak} Jos. 5. 13.
- ^{al} Re. 6. 4.
- ^{am} Eze. 4. 1, 4, 7.
- ^{an} 5. 3.
- ^{ao} or. bay.
- ^{ap} He. 1. 14.
- ^{aq} Ps. 103. 20.
- ^{ar} Ps. 75. 4, 5.

and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

12 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, ^c O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation ^d these threescore and ten years ?

13 And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me ^e with good words and comfortable words.

14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts ; I am ^f jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen ^g that are at ease : for ^h I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

16 Therefore thus saith the LORD ; ⁱ I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies : my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts ; My cities through ^j prosperity shall yet be spread abroad ; ^k and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and ^l shall yet choose Jerusalem.

18 ¶ Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.

19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these ? And he answered me, ^m These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

20 And the LORD shewed me four carpenters.

21 Then said I, What come these to do ? And he spake, saying, These ⁿ are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head : but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which ^o lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

CHAP. I.—1. Darius, see Hag. i. 1. 5. where—they, cut off, but God's word was fulfilled. 6. take hold, overtake. 8. man, angel, or Angel of the covenant. red, &c. emblems of war. myrtle, &c. symbols of peace and joy. speckled, emblems of changes of pro-

vidence. white, emblem of Christ's kingdom. li. a line, of the architect for rebuilding. 18. four horns, four great powers. 20. carpenters, ploughmen ; so several critics. 21. fray, scare. These agents are not certainly ascertained.

CHAP. II.

I LIFTED up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold ^a a man with a measuring line in his hand.

2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, ^c To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.

3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,

4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, ^f Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, ⁱ and will be the glory in the midst of her.

* 6 ^h Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have ⁱ spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.

7 Deliver ^m thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for ^o he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

9 For, behold, I will ^r shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

10 ^s Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I ^u will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be ^v my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and ^w thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

12 And the LORD shall ^y inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up ^z out of [†] his holy habitation.

CHAP. III.

AND he shewed me ^a Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and ^b Satan ^c standing at his right hand to ^d resist him.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, ^e The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that ^f hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: ^g is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

3 Now Joshua was clothed with ^h filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, ⁱ and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

6 And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,

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^a Eze. 40. 3.^b or, ordinance.^c Mal. 2. 7.^d walks.^e Re. 11. 1.^f men of wonder, or, sign.^g Eze. 12. 11.^h 24. 24.ⁱ Ps. 71. 7.^j Is. 11. 1.^k Je. 23. 5.^l Lu. 1. 78.^m Je. 31. 27.ⁿ Re. 5. 6.^o Je. 31. 34.^p Is. 60. 19.^q Ki. 4. 25.^r Mi. 4. 4.^s De. 28. 64.^t Re. 18. 4.^u Da. 8. 18.^v De. 32. 10.^w 2 Th. 1. 6.^x Re. 1. 12.^y [†] her bowl.^z Is. 19. 16.[†] Re. 4. 5.[†] or, seven[†] several[†] pipes to the[†] lamps.[†] Re. 11. 4.[†] Le. 26. 12.[†] Jno. 1. 14.[†] 2 Co. 6. 16.[†] Ex. 12. 49.[†] Eze. 33. 33.[†] De. 32. 9.[†] Ho. 1. 7.[†] or, army.[†] Hab. 2. 20.[†] Zep. 1. 7.[†] the habitation[†] of his[†] holiness.[†] De. 26. 15.[†] Is. 63. 15.[†] Mat. 21. 21.[†] Hag. 1. 1.[†] Ps. 118. 22.[†] i. e. an adversary.[†] Ps. 109. 6.[†] Re. 12. 10.[†] [§] be his adversary.[†] Jude 9.[†] Ro. 8. 33.[†] Ro. 11. 5.[†] Jude 23.[†] Ezr. 6. 15.[†] ch. 6. 15.[†] Is. 61. 6.[†] m. Is. 48. 16.[†] Hag. 2. 3.[†] or, since the[†] seven eyes[†] of the[†] LORD[†] shall re-[†] joice.[†] ^{*} stone of tin.[†] Pr. 15. 3.[†] Lu. 15. 22.[†] Re. 19. 8.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my ^a charge, then thou shalt also ^b judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee ^c places to walk among these that stand by.

8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are ^d men ^e wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the ^f BRANCH.

9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone ^g shall be ^h seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and ⁱ I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour ^j ^k under the vine and under the fig tree.

CHAP. IV.

AND the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, ^a as a man that is wakened out of his sleep.

2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold ^b a candlestick all of gold, with ^c a bowl upon the top of it, ^d and his seven lamps thereon, and ^e seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:

3 And ^f two olive trees by it, one upon the right ^g side of the bowl, and the other upon the left ^h side thereof.

4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, ⁱ Not by ^j might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Who ^k art thou, ^l O great mountain? before Zerubbabel ^m thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth ⁿ the head-stone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands ^o shall also finish it; and ^p thou shalt know that the ^q LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

10 For who hath despised the day of ^r small things? ^s For they shall rejoice, and shall see the ^t plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel ^u with those seven; ^v they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

11 ^w Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right ^x side of the candlestick and upon the left ^y side thereof?

12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What ^z be these two olive branches

CHAP. II.—5. wall of fire, i. e. a sure defence. 6. land, &c. Babylon, north of Jerusalem. 8. the glory, of their deliverance.

CHAP. III.—1. angel, &c. Messiah. Satan, may mean the combined enemies of the church. 2. brand, see Amos iv. 11, note. 3. filthy garments, perhaps sackcloth. 8. wondered at, for their wonderful deliverance from Babylon. BRANCH, the Messiah so called; see Is. iv. 2; xi. 1; Jer. xxiii. 5; Zech. vi. 12.

9. The stone, another emblem of Messiah: see Psalm cxviii. 22; Is. xxviii. 16, &c. seven eyes, as ornaments, emblem of providence. 10. under the vine, signifies peace and prosperity.

CHAP. IV.—2. candlestick, Jewish ecclesiastical and civil polity. 3. olive, supplying it with oil. 7. Who, &c. all difficulties should vanish in rebuilding the temple. 10. those seven, i. e. lamps and pipes, ver. 2. eyes, especial providence.

which * through the two golden pipes
empty † the golden oil out of themselves?

13 And he answered me and said, Know-
est thou not what these be? And I said,
No, my lord.

14 Then said he, † These are the two
anointed ones, † that stand by † the Lord
of the whole earth.

CHAP. V.

THEN I turned, and lifted up mine eyes,
and looked, and behold a flying † roll.

2 And he said unto me, What seest thou?
And I answered, I see a flying roll; the
length thereof is twenty cubits, and the
breadth thereof ten cubits.

3 Then said he unto me, This is the
curse that goeth forth over the face of the
whole earth: for every one † that stealeth
shall be cut off as on this side according
to it; and every one that sweareth shall
be cut off as on that side according to it.

4 I will bring it forth, saith the LORD
of hosts, and it shall enter into the house
of the thief, and into the house of † him
that sweareth falsely by my name: and it
shall remain in the midst of his house,
and † shall consume it with the timber
thereof and the stones thereof.

5 ¶ Then the angel that talked with me
went forth, and said unto me, Lift up
now thine eyes, and see what is this that
goeth forth.

6 And I said, What is it? And he said,
This is an ephah that goeth forth. He
said moreover, This is their resemblance
through all the earth.

7 And, behold, there was lifted up a
talent of lead: and this is a woman
that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

8 And he said, This is wickedness. And
he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and
he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth
thereof.

9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked,
and, behold, there came out two women,
and the wind was in their wings; for
they had wings like the wings of a stork:
and they lifted up the ephah between the
earth and the heaven.

10 Then said I to the angel that talked
with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?

11 And he said unto me, To † build it
an house in † the land of Shinar: and it
shall be established, and set there upon
her own base.

CHAP. VI.

AND I turned, and lifted up mine eyes,
and looked, and, behold, there came four
chariots out from between two mountains;
and the mountains were mountains of
brass.

2 In the first chariot were † red horses;
and in the second chariot black horses;

3 And in the third chariot white horses;

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* by the
hand of.

† or, strong.

‡ or, empty
out of
themselves
oil into
the gold.
§ the gold.

¶ Re. 11. 4.

|| sons of oil.

℥ Lu. 1. 19.

℥ Jos. 3. 11, 13.

℥ Ps. 104. 4.

℥ He. 1. 7, 14.

* or, winds.

℥ 1 Ki. 22. 19.

℥ Da. 7. 10.

℥ Lu. 1. 19.

℥ Je. 1. 14.

℥ Eze. 2. 9.

℥ ch. 1. 10.

℥ Ge. 13. 17.

℥ Mal. 4. 6.

† or, of this
people that
stealeth
holdeth
himself
guiltless, as
it doth.

℥ Ju. 8. 3.

℥ Ec. 10. 4.

℥ ch. 8. 17.

℥ Le. 19. 12.

℥ Mal. 3. 5.

℥ Lu. 14. 45.

℥ Ja. 5. 2, 3.

℥ Ex. 28. 36.

℥ 29. 6.

℥ Le. 8. 9.

℥ Lu. 1. 78.

℥ Juo. 1. 45.

† or, branch
up from
under him.

§ or, weighty
piece.

℥ ch. 4. 9.

℥ Mat. 16. 18.

℥ Ep. 2. 20, 22.

℥ He. 3. 3.

℥ Is. 22. 24.

℥ Ps. 110. 4.

℥ He. 3. 1.

℥ Ex. 12. 14.

℥ Mar. 14. 9.

℥ Is. 57. 19.

℥ 60. 10.

℥ Ep. 2. 13, 19.

℥ Je. 29. 5, 28.

℥ Ge. 10. 10.

℥ Re. 6. 2, &c.

|| intreat the
face of.

1 Sa. 13. 12.

and in the fourth chariot grisled and † bay
horses.

4 Then I answered and said unto the
angel that talked with me, What are
these, my lord?

5 And the angel answered and said unto
me, † These are the four * spirits of the
heavens, which go forth from † standing
before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The black horses which are therein go
forth into † the north country; and the
white go forth after them; and the grisled
go forth toward the south country.

7 And the bay went forth, and sought
to go that they might † walk to and fro
through the earth: and he said, Get you
hence, walk to and fro through the earth.
So they walked to and fro through the
earth.

8 Then cried he upon me, and spake
unto me, saying, Behold, these that go
toward the north country have quieted
my † spirit in the north country.

9 ¶ And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying,

10 Take of them of the captivity, even
of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah,
which are come from Babylon, and come
thou the same day, and go into the house
of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;

11 Then take silver and gold, and make
* crowns, and set them upon the head of
Joshua the son of Josedech, the high
priest;

12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus
saith the LORD of hosts, saying, Be-
hold † the man whose name is The
BRANCH; and he shall † grow up out of
his place, † and he shall build the temple
of the LORD:

13 Even he shall build the temple of the
LORD; and he † shall bear the glory, and
shall sit and rule upon his throne; and
* he shall be a priest upon his throne: and
the counsel of peace shall be between
them both.

14 And the crowns shall be to Helem,
and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to
Hen the son of Zephaniah, † for a memo-
rial in the temple of the LORD.

15 And † they that are far off shall
come and build in the temple of the
LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD
of hosts hath sent me unto you. And † this
shall come to pass, if ye will diligently
obey the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAP. VII.

AND it came to pass in the fourth year
of king Darius, that the word of the LORD
came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of
the ninth month, even in Chisleu;

2 When they had sent unto the house
of God Sherezer and Regem-melech, and
their men, to † pray before the LORD,

barriers overcome. 2. red-black, &c. emblems of
the four empires. 6. black, &c.—go—north, to
conquer the Babylonians. white—after, to conquer
the Persians. grisled—south, may denote Roman
conquests in Egypt. 7. bay, may describe the
restless spirit of the Romans. 8. quieted, i.e. ap-
peased my wrath. 12. grow up, extend his power
and dominion. 13. glory, i.e. honour and authority.

both, Jews and Gentiles.—Davidson. It means the
harmony of the priestly and kingly offices in Christ;
sin is expiated, enemies subdued: so Calvin, Poole,
Gill, &c. 11. shall be to Helem, &c. delivered to
these for a memorial. 15. they, i.e. the Gentiles:
Is. lvii. 19; Ephes. ii. 12, 17.

CHAP. VII.—2. to pray, for Divine direction.

14. anointed ones, primarily Joshua and Zerubbabel.

CHAP. V.—1. roll, of parchment. flying, suggests
the universality and rapidity of the curse. 3. earth,
'land,' Judea. 4. consume it, probably refers to the
severest punishment, as in Dan. iii. 29. 6. ephah,
a vessel in the shape of that measure. 7. talent, or
mighty piece, marg. 8. wickedness, representing
that of the people. cast, &c. signifying the casting
down of the wicked. 9. two women, emblems of
nations: Ezek. xvi. 41; xxiii. 10. wind—wings, de-
note swiftness of conquest. lifted, &c. shows a future
deposition.

CHAP. VI.—1. chariots, Babylonian, Persian, Gre-
cian, and Roman empires. mountains, opposing

3 And to ^a speak unto the priests which were in the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?

4 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying,

5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye ^d fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast / unto me, *even to me*?

6 And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, [†] did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?

7 ¶ Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried § by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited [‡] the south and the plain?

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying,

9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, * Execute [†] true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

10 And [‡] oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; [‡] and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

11 But they refused to hearken, and [†] pulled away the shoulder, and § stopped their ears, [†] that they should not hear.

12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit [‡] by the former prophets: [‡] therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

13 Therefore it is come to pass, *that* as he cried, and they would not hear; so [‡] they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts:

14 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the [†] pleasant land desolate.

CHAP. VIII.

AGAIN the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; [‡] I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

3 Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and [‡] the mountain of the LORD of hosts [‡] the holy mountain.

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: [‡] There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for [‡] very age.

5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

6 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be [†] marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, [‡] should it

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^a Mal. 2. 7.

^b Is. 43. 3, 6.

^c country of

the going

down of

the sun.

Ps. 50. 1.

Mal. 1. 11.

c Je. 30. 22.

d Is. 58. 5.

e Hag. 2. 4.

f Ro. 14. 6.

† or, be not

ye they

that.

‡ or, Are not

these the.

§ by the

hand of

|| or, the hire

of man be-

came no-

thing, &c.

g 2 Ch. 15. 5.

h Je. 17. 26.

i Judge

judgment

of truth.

j Mat. 23. 23.

k Ho. 2. 21, 22.

† of peace.

l Ps. 67. 6.

m Hag. 1. 10.

n Ex. 22. 21, 22.

o De. 17.

p Ps. 36. 4.

† they gave a

backsliding

shoulder.

§ made heavy

Jo. 43. 18.

p Ac. 7. 57.

|| by the hand

of.

r Je. 31. 23.

s Da. 9. 11.

t 2 Ch. 36. 16.

u Pr. 1. 24, 28.

v Is. 1. 15.

w Ep. 4. 25.

x judgeth, and

the

judgment

of peace.

y Pr. 3. 29.

† land of

desire.

z Je. 52. 6, 7.

a Na. 1. 2.

b Is. 35. 10.

† or, solemn,

or, set

times.

c Is. 1. 21, 26.

d Is. 2. 2, 3.

e Je. 31. 23.

f 1 Sa. 2. 31.

g Mi. 4. 1, 2.

h going, or,

continually

|| intreat the

face of.

i ch. 7. 2.

† multitude

of days.

Is. 66. 23.

† or, hard,

or, difficult.

h Ro. 4. 21.

i Is. 4. 1.

also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, [‡] I will save my people from the east country, and from the [‡] west country;

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: [‡] and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

9 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; [‡] Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

10 For before these days [‡] there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; [‡] neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbour.

11 But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 For [‡] the seed shall be [†] prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and [†] the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.

13 And it shall come to pass, *that* as ye were [‡] a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing; fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.

14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; [‡] As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, [‡] and I repented not:

15 So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not.

16 ¶ These are the things that ye shall do; [†] Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; [†] execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:

17 And [‡] let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

18 ¶ And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying,

19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; [‡] The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah [‡] joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.

20 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; *It shall yet come to pass*, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:

21 And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, [†] Let us go [‡] speedily to [‡] pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.

22 Yea, [‡] many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men shall [†] take hold out of all languages

3. keep, or fast. in the fifth month, which was done when the temple was desolate. 5. and seventh month, for the slaughter of Gedaliah: 2 Ki. xxv. 25.

CHAP. VIII.—6. marvellous, or difficult. 7. from the east, &c. from the general dispersion. 9. which were, i. e. were spoken. 10. hire, recompence.

because, &c. all was civil strife. 19. fast of the fourth, because Jerusalem was then broken up. fifth, when the city was burnt. seventh, murder of Gedaliah. tenth, when Jerusalem was besieged. 23. ten, many. take hold, &c. a gesture claiming protection.

of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard ^c that God is with you.

CHAP. IX.

THE ^b burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Hadrach, and ^c Damascus shall be the rest thereof: when ^d the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, shall be toward the LORD.

2 And ^e Hamath also shall border thereby; ^f Tyrus, and ^g Zidon, though it be very wise.

3 And Tyrus did build herself a strong hold, and ^h heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

4 Behold, the Lord will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

5 Ashkelon shall see it, and fear; Gaza also shall see it, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

6 And a bastard shall dwell ⁱ in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

7 And I will take away his ^j blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even he, shall be for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

8 And ^k I will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

9 ^l Rejoice ^m greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, ⁿ thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and ^o having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak ^p peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be ^q from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

11 As for thee also, ^r by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy ^s prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

12 ^t Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee;

13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

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a 1 Co. 14. 25.

b Je. 23. 33.

c Am. 1. 3.

d Ps. 145. 15.

e or, the stones of the sling.

f or, fill both the bowls.

g Je. 49. 23.

h Le. 4. 18, 25.

i Is. xxiii.

j Eze. xxvi.

k xxviii.

l Ki. 17. 9.

m Ob. 20.

n Is. 62. 3.

o Mal. 3. 17.

p Job 27. 16.

q Ps. 31. 19.

r or, grow, or, speak.

s Je. 14. 22.

t or, lightnings.

u Je. 10. 13.

v Am. 1. 8.

w teraphims, Je. 17. 5.

x bloods.

y Job 13. 4.

z or, answered that, &c.

aa Eze. 34. 5.

ab visited upon.

ac Ps. 31. 7.

ad Lu. 1. 68.

ae Is. 19. 13.

af Is. 22. 23.

ag Mat. 21. 5.

ah Joo. 12. 15.

ai Ps. 18. 42.

aj Je. 23. 5.

ak Lu. 19. 38.

al Joo. 1. 49.

am or, saving himself.

an or, they shall make the riders on horses ashamed.

ao Ep. 2. 14, 17.

ap Ps. 72. 8.

aq Ho. 1. 7.

ar or, whose covenant is by blood.

as Ex. 24. 8.

at He. 10. 29.

au 13. 20.

av Is. 42. 7.

aw d Ps. 104. 15.

ax Is. 5. 26.

ay f Is. 49. 19, 20.

az h Ho. 2. 23.

14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

15 The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue ^{*} with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall [†] be filled like bowls, and as the [‡] corners of the altar.

16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for [§] they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

17 For ^{||} how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men ^{||} cheerful, and new wine the maids.

CHAP. X.

ASK ye ^m of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make ⁿ bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

2 For the ^{||} idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they ^o comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they [†] were troubled, ^p because there was no shepherd.

3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I [‡] punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts [§] hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

4 Out of him came forth [†] the corner, out of him ^{||} the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

5 [¶] And they shall be as mighty men, which [¶] tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD ^{is} with them, and ^{||} the riders on horses shall be confounded.

6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I [¶] have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I ^{am} the LORD their God, and will hear them.

7 And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their ^d heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.

8 I will [¶] hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: ^f and they shall increase as they have increased.

9 And [¶] I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me

CHAP. IX.—1. Hadrach, some part of Syria. the rest thereof, on which this burden shall fall. when the eyes, &c.

For Jehovah hath an eye over men, And over all the tribes of Israel.

2. And on Hamath also which bordereth thereby, And on Tyre and Sidon though very wise.—Boothr.

6. a bastard, foreigners should people it. 7. take away his blood, his idolatries and murders, as food from a wild beast. even he, and he also shall belong to our God. as a governor, &c. being proselytes to Judaism. 8. because of the army, with the army. and because of him, &c. so that none shall pass through or return. 9. King, Messiah. ass, horses being used for war, this showed his reign of peace. 10. cut off, &c. i. e. Messiah's kingdom should be peace and good-will. 11. covenant, made at Horeb: Exod. xxiv. 6—8 Zion's deliverance was on account of

God's covenant. the pit, Babylon, compared to one of these deep dry prisons. 12. strong hold, the church. double, see Is. xl. 2. 13. bent Judah, &c. God would make use of Judah and Benjamin as his instruments against the Grecian power. 15. drink, &c. expresses festivity for victory. 16. as the stones, &c. for trophies shall be set up on their land, to commemorate victory. 17. For how great, &c.

For how great is their prosperity. How great their beauty!—Boothr.

CHAP. X.—2. went, &c. were driven into captivity. 3. shepherds, chief men. goats, wicked Jews. as his goodly horse, implies courage and strength. 4. him, Judah. corner, 'corner stone.' nail, on which the ornaments of the house were hung, images of the principal persons in the state or church: see Judg. xx. 2; 2 Sam. xiv. 38; Is. ix. 13. 8. hiss, summon them from distant countries.

in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again.

10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and place shall not be found for them.

11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and ^a the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.

12 And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and ^d they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

CHAP. XI.

OPEN thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

2 Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the § mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for * the forest of the vintage is come down.

3 [†] There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

4 Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter;

5 Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them [‡] say, Blessed be the LORD; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not.

6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will [‡] deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them.

7 And I will feed the flock of slaughter, [‡] even you, [‡] O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called * Bands; and I fed the flock.

8 Three shepherds also I cut off [‡] in one month; and my soul [‡] loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me.

9 Then said I, I will not feed you: [‡] that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of § another.

10 [†] And I took my staff, [‡] even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.

11 And it was broken in that day: and [‡] so the poor of the flock that waited

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* it be good in your eyes.

^a Ex. 21. 32.

Mat. 26. 15.

^b Mat. 27. 9, 12.

^c Is. 14. 25.

[†] or, Binders.

^d Mi. 4. 5.

^e Eze. 34. 2, 4.

[†] or, hidden.

[‡] or, gal-

lants.

[‡] or, bear.

^f Is. 32. 19.

[‡] or, the de-

fenced

forest.

^g Jno. 10. 12, 13.

^h De. 29. 19.

ⁱ Is. 42. 5.

48. 13.

^k Nu. 16. 22.

He. 12. 9.

[†] make to be

found.

[‡] or, slumber,

or, poison.

[§] or, and also

against Jud-

ah shall

he be which

shall be in

siege

against Je-

rusalem.

^l ch. 13. 1.

14, 4, &c.

^m Mat. 21. 44.

[‡] or, verily

the poor.

ⁿ Zep. 3. 12.

Mat. 11. 5.

[‡] or, Binders.

^o Ps. 76. 6.

^p Ho. 5. 7.

[†] was strait-

ened for

them.

^r Je. 15. 2.

43. 11.

[†] or, There is

strength to

me and to

the inhabi-

ants, &c.

Joel 3. 16.

[§] his fellow,

or, neigh-

bour.

^s Ob. 18.

[‡] or, the poor

of the flock,

&c. certainly

knew.

upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD.

12 And I said unto them, If ^{*} ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they ^a weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the ^b potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, [†] even [†] Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 [†] And the LORD said unto me, [†] Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, [‡] which shall not visit those that be [†] cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor [‡] feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

17 Woe [§] to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

CHAP. XII.

THE burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, [†] which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and [†] formeth the spirit of man within him.

2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of [†] trembling unto all the people round about, [†] when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

3 [†] And [†] in that day will I make Jerusalem [‡] a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

4 In that day, saith the LORD, [†] I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, [†] The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

6 [†] In that day will I make the governors of Judah [†] like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left:

CHAP. XI.—1. Lebanon, the temple, adorned with its cedars. 2, 3. fir—cedar—oaks—shepherds—lions, great men and rulers. forest, people of Jerusalem. Jordan, may be put for Judea. 4. flock, &c. Jewish church devoted to destruction. 5. possessors, may here signify the Romans. shepherds, Jewish rulers. 7. staves, crooks. Beauty—Bands, variously explained by expositors; denoting, says Holden, the beauty and excellence of their covenant relation with God. 8. Three, may be a definite for an indefinite number. shepherds, rulers; some say, rulers, priests, scribes. loathed, mourned over. 9. eat—of another, perish by mutual dissension: Lev. xxvi. 19; comp. Matt. xxi. 23. 10. cut, &c. denotes the covenant relation between God and Israel dissolved. 11. knew, understood this typical action. 12. my price, 'my hire'; they estimated the prophet at the price of a slave: Ex. xxi. 32. The prophet, perhaps, used here some symbolical action. 13. Cast it unto the potter, a suitable reward for such labour: see Matt. xxvii. 9, 10.

14. break the brotherhood, these ties were dissolved when Jerusalem was destroyed and the genealogies were lost. 15. instruments, &c. such as a staff without a hook, &c.—A. Clarke. 16. a shepherd, may mean a succession of rapacious Jewish rulers. tear their claws, by over-driving. 17. idol, means vile. arm, secular power. right eye, ecclesiastical state.—A. Clarke. dried up, or withered. darkened, these express singular punishment.

CHAP. XII.—2. cup, &c. it shall cause the nations to quake. 3. burdensome stone, slave dealers in Barbary showed the strength of the slave by causing him to lift a huge stone; so young men used to exercise themselves by lifting gr. at stones. all that burden themselves, &c. that attempt to unsettle and remove it. 4. smite, &c. distract the enemy's cavalry. open mine eyes, regard Judah with favour. 5. The inhabitants, &c.

[†] There is strength to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Through Jehovah of hosts their God.

and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem.

7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify *themselves* against Judah.

8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and *he* that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to *destroy* all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Simeon apart, and their wives apart;

14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

CHAP. XIII.

1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

3 And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou beakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.

4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied,

first, as of old.—Boothroyd, as Newcome. 8. as David, valiant, victorious. as God, like the angels, which excel in strength. 10. upon me, on him.—MSS. Megiddon, where Josiah was mortally wounded, cause of great mourning: 2 Chron. xxxv. 22—25. land—mourn, expresses repentance. apart, it could be personal, not merely national.

CHAP. XIII.—1. a fountain opened, &c. to cleanse the penitents just mentioned; Christ's blood: 1 John 7. 2. prophets, i. e. false prophets. unclean spirit, idolatry. 3. prophesy, i. e. falsely. not live, Deut. xviii. 20. thrust, &c. see Deut. xiii. 6—10. his expresses holy zeal for the truth. 4. ashamed, to shame. rough garment, worn by prophets. I am, &c. he shall wholly disclaim his pretensions. wounds, marks impressed on idol worshippers: Lev. xiii. 16 I was wounded, &c. may allude to

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a Mat. 3. 4.
* garment of hair.

† to lie.

b Am. 7. 14.

c Joel 3. 10.

† fallen, or, abject.

d Is. 40. 11.

e Jno. 10. 30.

14. 10. 11.

f Phi. 2. 6.

g Mar. 14. 27.

h Hag. 2. 22.

i Lu. 12. 32.

j Je. 31. 9.

k Joel 2. 28.

l Ro. 11. 5.

m Jno. 19. 34.

37.

n Re. 1. 7.

o 1 Pe. 1. 6, 7

p Je. 6. 26.

q Am. 8. 10.

r Ps. 50. 15.

s Ac. 2. 37.

t 2 Ch. 35. 24.

u Ac. 2. 20.

v Mat. 24. 30.

w families, families.

x Joel 3. 2.

y 2 Sa. 5. 14.

z Lu. 3. 31.

aa Is. 13. 16.

ab or, Simeon,

as LXX.

ac He. 9. 14.

ad 1 Pe. 1. 19.

ae Re. 1. 5.

af Eze. 11. 23.

ag separation

for un-

cleanness.

ah Joel 3. 12, 14

ai 2 Pe. 2. 1.

aj or, my.

ak or, when he

shall touch

the valley

of the

mountains

to the

place he

separated.

al Am. 1. 1.

am Mat. 16. 27.

an s. i. e. it shall

not be clear

in some

places, and

dark in

other

places of

the world.

ao precious.

ap thickness.

aq or, the day

shall be one

sied; neither shall they wear *a* rough garment *†* to deceive:

5 But *he* shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

7 Awake, O sword, against *my* shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: *†* smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon *the* little ones.

8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; *†* but the third shall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will *refine* them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: *†* they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people, and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

CHAP. XIV.

BEHOLD, *the* day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and *the* houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day *†* upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of *†* the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: *and* the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the light shall not be clear, nor *†* dark:

7 But *†* it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

cuttings in mourning: Jer. xvi. 6; xlviii. 37. 7. sword, put for suffering. my fellow, one near to me. so used Levit. xix. 15—17: xxiv. 19; xxv. 14—17. smite, &c. quoted by our Lord, Matt. xxvi. 31. turn my hand upon, exercise my care over. little ones, i. e. new converts. 8. third shall be left, points to preserved believers in the destruction of Jerusalem. 9. fire, of affliction.

CHAP. XIV.—1. day, to punish the sins of the Jews. 2. all nations, of such consisted the Roman armies. 3. against those nations, in their posterity. as when he fought, anciently for Israel. 4. And his feet, &c. The position of Messiah and the way of escape by the valley, intimate that Messiah will protect his followers, and rescue them from their enemies. 6. not be clear nor dark, there should be a mixture of truth and error. 7. one day, the period of Messiah's reign.

8 And it shall be in that day, *that* living *a* waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the *a* former sea; and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

9 And the LORD shall be *b* king over all the earth: in that day shall there be *c* one LORD, and his name one.

10 All the land shall be *†* turned *a* as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and *†* inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and *from* the tower of Hanael unto the king's winepresses.

11 And *men* shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall *||* be safely inhabited.

12 *¶* And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* *a* great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

14 And *†* Judah also shall fight *§* at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

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a Eze. 47. 1.
Joel 3. 18.
Re. 22. 1.

** or, eastern,*
Joel 2. 20.

b Da. 2. 44.
Re. 11. 15.

c Ep. 4. 5, 6.
d Is. 60. 6, 7, 9.
66. 23.

† or, compassed.

e Is. 40. 4.
f Le. 23. 34, 43

g Jno. 7. 2.

† or, shall abide.

§ upon whom there is not rain.

|| or, abide.

** or, sin.*

† or, brides.

§ Is. 23. 18.
a 1 Sa. 14. 15, 20.

† or, thou also, O Judah, shalt.

§ or, against.

i Is. 35. 8.
Joel 3. 17.

d Ep. 2. 19, 22.
Re. 21. 27.

22. 15.

15 And so shall be the plague of *†* horse, of the mule, of the camel, and the ass, and of all the beasts that shall in these tents, as this plague.

16 *¶* And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nation which came against Jerusalem shall *ev* *d* go up from year to year to worship *†* the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep *†* the feast of tabernacles.

17 And it shall be, *that* whoso will *†* come up of all the families of the ear unto Jerusalem to worship the King, *†* the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall no rain.

18 And if the family of Egypt go *†* up, and come not, *§* that have no rain there shall be the plague, wherewith *†* the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

19 This shall be the *a* punishment Egypt, and the punishment of all nation that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

20 *¶* In that day shall there be up the *†* bells of the horses, *¶* HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots the LORD's house shall be like the bow before the altar.

21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts; and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the in: and in that day there shall be more the *†* Canaanite in the house of *†* the LORD of hosts.

8. *living waters*, running waters—the conduits should flow—the gospel go forth. *former sea*, the Persian. *hinder*, the Mediterranean, i. e. the whole land should share in these blessings. *in summer and in winter*, i. e. constantly. 9. *earth*, 'land.' 10. *turned as a plain*, become capable of cultivation—every obstacle to the gospel be removed. *Geba*, north: Jos. xxi. 17. *Rimmon*, south: Jos. xv. 32. *lifted up*, or exalted. *from*

Benjamin's, i. e. in every part. 12. *plague*, express general destruction. 16. *shall even go up*, &c. prophetic of the conversion of all the nations. 17. *rain*, no blessing. 18. *Egypt*, a type of the church worst enemies—all must submit or perish. *upon the bells*, &c. every thing shall be used in subserviency to God's glory. 21. *no more the Canaanite* no visible idolater or profane person.

MALACHI.

Malachi was contemporary with Nehemiah.

He was the last prophet before the gospel dispensation.

CHAP. I.

THE burden of the word of the LORD to Israel *a* by Malachi.

2 *†* I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? *Was* not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet *a* I loved Jacob,

3 And I hated Esau, and *a* laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

4 Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, *†* The LORD will be magnified *¶* from the border of Israel.

6 *¶* A son *a* honoureth his father, and

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a Lu. 6. 46.

** by the hand of.*

b De. 7. 8.
c Ro. 9. 13.

† or, Bring unto, &c.

d De. 15. 21.
e Je. 49. 18.

f Le. 22. 22.
De. 15. 21.

† to sacrifice.

§ Job 42. 8.

¶ the face of God.

a Ho. 13. 9.
i Ps. 35. 27.

|| from upon, or, upon.

• from your hand.

a Ex. 20. 12.

a servant his master: *a* if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I a master, where is my fear? saith *†* the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, thus despise my name. And ye say, Where have we despised thy name?

7 *†* Ye offer *d* polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table the LORD is contemptible.

8 And *†* if ye offer the blind *†* for sacrifice, *is it* not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil? offer it not unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or *¶* accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

9 And now, I pray you, beseech *§* God that he will be gracious unto us: *a* *†* hath been *¶* by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts

10 Who is *there* even among you that

CHAP. I.—1. *Malachi*, means messenger; hence some imagine the official and not the proper name is intended. 3. *hated*, showed less favour: see Gen. xlix. 31; Luke xiv. 26. *dragons of the wilderness*, 'serpents of the desert.' 4. *throw down*, the earliest structures of Edom were probably prior to Moses:

Job iii. 14. The Babylonians threw them down; the rebuilt in the Grecian style, and the Romans again threw down: they rebuilt since Malachi, in the Roman style, and are again in ruins. 8. *the blind*, &c. the law required the best: Lev. xxii. 20—24. *offer—governor*, presents to the great are of the best kind.

would shut the doors *for nought*? ^a neither do ye kindle *fire* on mine altar *for nought*. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name *shall be great* ^b among the Gentiles; ^c and in every place ^d incense *shall be offered* unto my name, and a pure offering: ^e for my name *shall be great* among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 ¶ But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, *even his meat*, is contemptible.

13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that *which was torn*, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: ^f should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

14 But cursed *be the deceiver*, ^g which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for ^h I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

CHAP. II.

AND now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you.

2 If ^a ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

3 Behold, I will ^b corrupt your seed, and ^c spread dung upon your faces, *even the dung of your solemn feasts*; and ^d one shall ^e take you away with it.

4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

5 My ^f covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name.

6 The ^g law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did ^h turn many away from iniquity.

7 For ⁱ the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: ^j for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

8 But ye are departed out of the way; ye ^k have caused many to stumble at the law; ^l ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

9 Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law.

10 Have ^m we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal

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^a 1 Co. 9. 13.

^b Is. 60. 3, 5.

^c Jno. 4. 21, 23.

^d 1 Ti. 2. 8.

^e or, ought to love.

^f Re. 8. 3.

^g Is. 66. 19, 20.

^h or, him that waketh, and him that answereth.

ⁱ Ne. 13. 28, 29.

^j or, whereas ye might have blown it away.

^k Le. 22. 20, &c.

^l Pr. 5. 18.

^m or, in whose flock is.

ⁿ Pr. 2. 17.

^o Mat. 19. 4, 5.

^p 1 Ti. 6. 15.

^q or, excellency.

^r a seed of God.

^s Ex. 9. 2.

^t 1 Co. 7. 14.

^u or, unfaithfully.

^v De. 24. 1.

^w Mat. 5. 32.

^x 19. 8.

^y Le. 26. 14, &c.

^z or, if he hate her, put her away.

^{aa} to put away.

^{ab} or, reprove.

^{ac} scatter.

^{ad} or, it shall take you away to it.

^{ae} 1 Ki. 14. 10.

^{af} Mat. 11. 10.

^{ag} Nu. 25. 12.

^{ah} Is. 40. 3.

^{ai} De. 33. 10.

^{aj} Ja. 5. 20.

^{ak} Re. 6. 17.

^{al} De. 17. 9, 10.

^{am} Is. 4. 4.

^{an} Mat. 3. 10, 12.

^{ao} Ga. 4. 14.

^{ap} Zec. 13. 9.

^{aq} 1 Sa. 2. 17.

^{ar} Je. 18. 15.

^{as} or, fall in the law.

^{at} 1 Pe. 2. 5.

^{au} Ne. 13. 29.

^{av} 1 Sa. 2. 30.

^{aw} or, ancient.

^{ax} accepted faces, or, lifted up the face against.

^{ay} 1 Co. 8. 6.

^{az} Ep. 4. 6.

treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

11 ¶ Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he ^a loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.

12 The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, ^b the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, ^c and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, inasmuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand.

14 ¶ Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and ^d the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: ^e yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

15 And ^f did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek ^g a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal ^h treacherously against the wife of his youth.

16 For ⁱ the LORD, the God of Israel, saith: that he hateth ^j putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

17 ¶ Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

CHAP. III.

BEHOLD, ^a I will send my messenger, and he shall ^b prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, *even the messenger of the covenant*, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and ^c who shall stand when he appeareth? for ^d he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope:

3 And ^e he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may ^f offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in ^g former years.

5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against

your, i. e. the priests. 10. *for nought*, God had provided comfortably for them, and this was their way of performing their duty.

CHAP. II.—3. *corrupt your seed*, it shall not spring up. *Newcome* reads, 'take away the shoulder,' the priest's portion of the sacrifice: Lev. vii. 32: Deut. xviii. 3. *ding*, shame and contempt. 4. *commandment*, see ver. 2. *Levi*, i. e. his tribe. 9. *been partial*, shown respect to persons. 10, &c. *one father*, then why mix with idolaters? The whole is

a condemnation of unhallowed marriages. 13. *tears*, of divorced wives.

CHAP. III.—1. *messenger*, prediction of John the Baptist: Matt. xi. 10: Mark i. 2; Luke i. 76. *prepare*, as eastern pioneers go before their monarchs. *Lord*, Messiah: seek, i. e. expect. *suddenly*, soon. *messenger*, or Angel of the covenant. *delight in*, by anticipation. 2. *like a refiner's*, &c. his doctrines purify and separate the wicked from the godly. 3. *purify the sons*, &c. prepare a more spiritual priesthood. 4. *offering of Judah and Jerusalem*, i. e. the spiritual

those that * oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

6 For I am the LORD, * I change not; *f* therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

7 ¶ Even from the days of *g* your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept *them*. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

8 ¶ Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? *h* In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation.

10 Bring *i* ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and *j* pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not *k* destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be *l* a delightful land, saith the LORD of hosts.

13 ¶ Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken *so much* against thee?

14 Ye *m* have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit *n* is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked *o* mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness *p* are set

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* or, defraud.

a Ps. 95. 9.

b Ps. 66. 16.

c He. 3. 13.

d Ps. 56. 8.

e Is. 65. 6.

f Re. 20. 12.

g Nu. 23. 19.

h Ro. 11. 29.

i Ja. 1. 17.

j La. 3. 22.

k Ac. 7. 51.

l Ex. 19. 5.

m De. 7. 6.

n Ps. 135. 4.

o Tit. 2. 14.

p 1 Pe. 2. 9.

q Is. 62. 3.

r or, special treasure.

s Ne. 13. 10, 12.

t Pr. 3. 9, 10.

u Joel 2. 31.

v 2 Pe. 3. 7.

w empty out.

x Am. 2. 9.

y Lu. 1. 78.

z Ep. 5. 14.

aa 2 Pe. 1. 19.

ab Re. 2. 28.

ac corrupt.

ad 2 Sa. 22. 43.

ae Mi. 7. 10.

af Da. 8. 9.

ag De. 4. 10.

ah Job 21. 14, 15.

ai 22. 17.

aj Ps. 73. 13.

ak Zep. 1. 12.

al Mat. 11. 14.

am 17. 11.

an Lu. 1. 17.

ao observation

ap in black.

aq are built.

up; yea, they that *a* tempt God are even delivered.

16 ¶ Then they *b* that feared the LORD *c* spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it*, and *d* a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

17 And *e* they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up *f* my *g* jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

CHAP. IV.

FOR, behold, *m* the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall *n* leave them neither root nor branch.

2 ¶ But unto you that fear my name shall the *o* Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

3 And *p* ye shall tread down the wicked: for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do *q* this, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 ¶ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him *r* in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

5 ¶ Behold, I will send you *s* Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

oblations of the church. 7. *ye said, Wherein*, There is nothing wants rectifying. 8. *In tithes*, &c. appropriating to themselves what should have been presented to God.

15. *proud*, presumptuous: Psalm xlix. 18, 19. *set up*, exalted. *delivered*, set free from punishment. 16. *spake*, &c. confirming each other in godliness. *a book*, &c. alluding to public records: Ps. lvi. 8; Isa. lxxv. 6; Dan. vii. 10; Rev. xx. 12.

bruous eastern breeze, which in some parts blows with the rising sun. 3. *ashes*, &c. these are often mixed with mortar and trodden in the east.

5. *Elijah*, John the Baptist: Luke i. 17, comp. Matt. xi. 14; xvii. 10, 12; Mark ix. 11. *day of vengeance* on the impenitent Jews. 6. *shall turn*, John's ministry was greatly successful. *to the*, 'together with.' *to their*, 'together with.' *earth*, 'land,' Judea, which generally remained obstinate, and suffered the Divine vengeance.

CHAP. IV.—2. *wings*, rays, may allude to a salu-

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OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.

THE Old Testament canon ends with Nehemiah's reform among the Jews. Nehemiah and Malachi were contemporaries; and the latter is the last of the ancient prophets. The Jews who returned from the Babylonish captivity, were, after Nehemiah's decease, under a Persian governor of all Syria. The high-priest himself was under political control, and was sometimes appointed by the governor.

The Persians and Greeks had been generally in a state of war for 160 years, when Alexander the Great marched 35,000 Greeks into Asia, and in six years conquered the whole Persian empire.

While Alexander was engaged in effecting his conquests in the Persian dominions, he was exceedingly enraged against the Jews, for their inflexible adherence to the Persians, to whom they were under great obligations. When he laid siege to Tyre, the Samaritans sent him a considerable body of troops; but the Jews were not disposed to submit to him, so long as Darius, to whom they had taken the oath of allegiance, should be alive.

Rollin relates the particulars of an interesting event, which saved the Jews, and changed their haughty foe into a cordial friend:—Jaddus [or Jaddua] the high-priest, who governed under the Persians, seeing himself exposed with all the inhabitants to the wrath of the conqueror, had recourse to the protection of the Almighty, and gave orders for the offering up public prayers to implore his assistance, and made sacrifices. The night after, God appeared to him in a dream, and bid him "cause flowers to be scattered up and down the city; to set open all the gates, and go, clothed in his pontifical robes, with all the priests dressed also in their vestments, and all the rest clothed in white, to meet Alexander, and not to fear any evil from that king, inasmuch as He would protect them." This command was punctually obeyed; and accordingly this august procession, the very day after, marched out of the city to an eminence called Sapha, whence there was a view of all the plain, as well as of the temple and city of Jerusalem: here the whole procession waited the arrival of Alexander. As soon as the Jews heard of his approach, they set out to meet him, with all the pomp before described. Alexander was struck at the sight of the high-priest, in whose mitre and forehead a golden plate was fixed on which the name of God was written. The moment the king perceived the high-priest, he advanced towards him with an air of the most profound respect, bowed his body, adored the august Name upon his front, and saluted him who wore it with a religious veneration. Then the Jews, surrounding Alexander, raised their voices to wish him every kind of prosperity. All the spectators were seized with inexpressible surprise: they could scarce believe their eyes. Parmenio, one of Alexander's generals, who could not yet recover from his astonishment, asked the king how it came to pass, that he who was adored by every one, adored the high-priest of the Jews. "I do not," replied Alexander, "adore the high-priest, but the God whose minister he is; for whilst I was at Dia in Macedonia, (my mind wholly fixed on the great design of the Persian war) as I was revolving the methods how to conquer Asia, this very man, dressed in the same robes, appeared to me in a dream, exhorted me to banish every fear, bid me cross the Hellespont boldly, and assured me that God would march at the head of my army, and give me the victory over that of the Persians." Alexander added, that the instant he saw this priest he knew him by his habit, his stature, his air, and his face, to be the same person that he had seen at Dia; that he was firmly persuaded it was by the command, and under the immediate conduct of heaven, that he had undertaken this war; that he was sure he should overcome Darius hereafter, and destroy the empire of the Persians; and that this was the reason why he adored this God in the person of his priest. Alexander, after having thus answered Parmenio, embraced the high-priest, and all his brethren: then walking in the midst of them, he arrived at Jerusalem, where he offered sacrifices to God in the temple, after the manner prescribed to him by the high-priest. The high-priest afterwards showed him those passages in the prophecy of Daniel which are spoken of that monarch, (Dan. ii. 20, 21, 35, 37; iv. 14, 32, 34—36; vii. 2—6; viii.; xi. 2—4.) *Rollin* adds, 'We may easily figure to ourselves the great joy and admiration with which Alexander was filled, upon hearing such clear, such circumstantial, and advantageous promises. Before he left Jerusalem, he assembled the Jews, and bid them ask any favour whatsoever. They answered, that their request was, to be allowed to live according to the laws which their ancestors had left them, and to be exempted the seventh year from their usual tribute; and for this reason, because they were forbid by their laws to sow their fields, and consequently could have no harvest. Alexander granted their request; and upon the high-priest's beseeching him to suffer the Jews who lived in Babylon and Media, to live likewise agreeable to their own laws, he also indulged them in this particular with the utmost humanity.' Having conquered Egypt, he built Alexandria, and induced many of the Jews to become its inhabitants, granting them equal privileges with the Macedonians. Alexander died at Babylon, in the thirty-second year of his age, and the twelfth of his reign, B.C. 323.

Within fifteen years after the death of Alexander, his whole family was murdered, and his empire divided among four of his principal generals. For more than 150 years these were generally in a state of war one with another: nevertheless, the Jews, whose country was betwixt them, were marvellously protected by Providence. Ptolemy Lagus, to whose lot Egypt fell, did indeed invade Judæa; for Palestine having been given to Laomedon of Mitylene, one of Alexander's generals, and confirmed to him, the Jews, mindful of their oath of obedience, refused to submit to Ptolemy, who had deprived Laomedon of his dominions. Enraged at their fidelity to the sovereign to whom they had sworn allegiance, Ptolemy took Jerusalem, and carried 100,000 of the people captives into Egypt. Their loyalty and fidelity, however, moved his compassion, and so raised their characters in his estimation, that he appointed them to places of trust and power. In the year B.C. 292, died Simon the Just, who was high-priest of the Jews, and son of Onias. This high-priest was the last of the men of the great synagogue, consisting of 120 persons, appointed by Ezra for perfecting the restoration of the Jewish church; and it is believed that he made the last revision of the books of the Old Testament, and completed the sacred canon by adding the books of Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, and Malachi.

After the death of Ptolemy Soter, B.C. 284, the Jews were favoured with another protector in his son, Ptolemy Philadelphus. This king was engaged in a long war with Antiochus Theos, king of Syria, which they terminated by a treaty of marriage. Antiochus divorced his wife Laodice, and married Berenice, the daughter of Ptolemy, B.C. 249. Ptolemy Philadelphus dying two years afterwards, he (Antiochus) took back his first queen, and separated from Berenice; who, fearing another divorce, speedily poisoned him, cut off Berenice and her son, and placed her son Callinicus on the throne. Ptolemy Evergetes, now king of Egypt, in revenge for the death of his sister Berenice, hastened with a considerable army against Syria, slew Laodice, and having subdued the kingdom, returned laden with spoils; and on his way offered many sacrifices in the temple of Jerusalem, as a grateful acknowledgment to God for his triumphs. Ptolemy Philopater, son of Ptolemy Evergetes, succeeded his father on the throne, B.C. 221. This was a very profligate prince. Antiochus, brother of Callinicus, engaged in war with him, and at first was successful; but Ptolemy ultimately conquered, and made a progress through his provinces. On visiting Jerusalem, he offered numerous victims, and gave valuable presents to the temple; but Simon II., then high-priest, seriously offended him by not permitting him to enter the holy of holies: and he avenged himself in a most barbarous manner; for, on his return to Egypt, he deprived the Jews of their privileges, and assembled multitudes of them at Alexandria to be destroyed by wild beasts, which however, it is said, instead of slaying them, destroyed their enemies. The dissipated Philopater died B.C. 204, and was succeeded by his infant son Ptolemy Epiphanes. Antiochus now availed himself of favourable circumstances, and marched a large army into Cælo-Syria and Palestine, and speedily subdued them. Antiochus being soon after engaged in war with Attalus, king of Pergamus, the Egyptians recovered the lost territories, and put a garrison in Jerusalem, B.C. 199. In the year following they

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were again recovered by Antiochus, and the Egyptians were captured. The Jews cordially espoused the cause of Antiochus, with which he was so pleased, that he ordered their city to be repaired, their dispersed to be recalled, and their lost privileges granted by Alexander to be restored. Antiochus was succeeded on the Syrian throne by his son Seleucus Philopater: he finished an inglorious reign, B.C. 176. Antiochus Epiphanes, or the Illustrious, next ascended the throne. Being pressed by the Romans for tribute, he deposed Onias, the Jewish high-priest, and sold his sacred office to his brother Jason; and afterwards he deposed Jason, and sold it to his brother Menelaus: this was B.C. 172.

Antiochus having marched into Egypt, and a report being spread of his death, Jason collected together a thousand men to recover by force the priesthood of which he was the first purchaser. He succeeded in surprising the city of Jerusalem, drove Menelaus into the castle, and cruelly put to death all whom he considered as his adversaries. Antiochus being informed of these transactions, hastened out of Egypt to quell the rebellion; and being told that the inhabitants of Jerusalem had made great rejoicings at the news of his death, he was so provoked, that, having stormed the city, he slew 40,000 persons, sold as many as slaves, plundered the temple of gold and furniture, entered the holy of holies, and sacrificed a sow on the altar of burnt offering, and caused the broth of the unclean animal to be sprinkled all over the temple. As a further punishment of the Jews, he appointed one Philip, a Phrygian, a most cruel man, to be governor of Judæa, and continued the wicked Menelaus in the high-priesthood. Not long after, the Romans having peremptorily ordered him to withdraw his forces from Egypt, he vented his rage at his disappointment by inflicting further punishment on the unfortunate Jews; and despatching Apollonius with 20,000 men, gave him orders to destroy Jerusalem, to put the men to the sword, and to make slaves of the women and children. These commands were executed with savage fierceness on the sabbath day, and none escaped but those who were able to find refuge in the neighbouring caves and mountains. On his arrival at Antioch, he published a decree requiring all people in his dominions to conform to the religion of the Greeks; and Athenæus was commissioned to instruct the Jews in the Grecian idolatrous ceremonies, and to put to death all who disobeyed his authority. When the idolater arrived at Jerusalem, he obtained aid from some apostate Jews, caused the sacrifices to cease, suppressed the observances of the Jewish religion, polluted the temple, profaned the sabbaths and festivals, forbade the circumcision of the children, burned such copies of the law as could be discovered, dedicated the temple to Jupiter Olympius, raised a statue of the idol on the altar of burnt offering, and put to death all who would not conform to heathenism. Mattathias, great-grandson of Asmoneus, after whom the family were called *Asmoneans*, retired with his five sons from the persecution at Jerusalem to his native town Modin. Here he made a determined stand against idolatry. Appelles, an officer in command, could neither influence him by compulsion nor bribes. The venerable priest slew the first apostate Jew; and, aided by his sons, put the king's agent to death, with all his attendants, demolished the idols, and withdrew to the mountains; and, after forming a valiant army, he marched through Judæa, broke down the heathen altars, restored circumcision, cut off the heathen priests, and restored the worship of God, B.C. 167. Mattathias died the next year; but his third son Judas, called Maccabeus, succeeded him in command. This valiant man defeated army after army sent after him by Antiochus, recovered the temple, repaired and beautified it, restored the worship of God, and repaired Jerusalem, which was nearly in ruins, B.C. 165. The enraged Antiochus resolved to take signal revenge; but was suddenly seized with an incurable disease, of which he died, B.C. 164. His successor, Antiochus Eupater, was a minor, but combined with other enemies to extirpate all the race of Israel. Judas therefore carried on the war prosperously for some years, making the enemies' own territories the scene of action, till he was slain; and he was succeeded by his brother Jonathan. Onias, the high-priest, being settled in Egypt, where he built a temple like that of Jerusalem, Jonathan and his brother Simon officiated at Jerusalem, both as high-priests and civil governors. Jonathan was treacherously slain by Tryphon, who had usurped the throne of Syria, B.C. 144. Simon succeeded him, reformed Jerusalem, and rendered the Jews independent of all the neighbouring nations. He, too, was treacherously murdered, together with two of his sons, by his son-in-law Ptolemy, B.C. 135. His son John Hyrcanus next succeeded to the government and priesthood: he destroyed the Samaritan temple on Mount Gerizim, B.C. 130, after it had stood 200 years. His son Aristobulus became his successor, B.C. 107: he raised Judæa again into a monarchy, and assumed the title of king. His successor was his son Alexander Jannæus, who died B.C. 79: his reign was prosperous. His widow Alexandra assumed the government with much prudence during nine years. When she died, her indolent son Hyrcanus reigned during three months only, being dethroned by his younger brother Aristobulus. Through the aid of the Romans, Hyrcanus was soon restored: but was obliged to lay aside the crown, and Judæa became tributary to the Romans, B.C. 63. Pompey, the Roman general, with some of his officers, entered the holy of holies, and Crassus, governor of Syria, pillaged the temple of 10,000 talents of silver, B.C. 54. Antipater, a noble and crafty Idumean, now obtained the rank of procurator of Judæa; and Hyrcanus was obliged to be contented with the office of high-priest, B.C. 47. Antipater was succeeded by his son Herod the Great, who, after much bloodshed, obtained the royal dignity, B.C. 40, in which he was confirmed by Augustus Cæsar, B.C. 30. He built many cities, rebuilt the temple, ingratiated himself with the Jews, and discovered great talent; but he was a monster in cruelty. He it was who attempted to murder the infant Redeemer. His sons ascended the throne in succession after him. A.D. 6, Archelaus was deposed by the Romans for mal-administration. Judæa was formed into a province; the sceptre thus passed away from Judah. Roman procurators were placed on the seat of authority, till those awful wars commenced which ended in the subversion of the Jewish state, when Titus Vespasian commanded the Roman armies, A.D. 79. The Jews have ever since been scattered abroad, the objects of God's displeasure; but neither beyond our pity, nor our prayers.

APOCRYPHAL BOOKS.

These are *Esdra's I. and II.*, *Tobit*, *Judith*, *Chronicles of Esther*, *Wisdom of Solomon*, *Ecclerasticus*, *Baruch*, *Song of the Three Children*, *History of Susanna*, *Bel and the Dragon*, *Prayer of Manasse*, *Maccabees I. and II.* These books are rejected by Protestants, because they have no authority for admission into the canon: none are extant in Hebrew: they were written after the cessation of prophecy, and before the Gospel: not one of the writers directly claims to have been inspired: they were never received into the canon by the Jewish church: and were rejected by Christ. The Christian church rejected them during the first four centuries. They contain fabulous matter, *Esth.* x. 6; 2 Macc. i. 19—22; ii. 4, &c.:—contradictory statements, *Tobit* i. 12, contradicts xii. 15, &c.:—contradictory doctrines to scripture, 2 Macc. xii. 43, 44; *Wisd.* viii. 19, 20; 1 *Esd.* viii. 33; *Tobit* xii. 8, 9; *Eccl.* iii. 3, 30; vii. 20; xiii. 24; xxxv. 3:—commend immoral practices, 2 Macc. xiv. 41—46; *Judith* ix. 2—9; *Tobit* vi. 16, 17:—and contradict profane historians without good evidence; see 1 Macc. i. 6, 7; viii. 16.

THE SEPTUAGINT.

This Greek translation of the Holy Scriptures of the Old Testament is here noticed, because it was from this volume that Christ and his apostles made their quotations; a circumstance which will account for certain phrases there found, being different from the Old Testament translation, which is made at once from the Hebrew. Ptolemy Philadelphus, king of Egypt, caused this translation to be made, 284 years B.C., the Jews in Egypt having forgotten the Hebrew language. About seventy learned men were employed for the purpose; hence the name Septuagint, or seventy. The Greek language was then extensively spoken; and when the apostles began to preach, they in appealing to the Septuagint, appealed to a book read by both Jews and Heathens.

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CHAP. I.

THE book of the ^a generation of Jesus Christ, ^b the son of David, ^c the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham ^d begat Isaac; and ^e Isaac begat Jacob; and ^f Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;

3 And ^g Judas begat Phares and Zara of Tamar; and ^h Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram;

4 And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon;

5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

6 And ⁱ Jesse begat David the king; and ^j David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias;

7 And ^k Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa;

8 And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias;

9 And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias;

10 And ^l Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias;

11 And ^m Josias ⁿ begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were ^o carried away to Babylon;

12 And after they were brought to Babylon, ^p Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat ^q Zorobabel.

13 And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor;

14 And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud;

15 And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob;

16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

18 ^r Now the ^s birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child ^t of the Holy Ghost.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing ^u to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared

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^a Lu. 3. 23.

^b Ps. 152. 11.

^c Ac. 2. 30.

^d Ro. 1. 3.

^e Ga. 3. 16.

^f Lu. 1. 35.

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gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God ^b in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ^c Out of Egypt have I called my son.

16 ^d Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by ^e Jeremy the prophet, saying,

18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

19 ^f But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

21 And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside ^g into the parts of Galilee:

23 And he came and dwelt in a city called ^h Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled ⁱ which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

CHAP. III.

IN those days came ^j John the Baptist, preaching ^k in the wilderness of Judea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for ^l the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, ^m The voice of

A. M. 4000.

^a Lu. 1. 76.

^b ch. 1. 20.

^c 2 Ki. 1. 8.

^d Zec. 13. 4.

^e Le. 11. 22.

^f 1 Sa. 14. 25.

^g — 26.

^h Lu. 3. 7.

ⁱ Ac. 19. 4, 18.

^j ch. 23. 33.

^k Ro. 5. 9.

^l 1 Th. 1. 10.

^m or, answerable to amendment of life.

ⁿ Ho. 11. 1.

^o Jno. 8. 33, 39.

^p Ac. 13. 26.

^q Ro. 4. 1, 11, 16.

^r Lu. 13. 7, 9.

^s Jno. 15. 6.

^t Ac. 1. 5.

^u 11. 16.

^v Je. 31. 15.

^w Is. 44. 3.

^x Mal. 3. 2.

^y Ac. 2. 3, 4.

^z 1 Co. 12. 13.

^{aa} Mal. 3. 3.

^{ab} ch. 13. 30.

^{ac} Mal. 4. 1.

^{ad} ch. 3. 13.

^{ae} Lu. 2. 39.

^{af} Is. 11. 2.

^{ag} — 42. 1.

^{ah} Lu. 3. 22.

^{ai} Jno. 1. 32, 33.

^{aj} Jno. 12. 28.

^{ak} Jno. 1. 45.

^{al} ch. 12. 18.

^{am} — 17. 5.

^{an} Ps. 2. 7.

^{ao} Is. 42. 1.

^{ap} Ep. 1. 6.

^{aq} Col. 1. 13.

^{ar} 2 Pe. 1. 17.

^{as} Ju. 13. 5.

^{at} 1 Sa. 1. 11.

^{au} Mar. 1. 12,

^{av} &c.

^{aw} Lu. 4. 1, &c.

^{ax} 1 Ki. 18. 12.

^{ay} Eze. 3. 14.

^{az} — 40. 2.

^{ba} — 43. 5.

^{bb} Ac. 8. 39.

^{bc} Mar. 1. 4, 15.

^{bd} Lu. 3. 2, 3.

^{be} Jno. 1. 28.

^{bf} Jos. 14. 10.

^{bg} ch. 4. 17.

^{bh} — 10. 7.

^{bi} Da. 2. 44.

^{bj} 1 Th. 3. 5.

^{bk} Re. 2. 10.

^{bl} Is. 40. 3.

^{bm} Jno. 1. 23.

one crying in the wilderness, ⁿ Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 And the same John ^c had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was ^d locusts and ^e wild honey.

5 Then ^f went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judæa, and all the region round about Jordan,

6 And ^g were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 ^h But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, ⁱ O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the ^j wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits ^k meet for repentance:

9 And think not to say within yourselves, ^l We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

10 And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: ^m therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 ⁿ I ^o indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: ^p he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

12 Whose ^q fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will ^r burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

13 ^s Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw ^t the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And ^u lo a voice from heaven, saying, ^v This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

CHAP. IV.

THEN was ^w Jesus led up of ^x the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when ^y the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

ings and great men are never visited in the east without presents. gold, &c. things highly esteemed; the gold was of great service. 16. mocked, 'deluded,' 'deceived.' 22. Galilee, an obscure part, where Herod Antipas, brother of Archelaus, ruled.

CHAP. III.—1. preaching, proclaiming as a herald. wilderness, an open uncultivated country, thinly inhabited. 2. Repent, means a change of mind. kingdom of heaven, i. e. of Messiah or the gospel dispensation. 4. camel's hair, a sort of sackcloth made of the raw long hair; the prophets' garb: compare Zech. xiii. 4; Rev. vi. 12; xi. 3. locusts, a large winged grasshopper so called; often eaten, and allowed to the Jews: Lev. xi. 22. honey, found in hollow trees or rocks: Judges xiv. 8; 1 Sam. xiv. 26; Ps. lxxxi. 16. 7. Pharisees, a Jewish sect, sprung up 150 years B. C. They boasted of their knowledge and practice of the law. Their name signifies sepa-

ratists, i. e. from the rest of the world. Sadducees, sprung up 250 years B. C., named after their founder, Sadoc;—they denied a resurrection and future state, vipers, crafty, malignant, mischievous. 9. Abraham, the Jews believed that Abraham guarded the gates of hell to prevent even a wicked Israelite from entering. 10. ax, &c. judgment is at hand. 11. fire, the symbol of his purifying influence, fulfilled Acts ii. 3. 12. fan, 'winnowing shovel,' purge, i. e. separate chaff and wheat. 15. fulfil, &c. show his conformity to all God's precepts, and to every Divine institution. 16. dove, emblem of purity, gentleness, and love; not the shape but the manner of descent is here intended.

CHAP. IV.—1. tempted, mentally, as we are.—Ed. 3. came, by his suggestions.—Ed. made bread, to relieve his hunger. He who turned water into wine could 'make bread,' but he has set us an example of

4 But he answered and said, It is written, ^a Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up ^b into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, ^c He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, ^d Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, ^e Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, ^f angels came and ministered unto him.

12 ^g Now ^h when Jesus had heard that John was ⁱ cast into prison, he departed unto Galilee;

13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

15 The ^j land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16 The ^k people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up

17 ^l From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, ^m Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 ⁿ And ^o Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon ^p called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And ^q they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw there two brethren, James *the son of Zebedee*, and John his brother, in a ship

A. D. 27.

^a De. 8. 3.

^b ch. 27. 53.

Ne. 11. 1, 18.

Is. 48. 2.

52. 1.

Re. 11. 2.

^c ch. 9. 35.

^d ch. 24. 14.

^e Mar. 1. 34.

^f Ps. 91. 11, 12.

^g De. 6. 16.

^h Mar. 3. 7.

ⁱ Mar. 3. 13.

20.

^k De. 6. 13.

10. 20.

Jos. 24. 14.

1 Sa. 7. 3.

^l Ps. 51. 17.

Is. 57. 15.

^m He. 1. 14.

ⁿ Is. 61. 2. 3.

Jno. 16. 20.

2 Co. 1. 7.

Re. 21. 4.

^o Lu. 4. 14, 31.

Jno. 4. 43.

^p or, delivered up.

^q Ps. 37. 11.

^r Ro. 4. 13.

^s Is. 55. 1.

65. 13.

^t Ps. 41. 1.

Mar. 11. 25.

2 Ti. 1. 16.

He. 6. 10.

Ja. 2. 13.

^u Ps. 15. 2.

24. 4.

He. 12. 14.

^v Is. 9. 1, 2.

^w 1 Co. 13. 12.

1 Jno. 3. 2, 3.

^y Is. 42. 7.

Lu. 2. 32.

^z 2 Co. 4. 17.

2 Ti. 2. 12.

1 Pe. 3. 14.

^a ch. 10. 7.

^b 1 Pe. 4. 14.

^c lying.

^d Lu. 5. 2.

^e Ac. 5. 41.

Ro. 5. 3.

Ja. 1. 2.

1 Pe. 4. 13.

^f Jno. 1. 42.

^g 2 Ch. 36. 16.

Ac. 7. 52.

1 Th. 2. 15.

^h Mar. 10. 28.

ⁱ Pr. 4. 18.

Phi. 2. 15.

with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

23 ^j And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching ^k the gospel of the kingdom, ^l and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

25 And ^m there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judæa, and from beyond Jordan.

CHAP. V.

AND seeing the multitudes, ⁿ he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

3 Blessed ^o are the poor in spirit: for their ^p is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed ^q are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed ^r are the meek: for ^s they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed ^t are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: ^u for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed ^v are the merciful: ^w for they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed ^x are the pure in heart: for ^y they shall see God.

9 Blessed ^z are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

10 Blessed ^a are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their ^b is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when ^c men shall revile you, and persecute ^d you, and shall say all manner of ^e evil against you ^f falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, ^g and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for ^h so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

13 ⁱ Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye ^j are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

not yielding to the tempter.—Ed. 4. *written*, Deut. iii. 3. *man*, &c. i. e. God can support us even without bread. 5. *taketh him*, by suggestion and impulse.—Ed. *pinnacle*, or battlement. 6. *cast*, &c. his temptation was to presume upon, as the former was to distrust, Providence. 8. *Again*, need not imply instantly, as if all the temptations occurred exactly at the same time.—Ed. *all the kingdoms*, Judea was small, and from an elevated mountain neighbouring kingdoms were visible. These Satan suggested might easily be his, if he would sanction idolatry.—Ed. 8. *John*—prison, see ch. xiv. 3. &c. *Galilee*, ch. ii. 22, etc. 16. *saw great light*, here Christ's miracles were chiefly displayed, ver. 23. 17. *Repent*, &c. see a. iii. 2, note. 19. *fishers of men*, to gather them to the gospel net. 24. *possessed with devils*, or demons; these possessed were distinguished from lunatics. There were cases in which evil spirits had an extraordinary permission to act, so that Christ's miraculous power might be displayed in casting them out.

CHAP. V.—*set*, the teacher sat, his disciples surrounding him. 2. *opened*, &c. expresses a weighty subject. 3. *Blessed*, Happy. *poor in spirit*, emptied of spiritual pride. *kingdom of heaven*, in its earnest here and its inheritance hereafter.—Ed. 4. *mourn*, for sin. 5. *meek*, from gracious principles, not from mere constitution. *inherit*, &c. whatever happiness is here, is theirs. 6. *righteousness*, i. e. in heart and life. 7. *merciful*, to men's souls and bodies. *obtain mercy*, when most needed. 8. *pure in heart*, opposed to the Pharisees, pure only without. see God, i. e. possess him: so the Heb. 9. *peacemakers*, promoting harmony in the world. 10. *for righteousness' sake*, for bearing the righteous image of God, and practising his righteous precepts. 11. *revile*, &c. the tongue is the agent here, the hand in ver. 10. 13. *salt of the earth*, salt is the grand preservative from corruption. *lost his savour*, 'grown insipid.' *be salted*, have its virtue restored. 14. *light*, to enlighten and reform a dark world. *A city*, Christ perhaps pointed for illustration to Jerusalem in the

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under * a bushel, nor on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

17 ¶ Think ^b that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19 Whosoever * therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed ^{the righteousness} of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21 ¶ Ye have heard that it was said † by them of old time, † Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That † whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, † Raca, * shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 Therefore * if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24 Leave † there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

25 Agree ^u with thine adversary quickly, * whilst thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

27 ¶ Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, * Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever * looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29 And if thy right eye § offend thee,

A. D. 31.

^a ch. 19. 12.
Ro. 8. 13.
1 Co. 9. 27.
Col. 3. 5.

* The word in the original signifieth a measure containing about a pint less than a peck

^b Ro. 3. 31.
10. 4.

^c Ga. 3. 24.
ch. 19. 3.
De. 24. 1.
Je. 3. 1.

^d Lu. 16. 18.
Ro. 7. 3.

^e Ja. 2. 10.
^f Ro. 9. 31.

^g ch. 23. 16.
Ja. 5. 12.

^h Is. 66. 1.
ⁱ Ps. 48. 2.

† or, to them.
^k Ex. 20. 13.

^l 1 Jno. 3. 15.
^m Col. 4. 6.

† i. e. vain fellow,
2 Sa. 6. 20.

ⁿ Ja. 2. 20.
^o Ex. 21. 24.

^p Pr. 20. 22.
Ro. 12. 17. 19.

^q 1 Pe. 3. 9.
^r ch. 23. 19.

^s Is. 50. 6.
^t Job 42. 8.

^u 1 Ti. 2. 8.
1 Pe. 3. 7.

^v Pr. 25. 8.
Lu. 12. 58. 59.

^w Ps. 32. 6.
Is. 55. 6.

^x De. 15. 8. 10.
^y Le. 19. 18.

^z Ro. 12. 14. 20.
^a Ex. 20. 14.

^b Ac. 7. 60.
1 Pe. 2. 23.

^c Ge. 34. 2.
2 Sa. 11. 2.

^d Job 31. 1.
Pr. 6. 25.

^e Job 25. 3.
§ or, do cause thee to offend.

^a pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30 And if thy right hand offend thee cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy member should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

31 It hath been said, * Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her writing of divorcement:

32 But I say unto you, That ^d whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

33 ¶ Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34 But I say unto you, ^e Swear not at all, neither by heaven; for it is ^h God's throne:

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is ⁱ the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But ^m let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

38 ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, * An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, ^p That ye resist not evil: * but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and ^z from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, ^z Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, ^z Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray ^b for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for ^d he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the

distance. Christians are elevated beacons. 15. candle, lamp. 17. fulfil, by doing and suffering what they enjoy and foretell of Messiah. 18. fol, the smallest Hebrew letter *jod*. tittle, angular turn in the shape of some letters, i. e. not the least letter or stroke. 19. break, by practice or virtually by doctrine. least, of no esteem. 20. righteousness, personal and practical holiness. 21. not kill, interpreting the law of actual murder only. judgment, a court of twenty-three men, who had power of awarding life or death; this was not allowed them by the Romans. 22. angry, &c.—judgment, worse judgment from God. This showed the delicate purity of the law, noticing the disposition as well as the practice. Raca, vain fellow. council, or sanhedrim of seventy-two, who punished by stoning. fool, miscreant. These expressions are not condemned when justly applied: see Matt. xxiii. 17; Luke xiv. 25; Gal. iii. 1; James ii. 20; but when they proceed from rash anger. 23. Therefore, &c. the moral of which is, Religious services are not acceptable from uncharitable hearts. 25. adversary, one going to law

with another. in the way, to the magistrate. God is our adversary, seek his reconciliation without delay. 28. looketh, &c. intentional wickedness is criminal. 29. offend, 'ensnare thee.' Whatever occasions sin, mortify it. 32. put away—saving, the Pharisees justified divorce on every trifling occasion, which our Lord opposes. 34. Swear not, i. e. in common discourse: see ver. 37. Oaths are allowed on solemn occasions to promote truth and justice: Matt. xxiii. 16, 18, 22: xxvi. 63, 64; Rom. i. 9; ix. 1, &c. 38. an eye, Ex. xxi. 24; Lev. xxiv. 19; Deut. xix. 21; hence the Pharisees justified revenge, here condemned. 40. thy cloke, &c. means, put up with injury rather than engage in litigious contests. 41. go—twain, means, yield rather than quarrel. Couriers had power to compel the services of any man or beast. 42. Give, i. e. be charitable to the utmost of your ability. 43. hate, from the hatred authorised against idolaters, Deut. vii. 16; Numb. xxxi. 2, &c. the Pharisees would confine their love to their own people, which Christ opposes; they were to make a difference between hating God's enemies and their own. 44.

ood, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as our Father which is in heaven is perfect.

CHAP. VI.

TAKE heed that ye do not your *alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, I do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our *daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

14 For if ye forgive men their tres-

A. D. 31.

a Ja. 2. 13.

b Is. 58. 5.

c Ge. 17. 1.

Col. 1. 28.

4. 12.

Ja. 1. 4.

1Pe. 1. 15, 16.

d Ep. 5. 1.

e Ru. 3. 3.

Da. 10. 3.

* or, righteousness.

De. 24. 13.

Ps. 112. 9.

Da. 4. 27.

2Co. 9. 9, 10.

† or, with.

f Ro. 12. 8.

g Pr. 23. 4.

1 Ti. 6. 17.

He. 13. 5.

Ja. 5. 1, &c.

† or, cause

not a

trumpet to

be sounded.

h ch. 19. 21.

1 Ti. 6. 19.

1 Pe. 1. 4.

i Lu. 14. 14.

j Lu. 11. 34, 36

k 2 Co. 11. 3.

Ep. 6. 5.

l 2 Ki. 4. 33.

m Lu. 16. 13.

n Ga. 1. 10.

1 Ti. 6. 17.

Ja. 4. 4.

1 Jno. 2. 15.

o Ec. 5. 2.

p Ps. 55. 22.

Lu. 12. 22,

&c.

Phi. 4. 6.

1 Pe. 5. 7.

r 1 Ki. 18. 26,

23.

s Job 38. 41.

Ps. 147. 9.

t Lu. 11. 2, &c

u Ac. 21. 14.

v Ps. 103. 20.

x Job 23. 12.

Pr. 30. 8.

y ch. 18. 21, &c

z Lu. 22. 40, 46

1 Co. 10. 13.

2 Pe. 2. 9.

Re. 3. 10.

a Jno. 17. 15.

b 1 Ch. 29. 11

c Ep. 4. 32.

Col. 3. 13.

passes, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

ss, give kind words for revilings. 46. publicans, taxgatherers, who collected the Jewish tribute.

salute, the Jews would not salute a Gentile or maritan. 48. as your Father, i. e. imitate the copy.—Ed.

CHAP. VI.—1. seen, signifies beheld and applauded, actors in a theatre. 2. sound a trumpet, probable for publishing any thing. as the hypocrites do, the Jews before alms-giving; there was no such custom. The word primarily means stage actor, and the caution means, do not publish your alms as actors do their performances; for trumpets announced their theatric spectacles.—Ed. their reward, that which they sought. 3. left, &c. proverbial for doing things secretly. 4. openly, before men and angels the last day. 5. synagogues, Jewish places of worship, to offer prayer and hear the Scriptures read and expounded. corners, where several ways met, as the heathen, when invoking their false gods: so priests cried from morning till noon, 'O Baal, hear us;' 1 Kings xviii. 26. 10. kingdom come, for Messiah. 11. bread, includes all articles for

subsistence. 12. debts, sins, by which we become debtors to God's justice. 13. lead, &c. abandon us not to.—Campbell. temptation, 'trial too strong for us. evil, or 'the evil one.' 15. if ye forgive not, an unforgiving spirit is awfully sinful. 16. fast, the Jews had many private fasts: see Luke xviii. 12. disfigure, washed not, and put ashes on the head. 17. anoint, &c. observe the usual habits of cleanliness: see Ruth iii. 3; Dan. x. 2, 3. 19. Lay not, &c. The caution here is against the love of riches—rust, costly garments and fine-wrought vessels were among eastern treasures. break through, i. e. through the mud walls of which eastern houses are constructed, and which they perforate. 22. single means having no humours or film. 23. evil, dis-tempered. light, understanding. A dark understanding makes spiritual darkness.—Ed. 24. mammon, Syriac for riches. 25. Take no thought, 'Be not anxiously solicitous.' Is not the life more, &c. and God sustains this, though we use means. 26. fowls, for these he provides by his care. 28. lilies, these are of a gold colour in Palestine.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek :) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But ^e seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

CHAP. VII.

JUDGE ^f not, that ye be not judged.

2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: ^g and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 ^h Give ⁱ not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

7 ^j Ask, ^k and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For ^l every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

12 Therefore all things ^m whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for ⁿ this is the law and the prophets.

13 ^o Enter ^p ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat;

14 ^q Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

15 ^r Beware ^s of false prophets, ^t which

A. D. 31.

^a Je. 11. 19.
^b Ga. 5. 22. 24.
^c Ep. 5. 9.
^d Phi. 1. 11.
^e Col. 1. 10.
^f ch. 3. 10.
^g Lu. 3. 9.
^h Jno. 15. 2. 6.
ⁱ 1 Ki. 3. 13.
^j Ps. 37. 25.
^k Mar. 10. 30.
^l 1 Ti. 4. 8.
^m Ho. 8. 2.
ⁿ Ac. 19. 13.
^o Ro. 2. 13.
^p Ja. 1. 22.
^q Nu. 24. 4.
^r Jno. 11. 51.
^s 1 Co. 13. 2.
^t Lu. 6. 37, &c.
^u Ro. 2. 1.
^v 1 Co. 4. 3. 5.
^w Ja. 4. 11. 12.
^x Mar. 4. 24.
^y Lu. 13. 25. 27.
^z 2 Ti. 2. 19.
^{aa} Lu. 18. 11.
^{ab} ch. 25. 41.
^{ac} Ps. 5. 5.
^{ad} 6. 8.
^{ae} Pr. 9. 7. 8.
^{af} 23. 9.
^{ag} Ac. 13. 45. 46.
^{ah} Lu. 18. 1.
^{ai} Jno. 14. 13.
^{aj} 15. 7.
^{ak} 16. 23. 24.
^{al} Ja. 1. 5. 6.
^{am} 1 Jno. 3. 22.
^{an} 5. 14. 15.
^{ao} Pr. 8. 17.
^{ap} Je. 29. 13. 13.
^{aq} ec. 13. 54.
^{ar} Mar. 1. 22.
^{as} 6. 2.
^{at} Lu. 4. 32.
^{au} Jno. 7. 46.
^{av} Le. 13. 42.
^{aw} &c.
^{ax} Mar. 1. 40.
^{ay} &c.
^{az} Lu. 5. 12, &c.
^{ba} Jno. 9. 38.
^{bb} 1 Co. 14. 25.
^{bc} Lu. 6. 31.
^{bd} Le. 19. 18.
^{be} Ro. 13. 8. 10.
^{bf} Ga. 5. 14.
^{bg} 1 Ti. 1. 5.
^{bh} Lu. 13. 24.
^{bi} ch. 9. 30.
^{bj} Mar. 5. 43.
^{bk} Le. 14. 34, 40.
^{bl} or, How.
^{bm} y Lu. 7. 1, &c.
^{bn} Je. 23. 16.
^{bo} Ep. 5. 6.
^{bp} Col. 2. 8.
^{bq} 2 Pe. 2. 1. 3.
^{br} 1 Jno. 4. 1.
^{bs} Mi. 3. 5.
^{bt} 2 Ti. 3. 5.

come to you in sheep's clothing, but in wardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or fig of thistles?

17 Even so ^c every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every ^d tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 ^e Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we ^f not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And ^g then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: ^h depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 ⁱ Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, ^j the people were astonished at his doctrine:

29 For ^k he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

CHAP. VIII.

WHEN he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.

2 And, behold, ^l there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

3 And Jesus put forth ^m his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4 And Jesus saith unto him, ⁿ See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that ^o Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

5 ^p And ^q when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

30. oven, heated in those parts by withered stalks of herbs and flowers. 33. his righteousness, compare Rom. x. 3; Phil. iii. 9.

CHAP. VII.—1. Judge not, the original signifies with harshness and injustice. 3. mote, &c. a proverb among the Jews, meaning we should not condemn others for small faults when we are guilty of greater. 5. First, &c. reformation should begin at home. 6. holy—dogs, talk not over the secrets of experimental religion before the profane. rend you, with raging and jesting. 7. Ask, &c. include the ideas of want, loss, earnestness,—want of mercy, loss of Divine favour, earnestness because eternity is nigh. 8. asketh, re-

ceiveth, asking sincerely and through Christ. 13. strait gate, i. e. self-denial and holiness, alludes perhaps to the custom of forming a narrow way to admit the guests only at an eastern marriage feast. 15. sheep's clothing, &c. a proverb for hypocrisy. 23. knew, i. e. approved. 27. the rain, &c. the mountain torrents of Syria and Palestine often sweep away the slightly built dwellings.

CHAP. VIII.—4. tell no man, lose no time in this way; but go to the priest, as directed Lev. xiv. 2. a testimony, that he had wrought a great miracle and was the Messiah. 5. centurion, a Roman com-

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but I speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

14 And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 'Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.'

18 Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side.

19 And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

24 And behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

25 And his disciples came to him, and

A. D. 31

a Ro. 4. 20.

b Ps. 65. 7.

89. 9.

107. 29.

c Lu. 15. 19, 21.

d Ps. 107. 20.

e Mar. 5. 1, &c.

Lu. 8. 26, &c.

f Ge. 12. 3.

Is. 2. 2, 3.

11. 10.

Mal. 1. 11.

Lu. 13. 29.

Ac. 10. 45.

11. 18.

14. 27.

Ro. 15. 9, &c.

Ep. 3. 6.

g 2 Pe. 2. 4.

Jude 6.

h ch. 21. 43.

i ch. 13. 42, 50.

25. 30.

Lu. 13. 28.

2 Pe. 2. 17.

Jude 13.

k Ro. 20. 7.

l Mar. 1. 29.

31.

Lu. 4. 38, 39.

m 1 Co. 9. 5.

n Mar. 1. 32.

&c.

Lu. 4. 40, 41.

o De. 5. 25.

1 Ki. 17. 18.

Lu. 5. 8.

Ac. 16. 39.

p ch. 4. 13.

r Mar. 2. 3.

Lu. 5. 18.

s Is. 53. 4.

1 Pe. 2. 24.

t ch. 8. 10.

u Lu. 9. 57, 58.

v ch. 12. 25.

Ps. 139. 2.

Mar. 12. 15.

Lu. 5. 22.

6. 8.

9. 47.

11. 17.

He. 4. 12, 13.

x Is. 53. 2, 3.

2 Co. 8. 9.

y Lu. 9. 59, 60.

z 1 Ki. 19. 20.

21.

2 Co. 5. 16.

a Ep. 2. 1, 5.

5. 14.

Col. 2. 13.

b Mar. 4. 37.

&c.

Lu. 8. 23, &c.

Ac. 27. 14.

&c.

2 Co. 11. 25.

c Mar. 2. 14.

&c.

Lu. 5. 27, &c.

awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding.

31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.

34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts.

CHAP. IX.

AND he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.

4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

5 For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?

6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

7 And he arose, and departed to his house.

8 But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew,

11. from the east, &c. from every region. sit down, alluding to a nuptial banquet. 12. the children, &c. the Jews, long God's peculiar people. cast out, alludes to the exclusion of unfit persons from the illuminated feast to the darkness of night, and perhaps of a dungeon. 18. the other side, of the sea of Tiberias or Gennesareth, into the country of the Gergesenes, ver. 28. 19. Master, 'Teacher.' 20. Son of man, applied always by Christ to himself; used by Stephen, Acts vii. 56; probably alludes to Dan. vii. 13. 22. let the dead, &c. let no earthly concern cause you to delay. 28.

tombs, in distant and solitary places, and often in caves. 29. before the time, of general judgment. 32. perished, if these were Jewish property, it was a just punishment for disobedience to the law, which prohibited their touching such animals, being unclean: Lev. xi. 7.

CHAP. IX.—1. over Gennesareth. 2. bed, or portable couch, still in use. 3. blasphemeth, by pretending to God's prerogative of forgiving sin. 5. to say, with effect. Thy sins, &c.—Arise, &c. for both proved his Divine power. 8. unto men, they admired the man, but saw not the God.—Ed.

sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

10 [¶] And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with ^b publicans and sinners?

12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, ^c I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, ^d but sinners to repentance.

14 [¶] Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, ^e Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?

15 And Jesus said unto them, Can ^f the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and ^g then shall they fast.

16 No man putteth a piece of ^h new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.

17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

18 [¶] While ⁱ he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and ^j so did his disciples.

20 [¶] And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind ^k him, and touched the hem of his garment:

21 For she said within herself, ^l If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort: ^m thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw ⁿ the minstrels and the people making a noise,

24 He said unto them, ^o Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

A. D. 31.

^{*} or, this fame.

^a ch. 15. 22.

20. 30, 31.

Mar. 10. 47.

48.

Lu. 18. 38, 39.

Ro. 1. 3.

9. 5.

^b ch. 11. 19.

Lu. 5. 30.

15. 2.

Gal. 2. 15.

^c ch. 12. 7.

Ho. 6. 6.

Mi. 6. 6-8.

^d 1 Ti. 1. 15.

^e ch. 8. 4.

12. 16.

17. 9.

Lu. 5. 14.

^f Lu. 18. 12.

^g Mar. 7. 36.

^h Jno. 3. 29.

ⁱ ch. 12. 22.

Lu. 11. 14, 15.

^j Ac. 13. 2, 3.

14. 23.

1 Co. 7. 5.

^k or, raw, or,

unwrought

cloth.

^l Jno. 16. 12.

1 Co. 3. 1, 2.

^m ch. 12. 24.

Mar. 3. 21.

ⁿ Mar. 6. 6.

Lu. 13. 22.

^o Mar. 5. 22.

&c.

Lu. 8. 41, &c.

^p or, were

tired and

lay down.

^q Zec. 10. 2.

^r Lu. 10. 2.

Jno. 4. 35.

^s 2 Th. 3. 1.

^t Ac. 5. 14, 15.

19. 12.

^u Mar. 3. 13.

14.

67, &c.

Lu. 6. 13, &c.

9. 1, &c.

^v or, over.

^w Lu. 7. 50.

17. 19.

18. 42.

He. 4. 2.

^x Jno. 1. 42.

^y 2 Ch. 35. 25.

Ac. 20. 10.

25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

26 And ^{*} the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

27 [¶] And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, ^a Thou son of David, have mercy on us.

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, ^b See that no man know it.

31 But ^c they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

32 [¶] As ^d they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

34 But the Pharisees said, ^e He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

35 And ^f Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 [¶] But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, ^g as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, ^h The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

38 Pray ⁱ ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

CHAP. X.

AND ^k when he had called unto ^l him his twelve disciples, he gave them power ^m against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, ⁿ who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James ^o the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James ^p the son of Alphæus, and Lebbæus, whose surname was Thaddæus;

9. receipt, &c. toll-house where taxes were received.

10. publicans, tax-gatherers. sinners, a Jewish name for the heathen.

12. whole need not, &c. the self-righteous would reject him, but awakened sinners would receive him.

13. mercy, see Hos. vi. 6; God prefers mercy to any formal offerings in sacrifice, on which the Pharisees laid much stress.

not—the righteous, &c. Christ came to men as fallen sinners, not as righteous.—Ed.

14. we—fast oft, the day of national atonement was the only appointed fast under the law, but the Jews added many fasts; and John's disciples were puzzled at Christ's indifference to them.

15. children, &c. alludes to guests attendant on the marriage ceremony during seven days. Here the disciples are meant—the friends of the bridegroom of his church. There would be days of trouble and mourning after his departure, and then there would be fasting.

16. No man putteth, &c.

To fast while I am present would be out of place, as much as to mend tattered garments with new pieces, or to put fermenting wine into worn-out leathern

bottles: such were the bottles of the east.

18. ruler, i. e. of a synagogue.

20. hem, or fringe, worn at the four corners of the outward garment of the Jews: see Deut. xxii. 12.

21. touched, this act is reverential in the east.

23. minstrels, flute players and singers at funerals: see Jer. ix. 17-21.

This was copied from the heathen.

24. laughed, &c. or derided him.

27. son of David, a title of Messiah.

28. house, his usual residence. Believe—Yea, being blind, they believed his power on the testimony of others.

30. no man know, this might have induced the people to rise and make him king.

31. spread abroad, here was zeal without prudence.

33. never so seen, so many miracles in rapid succession.

34. he casteth, &c. hence the miracles were confessed, but their origin belied.

36. fainted, or 'went astray.'

37. the harvest, &c. a wide field of evangelical labour, and few to labour.

CHAP. X.—2. apostles, mean persons 'sent forth, or 'missionaries.'

first, Simon, not in any expressed

4 Simon ^a and the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, ^c Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of ^e the Samaritans enter ye not:

6 But ^f go rather to the ^g lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 And ^h as ye go, preach, saying, ⁱ The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: ^k freely ye have received, freely give.

9 ^l Provide ^m neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet ⁿ staves: ^o for the workman is worthy of his meat.

11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.

12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.

13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: ^p but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, ^q shake off the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, ^r It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

16 ^s Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: ^t be ye therefore wise as serpents, and ^u harmless ^v as doves.

17 But beware of men: ^w for they will deliver you up to the councils, and ^x they will scourge you in their synagogues;

18 And ^y ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for ^z it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

20 For ^a it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.

22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: ^b but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not ^c have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

A. D. 31.

^a Ac. 1. 13.

^b Jno. 13. 16.

^c ch. 4. 15.

^d ch. 12. 24.

^e Jno. 8. 48, 52.

^f 2 Ki. 17. 24.

^g Jno. 4. 9, 20.

^h *Beelzebub.*

ⁱ ch. 15. 24.

^j Ac. 13. 46.

^k Is. 53. 6.

^l 1 Pe. 2. 25.

^m Lu. 9. 2.

ⁿ ch. 3. 2.

^o Ac. 8. 18, 20.

^p *or, Get.*

^q 1 Sa. 9. 7.

^r Lu. 22. 35.

^s Is. 8. 12, 13.

^t Lu. 12. 4.

^u 1 Pe. 3. 14.

^v *a staff.*

^w 1 Co. 9. 7, &c.

^x 1 Ti. 5. 18.

^y *It is in*

^z *value half-*

^a *penny far-*

^b *thing in the*

^c *original,*

^d *as being the*

^e *tenth part of the*

^f *Roman*

^g *penny,*

^h *ch. 18. 28.*

ⁱ *o Ac. 27. 34.*

^j *p Ps. 35. 13.*

^k *r Ro. 10. 9, 10.*

^l *s Re. 3. 5.*

^m *t Ac. 13. 51.*

ⁿ *u 2 Ti. 2. 12.*

^o *v ch. 11. 22, 24.*

^p *x Ro. 16. 19.*

^q *y Ep. 5. 15.*

^r *|| or, simple.*

^s *y 1 Co. 14. 20.*

^t *z Phi. 2. 15.*

^u *a Ac. 5. 40.*

^v *b Mi. 7. 6.*

^w *c Ac. 12. 1.*

^x *d 24. 10.*

^y *e 25. 7, 23.*

^z *f 2 Ti. 4. 16.*

^a *g Lu. 14. 26.*

^b *h Ex. 4. 12.*

^c *i Je. 1. 7.*

^d *e Ac. 4. 8.*

^e *f 6. 10.*

^f *g Jno. 12. 44.*

^g *h Ga. 4. 14.*

^h *i Da. 12. 12, 13.*

ⁱ *j ch. 25. 40.*

^j *k He. 6. 10.*

^k ** or, end, or,*

^l *finish.*

24 The ^b disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If ^d they have called the master of the house ^e Beelzebub, how much more *shall they call them of his household?*

26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

27 What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.

28 And ^m fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a ⁿ farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30 But ^o the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

32 Whosoever ^r therefore shall confess me before men, ^s him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33 But ^t whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

36 And ^u a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household.

37 He ^v that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

40 ^w He ^x that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And ^y whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

authority, but first called. 4. *who also*, more properly, 'even he who.' *betrayed him*, or 'delivered him up.' 6. *Israel*, the first missions were to the Jews. 8. *freely*, without reward for miracles. 9.

purses, 'girdles,' used as such. 10. *scrip*, wallet or provisions. *two coats*, for a change. *neither shoes*—*staves*, i.e. no spare ones. *meat*, maintenance. 11. *worthy*, or hospitable. Travellers were so entertained. *there abide*, they were not to be dainty.

12. *salute it*, the family, i.e. be courteous.—*Ed.* 14. *shake*, &c. the dust of heathen lands was thought polluted; hence this symbolical action. 16 *sheep*—*woolles*, proverbial for great danger. 17. *councils*, judicial tribunals. *scourge*, inflicted in a part of the synagogue, on those judged guilty of heresy. 19. *no thought*, anxiously. *given*, God will suggest it. 21. *all*, i.e. most. *endureth*, suffereth trial. *saved*, may be temporally, but certainly eternally. 23.

come, to destroy Jerusalem. 24. *The disciple*, &c. Disciples cannot fare better than their Master. 25. *nothing covered*, &c. proverbial as 'time brings all things to light.' 27. *in darkness*, privately. *in light*, publicly. *ear*, after the captivity the Hebrew was not generally understood; therefore the doctor read almost whispering to the interpreter of the synagogue, who repeated aloud. *house-tops*, proclamations were made from the flat roofs. 31. *not to send peace*, our Lord's coming was the innocent occasion of men showing their vile passions. 32. *cross*, alludes to the making of a criminal bear his own cross. 39. *findeth his life*, by deserting Christ's cause, should lose in the end. 40. *receiveth*, means here, kindly entertains. 41. *prophet*, or teacher. *in the name*, on account of. *a prophet's reward*, such as he will at last receive. 42. *little ones*, that is, disciples.

CHAP. XI.

AND it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

2 Now ¹ when John had heard ^o in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

3 And said unto him, Art thou ^a he that should come, or do we look for another?

4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

5 The ^a blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and ⁱ the poor have the gospel preached to them.

6 And blessed is ^{he}, whosoever shall not ^b be offended in me.

7 ¹ And ¹ as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? ^a A reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, ^a and more than a prophet.

10 For this is ^{he}, of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.'

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 And ^a from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven ^a suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For ^a all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14 And if ye will receive ^{it}, this ^a is Elias, which was for to come.

15 He ^a that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

16 ^a But ^a whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

17 And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.

19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. ^m But wisdom is justified of her children.

A. D. 31.

^a Lu. 10. 13. &c.^b Lu. 7. 18. &c.^c ch. 14. 3.^d Jon. 3. 7, 8.^e Ge. 49. 10.^f Nu. 24. 17.^g Da. 9. 24.^h Jno. 6. 14.ⁱ ch. 10. 15.^j Is. 14. 13.^k La. 2. 1.^l Is. 42. 7.^m Jno. 5. 36.ⁿ Is. 61. 1.^o Lu. 4. 18.^p Ja. 2. 5.^q Is. 8. 14, 15.^r Ro. 9. 32, 33.^s Ga. 5. 11.^t 1 Pe. 2. 8.^u Lu. 7. 24.^v Mt. Lu. 10. 21.^w Ps. 8. 2.^x 1 Co. 13. 27.^y 2 Co. 3. 14.^z Ep. 4. 14.^{aa} ch. 16. 17.^{ab} ch. 28. 15.^{ac} Jno. 3. 35.^{ad} 1 Co. 15. 27.^{ae} Lu. 1. 76.^{af} 7. 26.^{ag} Jno. 1. 18.^{ah} Mal. 3. 1.^{ai} Mar. 1. 2.^{aj} Jno. 13. 15.^{ak} Phi. 2. 5.^{al} 1 Pe. 2. 21.^{am} 1 Jno. 2. 6.^{an} Zec. 9. 9.^{ao} Phi. 2. 7, 8.^{ap} Je. 6. 16.^{aq} 1 Jno. 5. 3.^{ar} Lu. 16. 16.^{as} De. 23. 25.^{at} Mar. 2. 23.^{au} &c.^{av} Lu. 6. 1, &c.^{aw} or, is gotten by force, and they that thrust men.^{ax} Mal. 4. 6.^{ay} ch. 17. 12.^{az} Lu. 1. 17.^{ba} Re. 2. 7, &c.^{bb} 1 Sa. 21. 6.^{bc} Lu. 7. 31.^{bd} Ex. 25. 30.^{be} Ex. 29. 32, 33.^{bf} Le. 8. 31.^{bg} Nu. 28. 9.^{bh} Jno. 7. 22.^{bi} 2 Ch. 6. 18.^{bj} Lu. 7. 35.^{bk} Ho. 6. 6.^{bl} Mi. 6. 6, 8.

20 ^a Then ^a began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:

21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago ^d in sackcloth and ashes.

22 But I say unto you, ^f It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

23 And thou, Capernaum, ^g which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

25 ¹ At ¹ that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because ² thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, ³ and hast revealed them unto babes.

26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

27 All ⁴ things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; ⁵ neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

28 ⁶ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, ⁷ and learn of me; for I am meek and ⁸ lowly in heart: ⁹ and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For ¹⁰ my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

CHAP. XII.

AT that time ^b Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.

2 But when the Pharisees saw ^{it}, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read ^f what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat ^h the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, ⁱ but only for the priests?

5 Or have ye not read in the ^k law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

6 But I say unto you, That in this place is ¹ one greater than the temple.

7 But if ye had known what this meaneth, ² I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless,

it is, is seen by its effects. 21. in sackcloth, &c. in bitterest grief. 25. wise and prudent, in carnal wisdom. babes, simple and unlearned. 27. all things, connected with man's redemption. 28. Come, by faith. labour, or 'are weary.' laden, with guilt. 29. Take my yoke, as the ox his; believe and obey me, learn of me, be my disciple. 30. burden, alluding to loaded animals.

CHAP. XII.—1, 2. pluck, &c. this act, and rubbing out the corn, the Pharisees construed as equivalent to reaping and threshing. The act itself allowable: Deut. xxiii. 25. 5. profane, put it to a common use by killing and offering sacrifices. 7. I will, &c. ritual observances must yield to works of necessity

CHAP. XI.—2. prison, see ch. iv. 12; xiii. 3. 3. he, Messiah. 6. offended, scandalized or stumbled at. 7. a reed, &c. a wavering man. 8. a man clothed, &c. a flattering courtier. 9. more, &c. Messiah's harbinger. 12. violence, force of those who have no legal right. 13. the prophets—law, i.e. various parts of Scripture, until John, who showed the Messiah. 14. Elias, Greek for Elijah, to come, predicted by Malachi. 15. He that hath ears, &c. proverbial to mark something important. 17. piped—mourned, children acted these in imitation of music at feasts and funerals, but some sullen ones nothing would please. 18. neither eating, &c. reserved and austere. eating and drinking, freely mingling with society. 19. But wisdom, &c. true wisdom wherever

8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

9 And ^b when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:

10 ^a And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, ^d Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and ^f if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

14 ^a Then ^m the Pharisees went out, and ^e held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

15 But when Jesus knew it, ⁿ he withdrew himself from thence: ^p and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;

16 And charged them that they should not make him known:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

18 Behold ^q my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, ^r in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.

20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.

21 And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

22 ^q Then ^v was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, inasmuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?

24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by ^t Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

25 And Jesus ^b knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges.

28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit

A. D. 31.

a Da. 2. 44.

7. 14.

Lu. 1. 33.

11. 20. 23.

17. 20. 21.

b Mar. 3. 1. &c.

Lu. 6. 6. &c.

c Is. 49. 24.

d Lu. 13. 14.

14. 3.

e Jno. 9. 16.

f Mar. 3. 28.

Lu. 12. 10.

He. 6. 4. &c.

10. 26. 29.

g Jno. 5. 16.

f Ex. 23. 4. 5.

De. 22. 4.

h Ac. 7. 51.

i ch. 11. 19.

13. 55.

j Jno. 7. 12. 52.

k 1 Ti. 1. 13.

l Job 36. 13.

m ch. 7. 17.

n Lu. 6. 43. 45.

o ch. 27. 1.

p Jno. 5. 18.

10. 39.

11. 53.

* or, took

counsel.

q ch. 10. 23.

r Mar. 3. 7.

s ch. 3. 7.

t 23. 33.

u ch. 19. 2.

v Is. 42. 1.

w Phi. 2. 6. 7.

x 1 Pe. 2. 4.

y ch. 3. 17.

z 17. 5.

Ep. 1. 6.

2 Pe. 1. 17.

+ ch. 16. 1.

Mar. 8. 11.

Lu. 11. 16. 29.

Jno. 2. 18.

1 Co. 1. 22.

u ch. 16. 4.

Is. 57. 3.

v Jno. 4. 48.

w ch. 9. 32.

x Mar. 3. 11.

Lu. 11. 14.

y Jon. 1. 17.

z Lu. 11. 32.

Je. 3. 11.

Eze. 16. 51.

52.

Ro. 2. 27.

+ Beelzebub,

ver. 27.

a Jon. 3. 5.

b ch. 9. 4.

Jno. 2. 25.

Re. 2. 23.

c 1 Ki. 10. 1.

2 Ch. 9. 1.

Lu. 11. 31.

d Lu. 11. 24.

e Job 1. 7.

f 1 Pe. 5. 8.

of God, then ^a the kingdom of God is come unto you.

29 Or ^e else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

31 ^q Wherefore I say unto you, ^e All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: ^s but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

32 And whosoever ^t speaketh a word against the Son of man, ^r it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, ^u neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

33 Either make the tree good, and ^v his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

34 O ^o generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

38 ^q Then ^t certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and ^u adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

40 For ^q as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly: so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The ^v men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and ^u shall condemn it: ^a because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

42 The ^e queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

43 When ^d the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, ^e he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when

and charity. 20. *smoking flax*, referring to the flaxen wick of a lamp when expiring: see further, Isa. xlii. 1, &c. notes. *judgment*, &c. make his righteous cause triumphant. 23. *son of David*, i. e. the expected Messiah. 24. *Beelzebub*, see 2 Kings i. 2, note. 27. *your children cast*, &c. the Jews clearly attempted the same thing: Mark ix. 38; Luke ix. 49; Acts xix. 13. 29. *first bind*, &c. inferring, that power which overcomes Satan is greater than his. 31. *blasphemy*, denotes injurious expressions against God. 32. *forgiven*, on repentance. *speakeeth against the Holy Ghost*, ascribing his works to the devil. *in this world*, i. e. never. 33. *Either*, &c.

i. e. Allow me to be good, since my fruit is so. 35. *treasure of the heart*, &c. the language and heart will correspond. 36. *idle*, the Greek denotes 'false, slandering, pernicious.' 37. *thy words*, &c. these will be taken into the great account. 38. *a sign*, i. e. something preternatural in proof of his mission. 39. *adulterous*, literally and spiritually. 40. *three*, &c. our Lord was buried on Friday, and rose on the third day. 42. *queen of the south*, Sheba, south of Jerusalem. 43. *When the unclean spirit*, &c. this parable is founded on the popular notions of the Jews. Its moral is, that the Jews had been a while reformed by John the Baptist, but relapsed into their former state.

he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

46 While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him.

47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

CHAP. XIII.

THE same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.

2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing,

A. D. 31.

a He. 6. 4.

10. 26.

2 Pe. 2. 20.

22.

b ch. 16. 17.

Lu. 10. 23.

24.

Jno. 20. 29.

c He. 11. 13.

1 Pe. 1. 10, 11.

d Mar. 3. 31.

Lu. 8. 19, 21.

e ch. 13. 55.

Mar. 6. 3.

Jno. 2. 12.

7. 3, 5.

Ac. 1. 14.

1 Co. 9. 5.

Gal. 1. 19.

f ch. 4. 23.

Ac. 20. 25.

28. 23.

Ro. 14. 17.

g Jno. 15. 14.

Gal. 5. 6.

6. 15.

Col. 3. 11.

He. 2. 11.

h Is. 58. 2.

Eze. 33. 31.

32.

Jno. 5. 35.

i Job 19. 28.

Pr. 12. 3.

Gal. 6. 15.

Ep. 3. 17.

k Mar. 4. 1, &c.

Lu. 8. 4, &c.

m ch. 11. 6.

2 Ti. 1. 15.

ch. 19. 23.

Mar. 10. 23.

Lu. 18. 24.

1 Ti. 6. 9.

2 Ti. 4. 10.

o Je. 4. 3.

p Col. 1. 5.

1 Pe. 1. 23.

q Ge. 26. 12.

r 1 Co. 1. 11.

Gal. 3. 1.

Ja. 3. 15, 16.

t ch. 11. 25.

16. 17.

Mar. 4. 11.

1 Co. 2. 10.

1 Jno. 2. 27.

u 1 Th. 5. 14.

Jude 22, 23.

v ch. 25. 29.

Mar. 4. 25.

Lu. 8. 18.

19. 26.

x ch. 3. 12.

y Is. 6. 9.

Eze. 12. 2.

Jno. 12. 40.

Ac. 28. 26.

27.

Ro. 11. 8.

2 Co. 3. 14.

15.

z Is. 2. 2, 3.

Mi. 4. 1.

Mar. 4. 30.

a He. 5. 11.

and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a gram of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest

CHAP. XIII.—3. parables, of Christ are narratives carried on by continued comparisons. 11. mysteries, 'secrets.'—Campbell. 12. whosoever hath, &c. proverbial, meaning, he that improves what he has shall have more. 13. they seeing see not, &c. they do not use the knowledge they already have. 17. desired to see, &c. having seen the promises but afar off: see Heb. xi. 13, &c. 19. word, i. e. gospel. This

parable prophetically describes the effects of the gospel. 25. tares, rather 'darnel,' a noxious weed which is like wheat; it grows among corn, and in some parts of Syria is drawn up by the hand in harvest. 31. mustard seed—a tree, refers to the smallest seed producing a tree in eastern countries. The parable teaches the large effects of the gospel from small beginnings.

among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33 ¶ Another ^a parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three ^c measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

34 All ^c these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, ^c I will open my mouth in parables; ^f I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

38 The ^a field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are ^c the children of the wicked one;

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; ^p the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, ^a and they shall gather out of his kingdom all ^c things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And ^a shall cast them into a furnace of fire: ^v there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then ^v shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

44 ¶ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and ^a selleth all that he hath, and ^c buyeth that field.

45 ¶ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

46 Who, when he had found ^c one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 ¶ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and ^c gathered of every kind:

48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and ^k sever the wicked from among the just,

50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

51 Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

A. D. 31.

^a Lu. 13. 20.

^b Ca. 7. 13.

^c The word in the

Greek is

a measure

containing

about a

peck and a

half, want-

ing a little

more than

a pint.

^c Mar. 4. 33, 34.

^d Mar. 6. 1, &c.

^e Lu. 4. 16, &c.

^f Ps. 78. 2.

^g Ro. 16. 25,

26.

^h 1 Co. 2. 7.

ⁱ Ep. 3. 9.

^j Col. 1. 26.

^k Is. 49. 7.

^l Lu. 3. 23.

^m Jno. 6. 42.

ⁿ ch. 12. 46.

^o Mar. 15. 40.

^p ch. 11. 6.

^q Jno. 4. 44.

^r ch. 24. 14.

^s Lu. 24. 47.

^t Ro. 10. 18.

^u Col. 1. 6.

^v Ro. 11. 20.

^w He. 3. 12.

^x 19.

^y 4. 6. 11.

^z Jno. 8. 44.

^{aa} Ac. 13. 10.

^{ab} 1 Jno. 3. 8.

^{ac} Joel 3. 13.

^{ad} Re. 14. 15.

^{ae} Mar. 6. 14,

&c.

^{af} Lu. 9. 7, &c.

^{ag} or, are

wrought

by him.

^{ah} ch. 18. 7.

^{ai} 2 Pe. 2. 1, 2.

^{aj} or, scan-

dals.

^{ak} Lu. 3. 19, 20.

^{al} Re. 19. 20.

^{am} 20. 10.

^{an} ch. 8. 12.

^{ao} Le. 18. 16.

^{ap} 20. 21.

^{aq} Da. 12. 3.

^{ar} 1 Co. 15. 42,

43, 58.

^{as} Lu. 20. 6.

^{at} § in the midst

^{au} a Phi. 3. 7, 8.

^{av} b Es. 5. 3, 6.

^{aw} 7. 2.

^{ax} c Is. 55. 1.

^{ay} Re. 3. 18.

^{az} d Fr. 1. 16.

^{ba} 29. 10.

^{bb} e Pr. 2. 4, 5.

^{bc} f Ec. 5. 2.

^{bd} g ch. 22. 10.

^{be} h ch. 25. 32.

^{bf} i Jno. 6. 1, &c.

52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe ^{which} is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man ^{that} is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure ^b things new and old.

53 ¶ And it came to pass, ^{that} when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.

54 And ^a when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, inasmuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and ^{these} mighty works?

55 Is ^b not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and ^k his brethren, ^j James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?

57 And they ^k were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, ⁱ A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

58 And ^h he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

CHAP. XIV.

AT that time ^r Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,

2 And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works [†] do shew forth themselves in him.

3 ¶ For ^r Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put ^{him} in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.

4 For John said unto him, ^a It is not lawful for thee to have her.

5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, ^a because they counted him as a prophet.

6 But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced [‡] before them, and pleased Herod.

7 Whereupon ^b he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.

8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, ^d Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.

9 And the king was sorry: ^f nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded ^{it} to be given ^{her}.

10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

11 And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought ^{it} to her mother.

12 And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

13 ¶ When ⁱ Jesus heard of ^{it}, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard ^{thereof}, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a

33. measures, a measure being a peck and a half. 34. spake he not, i. e. not at this time. 35. That it might be fulfilled, i. e. that the words of the prophet might be fitly applied in this case. 41. things that offend, or scandals. 44. hideth, i. e. secures for himself. selleth, parts with every thing incompatible with his salvation. 47. of every kind, expresses that the visible church here is unavoidably a mixture of good and bad. 52. scribe, the scribes were teachers, which is the character here. things new and old, his mind should ever be replenished. 55. brethren, probably

cousins, so called by the Hebrews, children of his mother's sister, the wife of Cleophas.

CHAP. XIV.—1. Herod, Herod Antipas. tetrarch, the governor of the fourth part of a country. He was son of the cruel Herod, Matt. ii. 16, and king of Galilee and Perea. 7. whatsoever she would ask, a foolish custom then of eastern monarchs with favourites: see Esth. v. 3, 6. 8. instructed, 'instigated.' charger, 'platter.' Criminals' heads were often shown to prove their execution. 12 took up

great multitude, and ^a was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

15 [¶] And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, [¶] he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

22 [¶] And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

23 And [¶] when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: [°] and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the ship was now [°] in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night [¶] Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw him [¶] walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; ^{*} it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind ^{*} boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, [°] wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou [°] art the Son of God.

34 [¶] And [¶] when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

A. D. 32.

^a ch. 9. 36.

^b Mar. 3. 10.

Lu. 6. 19.

Ac. 19. 12.

^c Mar. 7. 1, &c.

^d Ga. 1. 14.

^e Col. 2. 8.

^f Ex. 20. 12.

Le. 19. 3.

De. 5. 16.

Pr. 23. 22.

Ep. 6. 2.

^g Ex. 21. 17.

Le. 20. 9.

De. 27. 16.

Pr. 20. 20.

30. 17.

^h ch. 15. 36.

Ac. 27. 35.

1 Co. 10. 31.

ⁱ Mar. 7. 11, 12.

^k Lu. 12. 56.

^l Is. 29. 13.

Eze. 33. 31.

^m Mar. 6. 46.

ⁿ Is. 29. 13.

Col. 2. 18.

22.

Tit. 1. 14.

He. 13. 9.

^o Jno. 6. 16.

^p Mar. 7. 14.

16.

^r Is. 54. 11.

^s Ac. 10. 15.

Ro. 14. 11.

17, 20.

1 Ti. 4. 4.

^t Ps. 93. 3, 4.

104. 3.

^u Job 9. 8.

^v Ps. 92. 13, 15.

Jno. 15. 2.

1 Co. 3. 12.

&c.

^w Is. 41. 4, 10.

14.

51. 12.

Re. 1. 17, 18.

^y Is. 9. 16.

Mal. 2. 8.

Lu. 6. 39.

^z Mar. 7. 17.

23.

^a ch. 16. 9.

^b or, strong.

^c 1 Co. 6. 13.

^d Ja. 3. 6.

^e Ro. 4. 18, 20.

Ja. 1. 6, 8.

^f Ge. 6. 5.

8. 21.

Pr. 6. 14.

Je. 17. 9.

Ro. 3. 10, 18.

^g ch. 16. 16.

Ps. 2. 7.

Mar. 1. 1.

Lu. 4. 41.

Jno. 1. 49.

11. 27.

Ac. 8. 37.

Ro. 1. 4.

^h Mar. 6. 53.

ⁱ Mar. 7. 24.

30.

36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and ^b as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

CHAP. XV.

THEN ^{*} came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

2 Why ^d do thy disciples transgress ^e the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

4 For God commanded, saying, ^f Honour thy father and mother: and, ^g He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, ^h It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

6 And honour not his father or his mother, ⁱ he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

7 Ye ^k hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

8 This ^l people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain they do worship me, ^m teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

10 [¶] And ⁿ he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

11 Not ^o that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

13 But he answered and said, ^p Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

14 Let them alone: ^q they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

15 Then ^r answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.

16 And Jesus said, ^a Are ye also yet without understanding?

17 Do not ye yet understand, that ^b whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?

18 But ^c those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

19 For ^d out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

21 [¶] Then ^e Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O

the body, thrown over the prison walls. 19. sit down,

'recline.' brake, the bread being thin and brittle.

22. constrained, i. e. exhorted. 25. fourth watch,

from three to six, a little before day-break. 26. It

is a spirit, adopting the vulgar notion.—Ed. 33. Son

of God, i. e. the Messiah: see Psalm ii.

CHAP. XV.—1. come, to ensnare him. tradition,

i. e. unwritten law from ancestors. The Jews have

still their traditions, and prefer them to the Scriptures

themselves, calling the former wine, and the latter

water. elders, principal doctors or teachers. 2.

bread, i. e. food. 4. curseth, 'revileth': see Lev.

xx. 9. 5. It is a gift, &c. 'An offering is every thing

of mine by which thou mightest be profited.' The

Pharisees held that if the parents applied for relief,

and the children said 'Corban,' (Mark vii. 11), 'a

sacred gift,' i. e. to the temple treasury, they were free

from the fifth commandment. 11. Not, &c. under

the gospel not outward ceremonies defile, but inward

corruptions. 22. of Canaan, descended from the

Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to *f* dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: *5* yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, *6* great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

29 And *j* Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh *k* unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

30 And *l* great multitudes came unto him, having with them *m* those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:

31 Inasmuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 *n* Then *o* Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, *o* I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, *p* lest they faint in the way.

33 And *q* his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?

34 And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes.

35 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.

36 And *r* he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and *s* gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

37 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken *t* meat that was left seven baskets full.

38 And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.

39 And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala.

CHAP. XVI.

THE *u* Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

2 He answered and said unto them,

A. D. 32.

a ch. 10. 5. 6.

Is. 53. 6.

Lu. 15. 4. 6.

Ac. 3. 25, 26.

13. 46.

Ro. 15. 8.

b 1 Ch. 12. 32.

c ch. 12. 39.

Ac. 2. 40.

d Jon. 1. 17.

e Mar. 8. 14.

f ch. 7. 6.

Ep. 2. 12.

Phi. 3. 2.

g Ro. 3. 29.

10. 12.

Ep. 2. 18, 19.

h Lu. 12. 1.

1 Co. 5. 6. 8.

Gal. 5. 9.

i 1 Sa. 2. 30.

Lu. 17. 5.

Ro. 4. 19, 20.

2 Th. 1. 3.

j Mar. 7. 31.

k ch. 4. 18.

1 ch. 11. 5.

Is. 35. 5, 6.

Lu. 7. 22.

m ch. 14. 17.

Jno. 6. 9.

n Mar. 8. 1.

o Ho. 4. 15.

p 1 Sa. 30. 11.

12.

r 2 Ki. 4. 43.

s Mar. 8. 27,

&c.

Lu. 9. 18, &c.

t ch. 14. 2.

Lu. 9. 7. 9.

u ch. 14. 33.

Jno. 6. 69.

11. 27.

Ac. 8. 37.

9. 20.

1 Jno. 4. 15.

5. 5.

He. 1. 2. 5.

v ch. 14. 19.

w 1 Sa. 9. 13.

Lu. 22. 19.

Ro. 14. 6.

y Ep. 2. 8.

z 1 Co. 2. 10.

Gal. 1. 16.

a Jno. 1. 42.

b Ep. 2. 20.

Re. 21. 14.

Job 38. 17.

Ps. 9. 13.

107. 18.

Is. 38. 10.

d ch. 18. 18.

Jno. 20. 23.

e ch. 12. 38.

Mar. 8. 11,

&c.

Lu. 11. 16.

12. 54. 56.

1 Co. 1. 22.

When it is evening, ye say, *It will be fair weather*: for the sky is red.

3 And in the morning, *It will be foul weather* to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern *6* the signs of the times?

4 A *7* wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, *8* but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

5 And *9* when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

6 *10* Then Jesus said unto them, *11* Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *12* It is because we have taken no bread.

8 *Which* when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

9 Do *13* ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake *14* ~~it~~ not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

13 *15* When Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, *16* Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, *17* Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: *18* for flesh and blood hath not revealed *19* it unto thee, but *20* my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That *21* as thou art Peter, *22* and upon this rock I will build my church; and *23* the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And *24* I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20 Then charged he his disciples that

Canaanites. 24. *not sent*, i. e. as the Hebrew idiom, sent principally. *house of Israel*, Jewish nation. 26. *dogs*, so the Jews called the Gentiles. 39. *Magdala*, a district on the eastern shore of Galilee.

CHAP. XVI.—3. *can ye not discern*, &c. my miracles are plainer than the signs of the changing weather.

4. *sign of Jonas*, i. e. miracle of Christ's resurrection.

6. *leaven*, doctrine, ver. 12. 8. *why reason*, &c. why assign such a reason for my admonition?

9. *understand*, &c. hence a few loaves cannot give me concern.

13. *coasts*, 'parts.' 16. *Christ*, Messiah.

Son, in a peculiar sense. *living God*, dis-

tinguished from dead idols.

17. *Blessed*, 'Happy. Bar-jona, 'son of Jona.' *flesh*, &c. i. e. human nature.

18. *thou art Peter*, 'a rock.' Thy name is 'a rock,' and on this rock, 'this very rock,' (myself,) will I build my church; or, on the truth thou hast confessed,

as on a solid 'stone,' will I build, &c. 19. *keys*, the badge of authority: Rev. iii. 7, 8; Is. xxii. 20, &c.

kingdom of heaven, which Christ was now setting up; he was the first to unlock the gospel treasure; see Acts ii. 14—11; xv. 7—14.

19. *bind—loose*, signify authority in church discipline; the apostles abolished and confirmed under the Spirit's guidance, forbidding

they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

21 ¶ From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, * Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, ^k Satan: ⁱ thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

24 ¶ Then ^h said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25 For ^m whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or ⁿ what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 For ^o the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father ^p with his angels; ^q and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they ^r see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

CHAP. XVII.

AND ^a after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

5 While ^b he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, ^c This is my beloved Son, ^d in whom I am well pleased: ^e hear ye him.

6 And ^f when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7 And Jesus came and ^g touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

9 And as they came down from the mountain, ^h Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

A. D. 32.

^a Mal. 4. 5.^b ch. 20. 17.

Mar. 10. 33.

Lu. 18. 31.

24. 6, 7.

^c Mal. 4. 6.

Lu. 1. 16, 17.

Ac. 3. 21.

^d Jno. 1. 11.^e ch. 14. 3. 10.^f *Pity thyself*^g ch. 16. 21.^h ch. 11. 14.ⁱ 2 Sa. 19. 22.^j Ro. 8. 7.^k Mar. 9. 14.^l Lu. 9. 37, &c.^m Ac. 14. 22.ⁿ 1 Th. 3. 3.^o 2 Ti. 3. 12.^p Lu. 17. 33.^q Jno. 12. 25.^r Ps. 49. 7, 8.^s ch. 26. 64.^t De. 7. 10.^u Dec. 14. 5.^v Jude 14.^w Ro. 2. 6.^x 2 Co. 5. 10.^y Re. 22. 12.^z Lu. 21. 27, 28.^{aa} ch. 21. 21.^{ab} Mar. 11. 23.^{ac} Lu. 17. 6.^{ad} 1 Co. 12. 9.^{ae} 13. 2.^{af} Mar. 9. 2, &c.^{ag} Lu. 9. 28, &c.^{ah} ch. 16. 21.^{ai} 20. 17.^{aj} Mar. 10. 33.^{ak} Mar. 9. 33.^{al} Called in the original, *di-drachma*, being in value fifteen-pence,^{am} Ex. 30. 13.^{an} 38. 26.^{ao} 2 Pe. 1. 17.^{ap} ch. 3. 17.^{aq} Mar. 1. 11.^{ar} Lu. 3. 22.^{as} Is. 42. 1.^{at} De. 18. 15.^{au} 19.^{av} Ac. 3. 22, 23.^{aw} 2 Pe. 1. 18.^{ax} Da. 8. 18.^{ay} Mar. 8. 30.^{az} [†] or, *a stater*.

It is half an ounce of silver, in value

2s. 6d. after

5s. the ounce.

10 And his disciples asked him, saying,

^a Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and ^b restore all things.12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, ^c and they knew him not, but ^d have done him whatsoever they listed. Likewise ^e shall also the Son of man suffer of them.13 Then ^f the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.14 ¶ And ^g when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a *certain* man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, ^h If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

22 ¶ And ⁱ while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:

23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

24 ¶ And ^j when they were come to Capernaum, they that received ^k tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?

25 He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?

26 Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.

27 Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find ^l a piece of

circumcision to believers, allowing purification to Paul, &c.: see also Acts v. 1; 1 Cor. v. 5; 1 Tim. i. 20.

23. *Satan*, i. e. adversary or obstructor. *savourst not*, do not relish or desire. 24. *deny himself*—‘be self-emptyed.’ *cross*, put for sufferings: see ch. x. 38, note.

25. *save*, at the expense of conscience. *find it*, in a better life. 26. *profited*, &c. let him strike the balance and compare the loss. 28. *coming in his kingdom*, entering upon his reign, and giving earnest of his judgment in the fate of Jerusalem.

CHAP. XVII.—1. *six*, in Luke ‘eight,’ as he includes the portions of two others, first and last. 2. *transfigured*, underwent a glorious change, Luke ix. 29.

4. *tabernacles*, booths or tents. 5. *bright cloud*, the

shekinah. *overshadowed*, ‘surrounded.’ 10. *Why*—that *Elias*, &c. they were surprised at his (Elijah’s) now sudden departure, as he was expected to *restore*, ‘reform,’ all things in religion. 12. *Elias is come*, i. e. John the Baptist, pointed out in prophecy.

17. *O faithless*, &c. *Whitby* thinks our Lord spoke of the scribes and Pharisees; for the disciples though weak, were not faithless: comp. Mark ix. 14, 16. So Matt. xii. 39; xvi. 4; Luke xi. 29.

22. *delivered up*. 24. *tribute*, the half shekel, about fifteen pence, paid yearly by every male, for the temple: Exod. xxx. 13. 26. *children free*, and I am, as the Son of God.

27. *offend*, give them occasion to say, I despise the temple and its service.

money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

CHAP. XVIII.

AT^a the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever^e therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 And^h whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

6 But^k whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 ¶ Woe unto the world because of offences! for^m it must needs be that offences come; butⁿ woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

8 Wherefore^o if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven^r their angels do always^s behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

11 For^t the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

12 How^u think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

15 ¶ Moreover^v if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

A. D. 32.

^a Mar. 9. 33, &c.^b Lu. 9. 46, &c.^c Ro. 16. 17.^d 1 Co. 5. 9.^e 2 Th. 3. 6, 14.^f 2 Jno. 10.^g Jno. 20. 23.^h 1 Co. 5. 4.ⁱ ch. 5. 24.^j Ps. 131. 2.^k 1 Co. 14. 20.^l 1 Pe. 2. 2.^m 1 Jno. 3. 22.ⁿ 5. 14.^o ch. 20. 27.^p ch. 10. 42.^q Lu. 17. 1, 2.^r Lu. 17. 4.^s ch. 6. 14.^t Mar. 11. 25.^u Col. 3. 13.^v 1 Co. 11. 19.^w ch. 26. 24.^x ch. 5. 23, 30.^y * A talent is

750 ounces

of silver,

which after

five shil-

lings the

ounce is

187l. 10s.

^z 2 Ki. 4. 1.^{aa} Ne. 5.^{ab} † or, besought

him.

^{ac} † Ps. 34. 7.^{ad} Zec. 13. 7.^{ae} He. 1. 14.^{af} Es. 1. 14.^{ag} Lu. 1. 19.^{ah} † Lu. 19. 10.^{ai} Jno. 3. 17.^{aj} 12. 47.^{ak} † The Roman

penny is

the eighth

part of an

ounce,

which after

five shil-

lings the

ounce is

sevenpence

halfpenny.

^{al} ch. 20. 2.^{am} † Lu. 15. 4.^{an} † Ro. 3. 19.^{ao} Le. 19. 17.^{ap} † Ja. 5. 20.^{aq} 1 Pe. 3. 1.^{ar} † Ep. 4. 32.^{as} 5. 1, 2.^{at} † Col. 3. 13.^{au} † De. 17. 6.^{av} † Jno. 8. 17.^{aw} 2 Co. 13. 1.^{ax} He. 10. 28.

17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an^b heathen man and a publican.

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again^d I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

21 ¶ Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? ^f till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

23 ¶ Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand^g talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him^h to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundredⁱ pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

CHAP. XVIII.—3. converted, changed in disposition and conduct. as little children, lowly and unambitious.

5. such little child, such humble Christian. 6. offend, give them an occasion for falling into sin. millstone, &c. this was portable with the Jews, and turned with the hand: comp. Deut. xxiv. 6. drowned, this was not a punishment with Jews, but among the Greeks, Romans, and Syrians. The phrase here is proverbial for inevitable ruin. 7. offences, occasions of sin. needs be, i. e. from the condition of human nature. 8. offend thee, &c. see ch. v. 29, note. 10. despise not, strong disciples must not despise the weak. their angels, they have these to minister to them: Heb. i. 14. 11. Son—come to save, another reason why these should not be despised. 13. rejoiceth more, the design of this expression is to show the Saviour's great delight in the returning wanderer; but not to intimate he is less pleased with those who

never go astray. 14. not the will, &c. i. e. it is his will they should be saved. 15. tell him his fault, 'expostulate with him.'—Camp. 17. church, 'congregation.'—Neuecome. as an heathen, &c. put out of the church, and avoided as the heathen and Roman tax-gatherer. 18. bind, &c. see ch. xvi. 19, note. 19. they shall ask, respecting their decisions, 20. there am I, here is Divine omnipresence. 21. seven, denotes very often: 1 Sam. ii. 5; Prov. xxiv. 16, &c. 22. seventy, &c. i. e. always, an uncertain being given for a certain number. 24. ten thousand talents, i. e. a vast sum. 25. sold, see 2 Kings iv. 1; Lev. xxv. 39—46; Amos vii. 6. 28. hundred pence, about three pounds value, if Roman pence: sevenpence halfpenny English. 34. tormentors, eastern gaolers were ordered to treat the debtors even cruelly to extort payment. The word here denotes examiners by torture.

35 So ^a likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

CHAP. XIX.

AND it came to pass, ^c that when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judea beyond Jordan;

2 And ^e great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

3 ^f The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, ^g that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, ^h For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and ⁱ they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

7 They say unto him, ^j Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

9 And ^k I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it* be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

10 ^l His disciples say unto him, ^m If the case of the man be so with *his* wife, it is not good to marry.

11 But he said unto them, ⁿ All men cannot receive this saying, save *they* to whom it is given.

12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from *their* mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and ^o there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive *it*, let him receive *it*.

13 ^p Then ^q were there brought unto him little children, that he should put *his* hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for ^r of such is the kingdom of heaven.

15 And he laid *his* hands on them, and departed thence.

16 ^s And, behold, one came and said

A. D. 33.

^a Pr. 21. 13.

Ja. 2. 13.

^b Lu. 10. 25.

^c Mar. 10. 1.

&c.

^d Jno. 10. 40.

^e Ex. 20. 13.

De. 5. 17.

^f ch. 12. 15.

^g ch. 15. 4.

^h ch. 22. 39.

Le. 19. 18.

Ro. 13. 9.

Gal. 5. 14.

Ja. 2. 8.

ⁱ Ge. 1. 27.

5. 2.

^j Mal. 2. 15.

^k ch. 6. 20.

Lu. 12. 33.

16. 9.

Ac. 2. 45.

4. 34, 35.

^l Ti. 6. 18, 19.

^m Ge. 2. 24.

Ep. 5. 31.

ⁿ 1 Co. 6. 6.

^o ch. 13. 22.

^p 1 Co. 1. 26.

^q 1 Ti. 6. 9, 10.

^r ch. 5. 31.

De. 24. 1.

^s ch. 5. 32.

Lu. 16. 18.

^t Ge. 18. 14.

Job 42. 2.

^u Job 32. 17.

Lu. 1. 37.

18. 27.

^v Mar. 10. 28.

Lu. 18. 28.

^w ch. 4. 20.

De. 33. 9.

Lu. 5. 11.

^x Pr. 21. 19.

^y 1 Co. 7. 2, &c.

^z ch. 20. 21.

Lu. 22. 28.

30.

1 Co. 6. 2, 3.

Re. 2. 26.

^a 1 Co. 7. 32, 34.

9. 5, 15.

^b Lu. 13. 30.

^c Mar. 10. 13.

&c.

Lu. 18. 15.

&c.

^d ch. 18. 3.

^e The Roman

penny is

the eighth

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lings the

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sevenpence

half-penny.

ch. 18. 28.

unto him, ^b Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there* is none good but one, *that is*, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, ^c Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

19 Honour thy father and thy mother: and, ^d Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, ^e go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

23 ^f Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That ^g a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25 When his disciples heard *it*, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

26 But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men *this* is impossible; but ^h with God all things are possible.

27 ⁱ Then ^j answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, ^k we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ^l ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

30 But ^m many ⁿ that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

CHAP. XX.

FOR the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that* is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a ^o penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour,

CHAP. XIX.—3. *tempting*, 'trying,' *lawful*, &c. the Jewish schools were divided on this question. 4. *male*, &c. 'a male and a female.'—Campbell. 8. *Moses because*, &c. Moses tolerated other divorces to prevent worse consequences. 10. *not good*, &c. because of bearing all the wife's infirmities. 11. *cannot receive*, &c. cannot live single. 12. *eunuchs*, denotes here chastity of single life. 14. *of such*, &c. means in disposition and in reality. 15. *laid his hands*, &c. after the manner of the prophets: Gen. xlviii. 14; 2 Kings v. 11, &c. 17. *Why—good?* since in your view I am but a man. *keep*, &c. if you would gain heaven by merit. *sell—give*, the Jews esteemed this charity perfection, and Christ tried him by their own test. 23. *shall hardly*, &c. a rich man will

hardly be persuaded to embrace the gospel. 24. *easier*, &c. proverbial to express an extreme difficulty. 28. *regeneration*, rather 'renovation,' gospel change of the state of the church: so Boothroyd, &c. *throne*, his mediatorial throne. *ye also shall sit*, &c. so the ancient heads of the tribes sat near the throne, and assisted the king in his judgments. 'The apostles,' says Macknight, were to be Christ's ministers; next the Messiah in dignity and office, by whom he was to govern the church. Others interpret it in relation to the end of the world, when all things shall be new: Rev. xxi. 1–5; and the saints will be judges. 1 Cor. vi. 2, 3; Rev. ii. 26.

CHAP. XX.—3. *third hour*, nine o'clock. The first was sunrise, about six o'clock, and the day closed at

and saw others ^a standing idle in the marketplace,

4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

7 They say unto him, ^e Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them *their* hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

9 And when they came that *were* hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

11 And when they had received *it*, they murmured against the Goodman of the house,

12 Saying, These last ^{*} have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: dost not thou agree with me for a penny?

14 Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.

15 Is [†] it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? ^o Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

16 So [‡] the last shall be first, and the first last: [†] for many be called, but few chosen.

17 [¶] And [§] Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,

18 Behold, [¶] we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,

19 And [¶] shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

20 [¶] Then came to him the mother of [¶] Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons [¶] may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of [¶] the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with [¶] the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

A. D. 33.

^a 1 Ti. 5. 13.

He. 6. 12.

^b Ac. 12. 2.

Ro. 8. 17.

2 Co. 1. 7.

Re. 1. 9.

^c ch. 25. 34.

1 Co. 2. 9.

He. 11. 16.

^d Lu. 22. 24, 25.

^e Ac. 17. 30, 31.

Ro. 10. 14.

17.

Ep. 2. 11, 12.

3. 5, 6.

Col. 1. 26.

^f 1 Pe. 5. 3.

^g ch. 18. 4.

^h Jno. 13. 4.

Phi. 2. 7.

ⁱ Lu. 22. 27.

Jno. 13. 14.

^j Is. 53. 10, 11.

Da. 9. 24, 26.

Jno. 11. 51.

52.

1 Ti. 2. 6.

Tit. 2. 14.

1 Pe. 1. 19.

^k ch. 26. 28.

Ro. 5. 15, 19.

He. 9. 24.

^l Mar. 10. 46.

Lu. 18. 35.

^m ch. 9. 27.

ⁿ or, have continued one hour only.

^o Ro. 9. 21.

^p ch. 6. 23.

De. 15. 9.

Pr. 23. 6.

^q ch. 19. 30.

^r ch. 22. 14.

^s Mar. 11. 1.

&c.

Lu. 19. 29, &c.

^t Mar. 10. 32.

&c.

Lu. 18. 31.

&c.

Jno. 12. 12.

&c.

^u Zec. 14. 4.

ch. 16. 21.

^w ch. 27. 2.

Mar. 15. 1.

16, &c.

Lu. 23. 1.

Jno. 18. 28.

&c.

Ac. 3. 13.

^x Ezr. 1. 1.

2 Co. 8. 16.

Ja. 1. 17.

^y ch. 4. 21.

^z Is. 62. 11.

Zec. 9. 9.

Jno. 12. 15.

^a ch. 19. 28.

^b Mar. 11. 4.

2 Ki. 9. 13.

^d Lu. 22. 42.

Jno. 18. 11.

^e Lu. 12. 50.

^f Le. 23. 40.

Jno. 12. 13.

23 And he saith unto them, ^b Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, ^c but *it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.*

24 And ^d when the ten heard *it*, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.

25 But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

26 But ^e if shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

27 And ^f whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

28 Even ^g as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, ^h but to minister, and ⁱ to give his life a ransom ^j for many.

29 And ^k as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.

30 [¶] And, behold, ^m two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* son of David.

31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* son of David.

32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you?

33 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

34 So Jesus had compassion *on them*, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

CHAP. XXI.

AND ^{*} when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto [†] the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me.

3 And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; [‡] and straightway he will send them.

4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 Tell [¶] ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

6 And [¶] the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and [¶] put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon.

8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; [¶] others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed *them* in the way.

fix. standing, &c. a custom still in the east. 15. evil, 'envious.' 16. last—first, the Gentiles, who stood last, have long been first. called—few chosen, the allusion is to the choice of Roman soldiers from the citizens, all of whom were liable to serve. 21. right—left, eminent places of dignity: 1 Kings ii. 19: Psal. xlv. 9, &c.; so two officers of dignity sat on each side of the president of the sanhedrim. in thy kingdom, supposing it would be temporal. 22. cup, i. e. por-

tion, usually of evil: Psal. xi. 6; lxxiii. 10, &c. baptized, a term expressing overwhelming calamities: compare Psal. xlii. 7; lxxix. 2, &c. 23. not mine, apart from the Father. 25–27. the princes, &c. earthly princes exercise lordly authority, but you must exercise humility. 28. ransom, 'redemption price.'

CHAP. XXI.—1. Bethphage, a village on the declivity of mount Olivet. 3. he will send, the owners stood by: Luke xix. 33. 8. strawed, an eastern

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, ^a Hosanna to the son of David: ^c Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10 And ^e when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the ^f prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

12 ^g And ^h Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the ⁱ moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

13 And said unto them, It is written, ^j My house shall be called the house of prayer; ^k but ye have made it a den of thieves.

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased,

16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, ^l Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

17 ^m And he left them, and went out of the city into ⁿ Bethany; and he lodged there.

18 Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.

19 And when he saw ^o a fig tree in the way he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, ^p If ye have faith, and ^q doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, ^r but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

22 And ^s all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive.

23 ^t And ^u when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and ^v said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

24 And Jesus answered and said unto them, ^w I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

25 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we

A. D. 33.

^a Ps. 118. 25.

^b 1 Jno. 3. 20.

^c ch. 23. 39.

^d ch. 14. 5.

^e Jno. 2. 13, 15.

^f Lu. 7. 16.

^g Jno. 6. 14.

^h Lu. 19. 45.

ⁱ De. 14. 25.

^j Is. 56. 7.

^k Je. 7. 11.

^l Lu. 7. 29, 50.

^m Ro. 5. 20.

ⁿ 9. 30, 33.

^o ch. 3. 1, &c.

^p Lu. 3. 12, 13.

^q Ps. 8. 2.

^r Ps. 80. 9.

^s Is. 5. 1.

^t Je. 2. 21.

^u Mar. 12. 1, &c.

^v Lu. 20. 9, &c.

^w Mar. 11. 11, 14.

^x Jno. 11. 13.

^y ch. 25. 14, 15.

^z ^{one fig tree}

^{aa} Ca. 8. 11, 12.

^{ab} ch. 5. 12.

^{ac} 23. 34.

^{ad} 2 Ch. 24. 21.

^{ae} 36. 16.

^{af} Ac. 7. 52.

^{ag} He. 11. 36, 37.

^{ah} ch. 17. 20.

^{ai} Ja. 1. 6.

^{aj} 1 Co. 13. 2.

^{ak} Ps. 2. 8.

^{al} He. 1. 2.

^{am} ch. 26. 3.

^{an} 27. 1.

^{ao} Ps. 2. 2.

^{ap} Jno. 11. 53.

^{aq} Ac. 4. 27.

^{ar} ch. 26. 50.

^{as} &c.

^{at} Jno. 18. 12.

^{au} &c.

^{av} Ac. 2. 23.

^{aw} ch. 7. 7.

^{ax} Ja. 5. 16.

^{ay} 1 Jno. 3. 22.

^{az} 5. 14.

^{ba} Mar. 11. 27.

^{bb} Lu. 20. 1, &c.

^{bc} Lu. 20. 16.

^{bd} Lu. 21. 24.

^{be} He. 2. 3.

^{bf} Ex. 2. 14.

^{bg} Ac. 4. 7.

^{bh} 7. 27.

^{bi} Ac. 13. 46.

^{bj} Ro. ix. xi.

^{bk} i Col. 4. 6.

^{bl} Ps. 118. 22.

^{bm} Is. 28. 16.

^{bn} Ep. 2. 20.

^{bo} 1 Pe. 2. 6, 7.

shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, ^b Why did ye not then believe him?

26 But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; ^c for all hold John as a prophet.

27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

28 ^d But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, ^e That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

32 For ^f John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: ^g but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen ^h it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

33 ⁱ Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, ^j which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and ^k went into a far country:

34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, ^l that they might receive the fruits of it.

35 And ^m the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.

37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, ⁿ This is the heir; ^o come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

39 And ^p they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

41 They ^q say unto him, ^r He will miserably destroy those wicked men, ^s and will let out ^t his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

42 Jesus saith unto them, ^u Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

43 Therefore say I unto you, The king-

custom before great men: 2 Kings ix. 13. 9. Hosanna, i. e. 'Save, I beseech thee,' equivalent to 'God save the king.' The multitude seems to have expected he would reign. 12. into the temple, the outermost court, where traffic was. sold—bought, articles for sacrifice. the moneychangers, who exchanged the foreign coins for Jewish. doves, for the offerings of the poor: Lev. v. 7; Luke ii. 24. 13. a den of thieves, a harbour of wicked men, like the banditti in their caves. 16. babes, &c. the meanest and weakest of thy creatures are made to glorify thee. 19. the fig tree—withered, as a lesson on faith, (ver. 21.) and an emblem of the doom of the Jews and all barren professors. 21. this mountain, of Olives.

removed, to remove mountains was a proverb for 'to overcome difficulties.' 22. all things, for their office, or in any way needful. 33. householder, denotes the Supreme Being. vineyard, Jewish church. hedged it, divinely protected it. winepress, proper means of utility. husbandmen, priests and doctors of the law. 34. servants, prophets. 35. beat one, &c. 2 Chron. xxiv. 21; Neh. ix. 26; Jer. xxxviii. 6. 38. the heir, this heightens the crime, but the Jews did not consider Christ as the heir. 42. head of the corner, some important stone in ancient building. Messiah, rejected, should yet become Head of his church. 43. Therefore, &c. the Jews should be rejected, the Gentiles called.

dom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

41 And ^a whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, ^b it will grind him to powder.

45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because ^c they took him for a prophet.

CHAP. XXII.

AND Jesus answered ^d and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son.

3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: ^e my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.

5 But ^f they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth ^g his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not ^h worthy.

9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and ⁱ gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 ^j And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man ^k which had not on a wedding garment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him ^l into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For ^m many are called, but few are chosen.

15 ⁿ Then ^o went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.

A. D. 33.

^a Is. 8. 14, 15.
Zec. 12. 3.
Lu. 20. 18.
1 Pe. 2. 8.

^b Is. 60. 12.
Da. 2. 44.
ver. 11.

^c Lu. 7. 16.
Jno. 7. 40.

^d In value
sevenpenny-
halfpenny.
ch. 20. 2.

^e Lu. 14. 16,
&c.
Re. 19. 7, 9.

^f or, inscrip-
tion.
ch. 17. 25.
Ro. 13. 7.

^g Mar. 12. 13,
&c.
Lu. 20. 27,
&c.

^h Ac. 23. 8.
Pr. 9. 2.
Ca. 5. 1.

ⁱ Jno. 6. 50, 58.
Ro. 8. 32.
1 Co. 5. 7, 8.

^j De. 25. 5.
Ge. 25. 34.
Ps. 106. 24.

^k Pr. 1. 7.
Ac. 24. 25.
Ro. 2. 4.

^l He. 2. 3.
Da. 9. 26.
Lu. 19. 27.

^m seven.
ch. 10. 11, 13.
Ac. 13. 46.

ⁿ Jno. 20. 9.
1 Jno. 3. 2.
ch. 13. 38, 47.

^o Ex. 3. 6. 16.
Mar. 12. 26.
Lu. 20. 37.

^p Ac. 7. 32.
He. 11. 16.
2 Co. 5. 3.

^q Ep. 4. 24.
Col. 3. 10, 12.
Re. 3. 4.

^r 16. 15.
19. 8.
ch. 7. 28.

^s Mar. 12. 29.
ch. 8. 12.
Lu. 10. 25.

^t ch. 20. 16.
Mar. 12. 13,
&c.

^u Lu. 20. 20,
&c.
De. 6. 5.

^v 10. 12.
30. 6.
Lu. 10. 27.

16 And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.

17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Cæsar, or not?

18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a ^w penny.

20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and ^x superscription?

21 They say unto him, Cæsar's. Then saith he unto them, ^y Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

22 When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

23 ^z The ^a same day came to him the Sadducees, ^b which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,

24 Saying, Master, ^c Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

25 Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:

26 Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the ^d seventh.

27 And last of all the woman died also.

28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, ^e not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but ^f are as the angels of God in heaven.

31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

32 I ^g am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

33 And when the multitude heard this, ^h they were astonished at his doctrine.

34 ⁱ But ^j when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.

35 Then one of them, ^k which was ^l a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, ^m Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

44. fall on this stone, &c. he that stumbles at Messiah will be punished: but who rejects him, ruined, as when a falling stone crushes its victim.

CHAP. XXII. — 2. marriage, 'marriage feast.'

9. Go—highways, so in the east, the poor are still invited to the remains of a feast. 11. a wedding garment, or, 'a banqueting robe.' This was frequently white, and strangers were accommodated with one on the spot. 13. cast, such an exclusion was the greatest degradation. outer darkness, may signify the dungeon, as a punishment for such insult to the lordly eastern. MEANING:—'kingdom,' gospel dispensation. 'son,' Christ, his church's Bridegroom. 'servants,' John, the twelve, and seventy. 'them—bidden,' the Jews. 'would not come,' rejected the gospel. 'other servants,' apostles, &c. at and

after Pentecost. 'his armies,' the Romans, to destroy Jerusalem. 'not worthy,' not disposed to receive the gospel. 'Go—highways,' Preach the gospel without restriction among the Gentiles. 'wedding—furnished,' numbers entered the gospel church. 'wedding garment,' an essential qualification for heaven. 'outer darkness,' exclusion from the church. 16. Herodians, political adherents of Herod. 17. tribute—Cæsar, this question was most ensnaring, for if he said Yes, he would offend the Jews; and if No, he would speak addition. 18. tempt, 'try.' 19. penny, stamped with Cæsar's head. 23. Sadducees, see Mat. 23. 7. note. 24. raise, &c. children so born should be reckoned to the deceased, to remain the inheritance: Deut. xxv. 5. 30. as the angels, not subject to bodily appetites. 32. of the living, implies

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it: ^aThou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On ^b these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

41 ^c While ^d the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David.

43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,

44 The ^e LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?

46 And ^f no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

CHAP. XXIII.

THEN spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

2 Saying, ^g The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, ^h that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for ⁱ they say, and do not.

4 For ^j they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; and they ^k themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

5 But ^l all their works they do for to be seen of men: ^m they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

6 And ⁿ love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

8 But ^o he is not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ; and all ye are brethren.

9 And call no man your father upon the earth: ^p for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ.

11 But ^q he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

12 And ^r whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

13 ^s But ^t woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the

A. D. 33.

^a Le. 19. 18.

^b Lu. 10. 27.

^c Ro. 13. 9.

^d Ga. 5. 14.

^e Ja. 2. 8.

^f ch. 7. 12.

^g 1 Ti. 1. 5.

^h 2 Ti. 3. 6.

ⁱ Tit. 1. 11.

^j d Mar. 12. 36.

^k Ps. 110. 1.

^l Ac. 2. 34.

^m 1 Co. 15. 25.

ⁿ He. 1. 13.

^o 10. 12, 13.

^p f ch. 15. 14.

^q g ch. 5. 33, 34.

^r h Lu. 14. 6.

^s i Ex. 30. 29.

^t or, debtor,

^u or, bound.

^v k Mal. 2. 7.

^w Mar. 12. 38.

^x Lu. 20. 45.

^y l Ex. 29. 37.

^z m Ro. 2. 19, &c.

^{aa} Lu. 11. 46.

^{ab} Ac. 15. 10.

^{ac} Ga. 6. 13.

^{ad} o 1 Ki. 8. 13.

^{ae} Ps. 132. 14.

^{af} p Ps. 11. 4.

^{ag} Ac. 7. 49.

^{ah} r ch. 6. 1, 2,

^{ai} 5, 16.

^{aj} s Nu. 15. 38.

^{ak} De. 6. 8.

^{al} 22. 12.

^{am} Pr. 3. 3.

^{an} t Lu. 11. 42.

^{ao} + anethon,

^{ap} dill.

^{aq} u ch. 9. 13.

^{ar} 12. 7.

^{as} 1 Sa. 15. 22.

^{at} Ho. 6. 6.

^{au} Mi. 6. 8.

^{av} v Lu. 11. 43.

^{aw} 3 Juo. 9.

^{ax} a 2 Co. 1. 24.

^{ay} Ja. 3. 1.

^{az} 1 Pe. 5. 3.

^{ba} y Mar. 7. 4.

^{bb} Lu. 11. 39.

^{bc} z Mal. 1. 6.

^{bd} a 2 Co. 7. 1.

^{be} He. 10. 22.

^{bf} Ja. 4. 8.

^{bg} b ch. 20. 26, 27.

^{bh} c Ac. 23. 3.

^{bi} d Job 22. 29.

^{bj} Pr. 29. 23.

^{bk} Ja. 4. 6.

^{bl} 1 Pe. 5. 5.

^{bm} e Lu. 11. 52.

kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *your* selves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ^c for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

16 Woe unto you, ^f ye blind guides, which say, ^g Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!

17 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, ^h or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?

18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is ⁱ guilty.

19 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or ^j the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

20 Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things therein.

21 And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by ^k him that dwelleth therein.

22 And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by ^l the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ^m for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and ⁿ have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ^o for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

26 Thou blind Pharisee, ^p cleanse first that *which* is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ^q for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

the continued existence of the departed: Ex. iii. 6, 16. 40. *hang—law—prophets*, i. e. these commandments contain all their substance. 45. *how is he his son?* the title Lord would not be given to his mere son; therefore though Messiah was so after the flesh, he was David's Lord in his Divine nature: Acts ii. 34.

CHAP. XXIII.—2. *sit, &c.* the Jewish doctors sat while interpreting the law. 3. *all, i. e.* agreeable to the law, for some of their doctrines Christ condemned. 4. *burdens, i. e.* traditions. 5. *phylacteries*, or, 'preservatives': see Exod. xiii. 9, note. *borders*, 'fringes'. 6. *the uppermost rooms*, rather, 'places'; the Greek signifies 'the chief place of reclining,' the most honourable place at table—the couch that lay along the upper end of the table. *chief seats in the synagogues*, occupied according to age or seniority. 7. *greetings*, salutations. *Rabbi*, i. e. Great Teacher. 8. *one is your master*, 'teacher'; they were not to assume the honour due to Christ, nor to receive any doctrine not taught by him. 9. *father*, so teachers were called, and pupils their sons;

Christ was the father and founder of their religion. 10. *masters*, leaders or guides. 11. *shall be, &c.* the greatest would be those serving in love. 13. *shut*, by example and opposition. *the kingdom*, i. e. the gospel dispensation. 14. *devour widows' houses*, i. e. goods and possessions, by taking advantage of their credulity and helplessness. *long prayer*, the very religious prayed nine hours a day. 15. *compass, &c.* to make converts to a sect. *twofold more*, by overacting their masters. 16. *it is nothing*, does not stand good. *gold*, of the treasury. *debtor*, bound by his oath. 17. *sanctifieth*, by setting it apart for sacred use. 18. *guilty*, rather, 'bound.' 23. *anise*, rather, 'dill,' judgment, i. e. justice. 24. *strain at*, rather, 'strain out'; they strained their liquor, to avoid creeping things. *swallow a camel*, proverbial—regard small faults, but commit gross ones. 25. *cup, &c.* see Mark vii. 4. *extortion and excess*, 'rapine and intemperance.' 26. *cleanse first, &c.* cleanse first the mind, and the life will be pure. 27. *whited sepulchres*, so washed, that men might notice,

29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,

30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ^b ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

32 Fill ^c ye up then the measure of your fathers.

33 Ye serpents, ye ^e generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

34 [¶] Wherefore, ^f behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and ^g some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and ^h some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

35 That ⁱ upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from ^j the blood of righteous Abel unto ^k the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

37 O ^l Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would ^m I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens ⁿ under her wings, and ye would not!

38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, ^o Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND ^p Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, ^q There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 [¶] And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, ^r Tell us, when shall these things be? and what ^s shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, ^t Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For ^u many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours

A. D. 33.

^a 1 Pe. 4. 16.

Re. 2. 10, 13.

^b Ac. 7. 51, 52.

1 Th. 2. 15.

^c Ge. 15. 16.

^d ch. 11. 6.

2 Ti. 1. 15.

4. 10, 16.

^e ch. 3. 7.

12. 34.

^f ch. 7. 15.

Ac. 20. 29.

2 Pe. 2. 1.

^g ch. 21. 34, 35.

Lu. 11. 49.

^h 1 Ti. 4. 1.

Ac. 5. 40.

22. 19.

ⁱ 2 Co. 11. 24.

1 ch. 10. 22.

He. 3. 6, 14.

^m ch. 4. 23.

Re. 18. 24.

ⁿ Ro. 10. 18.

Col. 1. 6, 23.

^p Ge. 4. 8.

1 Jno. 3. 12.

^r 2 Ch. 24. 20.

^s Da. 9. 27.

12. 11.

^t Lu. 13. 34.

De. 32. 11, 12.

^v Ps. 17. 8.

91. 4.

^x Lu. 23. 29.

^y Ps. 118. 26.

^z Mar. 13. 1,

&c.

Lu. 21. 5,

&c.

^a Da. 12. 1.

Joel 2. 2.

^b Is. 65. 8, 9.

Zec. 14. 2, 3.

^c 1 Ki. 9. 7.

Je. 26. 18.

Mic. 3. 12.

Lu. 19. 44.

^d Mar. 13. 21.

Lu. 17. 23.

^e De. 13. 1.

2 Th. 2. 9.

11.

Re. 13. 13.

^f 1 Th. 5. 1.

^g 1 Jno. 6. 37.

10. 28, 29.

Ro. 8. 28. 30.

2 Ti. 2. 19.

^h Ep. 5. 6.

Col. 2. 8, 18.

2 Th. 2. 3.

1 Jno. 4. 1.

ⁱ Je. 14. 14.

Jno. 5. 43.

of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then ^a shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many ^d be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And ^f many false prophets shall rise, and ^h shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But ⁱ he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this ^m gospel of the kingdom ^o shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by ^p Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand.)

16 Then let them which be in Judæa flee into the mountains;

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And ^r woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21 For ^s then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: ^t but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

23 Then ^u if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For ^v there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, ^w if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

and not be polluted by touching them: Num. xix. 16.

29. ye build, &c. the practice is not condemned, but the hypocrisy. 31. children, bearing the likeness of the parent.

35. That upon, &c. 'So that upon,' &c. Zacharias, 2 Chron. xxiv. 19—21, called there the son of Jehoiada, and not of Barachias; but the same person often had two names.

36. shall come, &c. Jerusalem was destroyed within forty years.

38. house, temple. 39. not see, &c. here ended his public ministry. till, &c. predicts the future conversion of the Jews.

CHAP. XXIV.—2. not be left, &c. proverbial for utter destruction. 3. sat upon the mount, which commanded a full view of Jerusalem. end of the world, 'conclusion of the age' of the Jewish church and state. 5. For many, &c. numerous impostors appeared as Messiah,—Simon Magus, Acts viii. 9, 10; Dositheus, the Samaritan; Theudas, &c. &c. 6. wars, see the wars recorded in Josephus, Jews

with Jews, and with other nations mingled with them.

7. famines, see Acts xi. 25. earthquakes, historians record many at this time. 10. offended, professed Christians should apostatize. 12. iniquity, corrupt manners. love, attachment to Christianity.

13. endure, bear these trials unshaken. saved, temporally, for Christians took warning and fled; and spiritually.

14. shall be preached, in thirty years after Christ, the gospel was preached in most parts of the known world. end, of Jewish church and polity.

15. abomination, &c. Roman army, ruinous, and bearing idols on their standards. 17. housetop, walking on the flat roof. not come down, take speedy flight outside.

19. woe—with child, &c. being least able to flee. 20. winter, when travelling is difficult from rain and snow. sabbath, when the law prohibited journeys.

21. such as was not, the calamities of the Jews were unparalleled. 22. no flesh, of Jerusalem. elect's, a race of believers to descend from the remnant.—Scott.

26. secret chambers, some retired

27 For ^a as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

28 For ^b wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

29 ^c Immediately after the tribulation of those days ^d shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And ^e then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: ^f and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and ^g they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And ^h he shall send his angels with a ⁱ great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 Now learn ^k a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know ^l that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

35 Heaven ^m and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 ⁿ But ^o of that day and hour knoweth no man, not the angels of heaven, ^p but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For ^q as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then ^r shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

42 ^s Watch ^t therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

43 But ^u know this, that if the Goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45 Who ^v then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed ^w is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

A. D. 33.

^a Lu. 17. 24.

^b Job 39. 30.

^c Lu. 17. 37.

^d Is. 13. 10.

^e Eze. 32. 7.

^f Ac. 2. 20.

^g Re. 6. 12.

^h or, off.

ⁱ Da. 7. 13.

^j Zec. 12. 12.

^k ch. 16. 27.

^l Re. 1. 7.

^m ch. 13. 41.

ⁿ 1 Co. 15. 52.

^o Ep. 5. 23, 30.

^p Re. 19. 7.

^q or, trumpet,

and a

great voice

^r ch. 13. 47.

^s 23. 10.

^t Lu. 21. 29.

^u 1 Th. 5. 6.

^v Ja. 5. 9.

^w or, he.

^x 1 Th. 4. 16.

^y Lu. 12. 35.

^z ch. 5. 18.

^{aa} Ps. 102. 26.

^{ab} Is. 51. 6.

^{ac} Je. 31. 35, 36.

^{ad} Lu. 21. 33.

^{ae} He. 1. 11.

^{af} Ac. 1. 7.

^{ag} 1 Th. 5. 2.

^{ah} 2 Pe. 3. 10.

^{ai} or, going

out.

^{aj} Zec. 14. 7.

^{ak} Ge. 6. 3. 5.

^{al} 1 Pe. 3. 20.

^{am} Lu. 13. 25.

^{an} ch. 7. 21. 23.

^{ao} Lu. 17. 34.

^{ap} &c.

^{aq} Ps. 5. 5.

^{ar} Hab. 1. 13.

^{as} Jno. 9. 31.

^{at} Mar. 13. 33.

^{au} 35.

^{av} Lu. 21. 36.

^{aw} 1 Co. 16. 13.

^{ax} 1 Th. 5. 6.

^{ay} 1 Pe. 5. 8.

^{az} Re. 16. 15.

^{ba} Lu. 19. 12.

^{bb} ch. 25. 13.

^{bc} ch. 21. 33.

^{bd} 2 Pe. 3. 10.

^{be} Re. 3. 3.

^{bf} 16. 15.

^{bg} A talent is

187½ lbs.

^{bh} ch. 13. 24.

^{bi} Ro. 12. 6.

^{bj} 1 Co. 12. 7.

^{bk} 11, 29.

^{bl} Ep. 4. 11.

^{bm} Ac. 20. 23.

^{bn} 1 Co. 4. 2.

^{bo} He. 3. 5.

^{bp} f Re. 16. 15.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

49 And shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall cut him ^a asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

CHAP. XXV.

THEN shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet ^a the bridegroom.

2 And ^b five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, ^c they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight ^d there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and ^e trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are ^f gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and ^g the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, ^h Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, ⁱ I know you not.

13 Watch ^j therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

14 ^k For ^l the kingdom of heaven is ^m as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; ⁿ and to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made ^o them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19 After a long time the lord of those

part of the city. 27. as the lightning, instantaneous and spreading. 28. For, &c. proverbial; Jerusalem was as a dead carcase to furnish food for the Roman eagles. 29. sun — darkened, &c. figurative expressions, denoting the destruction of the Jewish state. 30. sign, signal destruction of the Jews. Son of man, alluding to Dan. vii. 11, 14. earth, 'land' of Judea. in the clouds, denoting sudden destruction. 31. angels, messengers, ministers. trumpet, the gospel, an allusion to the mode of announcing Jewish festivals. gather, &c. multitudes should be gathered throughout the world. 35. knoweth, de-

clareth or maketh known. — R. Watson, as Macknight and Booth. 40. taken — left, expresses the narrow escape of some. 51. cut — asunder, an ancient punishment, by sword or saw. This chapter is thought remotely to allude to the day of judgment.

CHAP. XXV. — 1. kingdom, &c. gospel church state. virgins, acting as bridesmaids, waiting, after the eastern manner, for the coming of the bridegroom, taking home his bride in a procession at night. 4. oil in their vessels, in parts of the east they carry a pot of oil for supply in one hand, and a lamp in the other. 10. marriage, rather marriage apartment. EXPLANATION.

servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, ⁶ I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into ^c the joy of thy lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not straved:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not straved: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For ^k unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

31 ^q When ^a the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And ^b before him shall be gathered all nations: and ^b he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, ^v inherit the kingdom ^v prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For ^z I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: ^z I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, ^b and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: ^c I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an

A. D. 33.

^a ch. 10. 42.

Pr. 14. 31.

19. 17.

Mar. 9. 41.

He. 6. 10.

^b Lu. 12. 44.

22, 29, 30.

^c He. 12. 2.

2 Ti. 2. 12.

1 Pe. 1. 8.

^d ch. 7. 23.

Ps. 9. 17.

Lu. 13. 27.

^e ch. 13. 40, 42.

^f 2 Pe. 2. 4.

Jude 6.

^g Pr. 14. 31.

17. 5.

Zec. 2. 8.

Ac. 9. 5.

^h Da. 12. 2.

Jno. 5. 29.

Ro. 2. 7, & c.

ⁱ Mar. 14. 1.

Lu. 22. 1.

Jno. 13. 1.

^k ch. 13. 12.

Mar. 4. 25.

Lu. 8. 18.

19. 26.

Jno. 15. 2.

^l Ps. 2. 2.

Jno. 11. 47.

Ac. 4. 25, & c.

^m ch. 8. 12.

24. 51.

ⁿ ch. 16. 27.

19. 28.

Zec. 14. 5.

Mar. 8. 38.

Ac. 1. 11.

1 Th. 4. 16.

2 Th. 1. 7.

Jude 14.

Mar. 1. 7.

^o Re. 14. 3.

Jno. 11. 1, 2.

12. 3.

^p ch. 21. 17.

Ro. 14. 10.

2 Co. 5. 10.

Re. 20. 12.

^q ch. 13. 49.

Eze. 20. 38.

34. 17, 20.

^r Jno. 12. 4.

Ro. 8. 17.

1 Pe. 1. 4, 9.

3. 9.

^s Re. 21. 7.

ch. 20. 23.

^t 1 Co. 2. 9.

He. 11. 16.

Is. 58. 7.

^u Eze. 18. 7.

Ja. 1. 27.

^v He. 13. 2.

3 Jno. 5.

^w De. 15. 11.

Jno. 12. 8.

^x ch. 18. 20.

28. 20.

Jno. 13. 33.

14. 19.

16. 5, 28.

17. 11.

^y Ja. 2. 15, 16.

^z 2 Ti. 1. 16.

hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, ^a Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, ^d Depart from me, ye cursed, ^e into everlasting fire, prepared for ^f the devil and his angels:

42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, ^g Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46 And ^h these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

CHAP. XXVI.

AND it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples,

2 Ye ⁱ know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

3 Then ^j assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,

4 And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him.

5 But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.

6 ^k Now ^o when Jesus was in ^p Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.

8 But ^q when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?

9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

10 When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me

11 For ^r ye have the poor always with you; but ^s me ye have not always.

12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.

13 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman

tion, — 'virgins,' professors. 'Bridegroom,' Christ. 'oil,' genuine religion. 'slumbered,' were unwatchful. 'midnight,' sudden and awful hour of the summons of death. 29. For, &c. see chap. xiii. 12, note. This parable illustrates the importance of preparation for Christ's coming, by a due improvement of the gifts, talents, and means we enjoy. 32. sheep—goats, anciently kept in separate flocks, but divided, if they became mingled together. 'sheep,'

emblems of purity; 'goats,' of corruption. 33. right, place of honour. 34. prepared, designed for saints from all eternity, Ephes. i. 4.

CHAP. XXVI. — 2. passover, see Exod. xii. 7. box, a vase for perfumed ointments. poured, &c. an eastern custom with guests, Psal xxiii. 5; Eccles. ix. 8. 11. not always, in the body. 12. my burial, it was usual to anoint dead bodies previous to interment, and she unknowingly thus prepared Christ's for his

hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

14 [¶] Then ^a one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests

15 And said unto them, ^c What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

17 [¶] Now ^d the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

19 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

20 Now ^e when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

23 And he answered and said, ^f He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

24 The Son of man goeth ^g as it is written of him: but ^h woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

25 Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

26 [¶] And ⁱ as they were eating, ^j Jesus took bread, and ^k blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; ^l this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ^m Drink ye all of it;

28 For ⁿ this is my blood ^o of the new testament, which is shed ^p for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, ^q until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

30 And ^r when they had sung an ^s hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

31 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall ^t be offended because of me this night: for it is written, ^u I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.

32 But after I am risen again, ^v I will go before you into Galilee.

A. D. 33.

^a Mar. 14. 10.

^b Lu. 22. 3.

^c Jno. 13. 2, 30.

^d ch. 10. 4.

^e ch. 27. 3.

^f Zec. 11. 12.

^g Ex. 12. 6, 18.

^h Mar. 14. 12.

ⁱ Lu. 22. 7.

^j ch. 4. 21.

^k Jno. 12. 27.

^l He. 5. 7.

^m Jno. 12. 27.

ⁿ Jno. 13. 21.

^o ch. 20. 22.

^p Jno. 5. 30.

^q 6. 38.

^r Phi. 2. 8.

^s Mar. 13. 33.

^t Lu. 22. 40, 46.

^u Ep. 6. 18.

^v Ps. 41. 9.

^w Ro. 7. 18. 25.

^x 1 Co. 9. 27.

^y Ga. 3. 16, 17.

^z 24.

^{aa} Phi. 3. 12. 14.

^{ab} Ps. XXII.

^{ac} Is. LIII.

^{ad} Da. 9. 26.

^{ae} Mar. 9. 12.

^{af} Ac. 17. 2. 3.

^{ag} 26. 22, 23.

^{ah} 1 Co. 15. 3.

^{ai} Jno. 17. 12.

^{aj} Mar. 14. 22.

^{ak} Lu. 22. 19.

^{al} 1 Co. 11. 23.

^{am} 25.

^{an} * Many

^{ao} Greek copies have,

^{ap} gave thanks.

^{aq} Mar. 6. 41.

^{ar} 1 Co. 10. 16.

^{as} Mar. 14. 23.

^{at} Ex. 24. 8.

^{au} Le. 17. 11.

^{av} Je. 31. 31.

^{aw} Mar. 14. 43.

^{ax} Lu. 22. 47.

^{ay} Jno. 18. 3.

^{az} Ac. 1. 16.

^{ba} ch. 20. 28.

^{bb} Ro. 5. 15.

^{bc} He. 9. 22.

^{bd} Ac. 10. 41.

^{be} Mar. 14. 26.

^{bf} + or, psalm.

^{bg} d 2 Sa. 20. 9.

^{bh} ch. 11. 6.

^{bi} Ps. 41. 9.

^{bj} 55. 13.

^{bk} Zec. 13. 7.

^{bl} ch. 28. 7, 10.

^{bm} 16.

^{bn} Mar. 16. 7.

33 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.

34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

35 Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

36 [¶] Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and [¶] prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What could ye not watch with me one hour?

41 Watch [¶] and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

47 [¶] And [¶] while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.

49 And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; [¶] and kissed him.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

51 And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of

grave. 15. thirty pieces, value about 3l. 15s., the price of a bond-servant: Exod. xxi. 32. 18. at thy house, at this time every house was open for guests.

19. made ready the passover, procured a paschal lamb. 20. sat down, or reclined. 23. He that dippeth, &c. in the east the food is taken from the dish with the fingers, the hands having undergone ablution. 21. written, Psalm xlii. 9; Isa. liii. 8; Dan. ix. 26; Zech. xii. 10; xiii. 7. 25. Thou hast said, a form of assent. 26. bread, the thin cake of unleavened bread used at the passover. blessed it, or 'gave thanks': Luke xxii. 19; 1 Cor. xi. 24. this is my body, i.e. represents my body, for with part of his body he presented it: comp. Rev. i. 20. 27. cup, of wine, drunk near the close of the passover supper. 28. this is, i.e. represents. testament, covenant. The Jewish covenant was ratified by blood; (Heb. ix. 19);

so the wine was the figure of Christ's blood confirming the new covenant. 29. drink it new, wine is the scriptural emblem of gladness; Judges ix. 8-15; Ps. civ. 14, 15, &c.; heaven is described as a banquet; Luke xxii. 30; Rev. iii. 20. 30. sung, after the paschal feast the Jews sang the 118th and five following Psalms. 31. offended, desert and virtually renounce him. 34. cock crow, in eastern countries the cock crows at night, and regularly between eleven and twelve and one and two. 36. Gethsemane, a garden at the foot of the mount of Olives. 39. cup, i.e. sufferings: Ps. xi. 6; xxv. 9, &c. 40. one hour, 'a short time.' 41. spirit, spiritual part, opposed to the flesh. 50. Friend, an appellation for persons of inferior rank, and conveys here reproach. 51. one, Peter. his sword, 'large knife.'—Grotius; cutlass or hanger, then used by eastern travellers as a security

the high priest's, and smote off his ear.
52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?
54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

55 In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.

56 But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

57 And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

58 But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death:

60 But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,

61 And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

62 And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

66 What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,

68 Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

69 Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

70 But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

71 And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

72 And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

73 And after a while came unto him

A. D. 33.

a Ge. 9. 6.
b Re. 13. 10.
c Lu. 22. 59.
d Mar. 14. 71.
e 2 Ki. 6. 17.
f Da. 7. 10.
g Jno. 13. 38.
h Is. 53. 7. &c.
i Ps. 2. 2.
j Mar. 15. 1.

&c.
Lu. 22. 66.
&c.
Jno. 18. 28.
&c.

A La. 4. 30.
i Ge. 22. 9.
Ac. 9. 2.
2 Ti. 2. 9.
k Jno. 15. 15.
l ch. 20. 19.
m Ac. 3. 13.
n Mar. 14. 53.

&c.
Lu. 22. 54.
&c.
Jno. 18. 12.
&c.

o ch. 26. 14. 15.
p Job 20. 5.
q 15. 29.
r Co. 7. 10.
s Ex. 9. 27.
t Sa. 15. 24.

&c.
Ro. 3. 19.
u Ac. 13. 28.
v He. 7. 26.
w 1 Pe. 1. 19.

2. 22.
x 2 Sa. 17. 23.
y Ac. 1. 15. 19.
z Ps. 27. 12.

35. 11.
aa Ac. 6. 13.
ab De. 19. 15.
ac ch. 27. 40.
ad Jno. 3. 19.

ae ch. 27. 12. 14.
af Le. 5. 1.
ag 1 Sa. 14. 24.
ah Zec. 11. 12.

13.
ai or, whom they sought of the children of Israel.
aj Da. 7. 13.

ak Jno. 1. 51.
al Ro. 14. 10.
am 1 Th. 4. 16.
an Re. 1. 7.

ao Ps. 110. 1.
ap Ac. 7. 55.
aq 2 Ki. 18. 37.
ar 19. 1.

as d 1 Ti. 6. 13.
at ch. 26. 63.
au Jno. 19. 9.
av &c.
aw Le. 24. 16.

ax Is. 50. 6.
ay 53. 3.
az Jno. 19. 3.
+ or, rods.
ba Pr. 27. 4.

they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.

74 Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

CHAP. XXVII.

WHEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:

2 And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

13 Then said Pilate unto him, Hearst thou not how many things they witness against thee?

14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

15 Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying,

against robbers.—*Michaelis.* 53. *legions*, a legion or battalion of the Roman army consisted of 6000 foot and 300 horse. 55. *a thief*, thieves then greatly infested Judea. 58. *palace*, open court. *servants*, civil officers. 60. *none*, whose testimony agreed. 63. *the Christ*, the Messiah. 64. *Thou hast said*, an Hebrew affirmation. *Hereafter*, &c. predicts the approaching destruction of Jerusalem. 66. *of death*,

of a capital crime. 67. *spit*, the greatest insult. 68. *Who*, &c. he being then blindfolded: Mark xiv. 65: Luke xxii. 64. 69. *palace*, or court for common people. 73. *speech*, the Galileans had a particular dialect.

CHAP. XXVII.—2. *Pilate*, the Roman governor. 11. *King*, the charge of blasphemy was awfully changed here for that of sedition. *Thou sayest*, a form of

Have thou nothing to do with that ^a just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

20 But ^c the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

23 And the governor said, ^e Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 ¶ When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he ^k took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

25 Then answered all the people, and said, ^m His blood be on us, and on our children.

26 ¶ Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when ⁿ he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the ^{*} common hall, and gathered unto him the whole ^p band of soldiers.

28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

29 ¶ And ^{*} when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, king of the Jews!

30 And ^u they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, ^v and led him away to crucify him.

32 And ^{*} as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

34 ¶ They ^b gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

35 And ^c they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might

A. D. 33.

^a Zec. 9. 9.

¹ Jno. 2. 1.

^b Ps. 22. 18.

^c Ac. 3. 14.

^d ver. 54.

^e Is. 53. 12.

^f Ps. 22. 7, 8.

^g Je. 26. 15.

^h Jno. 2. 19.

ⁱ ch. 26. 63.

^j De. 21. 6.

^k Jno. 1. 49.

^l De. 19. 10.

^m Jos. 2. 19.

ⁿ 1 Ki. 2. 32.

^o 2 Sa. 1. 16.

^p Ac. 5. 28.

^q Is. 53. 5.

^r 1 Pe. 2. 24.

^s or, governor's house.

^t Am. 8. 9.

^u Re. 8. 12.

^v Ac. 10. 1.

^w He. 5. 7.

^x Ps. 35. 15, 16.

^y 69. 19.

^z Is. 49. 7.

^{aa} He. 12. 2, 3.

^{ab} Ps. 22. 1.

^{ac} 71. 11.

^{ad} Is. 50. 6.

^{ae} Job 30. 10.

^{af} Mi. 5. 1.

^{ag} Is. 53. 7.

^{ah} Nu. 15. 35.

^{ai} 1 Ki. 21. 13.

^{aj} Ac. 7. 58.

^{ak} He. 13. 12.

^{al} y He. 2. 14.

^{am} 9. 14.

^{an} z Ex. 26. 31.

^{ao} 2 Ch. 3. 14.

^{ap} Ep. 2. 13, 18.

^{aq} He. 6. 19.

^{ar} 10. 19, 22.

^{as} Is. 26. 19.

^{at} Ho. 13. 14.

^{au} Jno. 5. 25.

^{av} 29.

^{aw} 1 Co. 15. 20.

^{ax} b ver. 48.

^{ay} c Mar. 15. 24.

^{az} &c.

^{ba} Lu. 23. 34.

^{bb} &c.

^{bc} Jno. 19. 24.

^{bd} &c.

^{be} d Da. 9. 24.

^{bf} Re. 11. 2.

^{bg} 21. 2.

be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, ^b They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

36 And ^d sitting down they watched him there;

37 And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38 Then ^{*} were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

39 ¶ And ^f they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

40 And saying, ^h Thou that destroyest the temple, and buidest it in three days, save thyself. ⁱ If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the ^j King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

45 Now ^o from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour ^r Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, ^t My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

50 ¶ Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, ^y yielded up the ghost.

51 And, behold, ^z the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52 And the graves were opened; ^{*} and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into ^d the holy city, and appeared unto many.

assent. 19. that just man, God multiplied testimonies of his innocence. 22. crucified, a most cruel death, inflicted on the vilest of men. 24. a tumult, the fear of this seems to have caused his decision. washed his hands, both a Jewish and heathen custom of purification. 25. blood, i.e. guilt of shedding it. 26. scourged, usual before crucifixion. delivered, i.e. to Roman soldiers, the punishment not being Jewish. 27. common hall, pretorium or judgment hall, in the governor's palace, where Jews would not enter, for fear of pollution. band, about a thousand. 28. stripped, i.e. took off the upper garments. scarlet, Mark says purple, which name was given to any colour mixed with red. It was worn by Roman generals and governors. This was in derision of his claim to be a king. 32. Cyrene, a part of Libya, where was a large colony of Jews. bear his cross, criminals usually did so, but, if feeble, some one was pressed for the purpose. 33. Golgotha, called also Calvary. skull, because such was its shape, or criminals were beheaded there. 34. vinegar, &c. sour wine and bitter poisonous spices to stupefy and hasten death. not drink, because he would not be stupefied. 35. they, soldiers were the ancient executioners. gar-

ments, the criminal was stripped naked, and the executioners had his clothes. lots, were cast for what could not be divided, by tickets put into a helmet. 36. watched, lest he should be taken for recovery of burial. 37. set—his accusation, as was usual. 39. passed by, the execution was near the road whence travellers passed to and from Jerusalem. 43. if he will have him, the Hebrew word signifies 'to will,' and 'to delight in,' the words of Ps. xxii. 8. 44. thieves, both at first probably upbraided him, but one was converted: Luke xxiii. 40, &c. 45. sixth hour, twelve at noon. darkness, supernatural, for eclipses of the sun never happen with the full moon—the time of the passover. 46. ninth hour, three in the afternoon, when the priests immolated the passover. 47. Elias, they mistook the words for the name of the prophet. 48. sponge, used with a leathern handle. vinegar, or sour wine mixed with water, commonly used. 50. yielded up the ghost, 'dismissed his spirit.'—Doddridge. 51. veil, &c. a large curtain between the holy place and the most holy: Ex. xxvi. 31—33; Heb. ix. 3. The Mosaic dispensation was now abolished; the way into the holiest laid open for Jew and Gentile by this one oblation. 53. appeared,

54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, ^a Truly this was the Son of God.

55 And many women were there beholding afar off, ^c which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him :

56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of ^aArimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple :

58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 And ^e laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock : and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

62 ^f Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, ^g the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

63 Saying, Sir, we remember that ^h that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, ⁱ After three days I will rise again.

64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead : so the last error shall be worse than the first.

65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch : go your way, ^m make it as sure as ye can.

66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, ⁿ sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

CHAP. XXVIII.

IN the ^o end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene ^p and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there ^q was a great earthquake : for ^r the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His ^s countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow :

A. D. 33.

^a Ro. 1. 4.

^b ch. 12. 40.

16. 21.

17. 23.

20. 19.

^c Lu. 8. 2, 3.

^d ch. 26. 32.

^e 1 Co. 15. 4, 6.

^f 1 Sa. 1. 1.

^g Is. 64. 5.

^h Mar. 16. 9.

ⁱ Is. 53. 9.

^j Ro. 8. 29.

^k He. 2. 11.

^l Ps. 2. 1, 3.

^m Ac. 4. 27, 28.

ⁿ 1 Co. 4. 13.

^o 2 Co. 6. 8.

^p ch. 16. 21.

17. 23.

20. 19.

^q Mar. 8. 31.

10. 34.

^r Lu. 9. 22.

18. 33.

24. 6, 7.

^s Jno. 2. 19.

^t Ps. 76. 10.

^u Pr. 21. 30.

^v Is. 8. 9, 10.

^w Ac. 5. 39.

^x Da. 6. 17.

^y Mar. 16. 1.

^z &c.

^{aa} Lu. 24. 1, &c.

^{ab} Jno. 20. 1.

^{ac} &c.

^{ad} Da. 7. 13, 14.

^{ae} Jno. 5. 22.

17. 2.

^{af} 1 Co. 15. 27.

^{ag} Ep. 1. 10, 21.

^{ah} Phi. 2. 9, 10.

^{ai} He. 1. 2.

2. 8.

^{aj} Re. 17. 14.

^{ak} ch. 27. 56.

^{al} ^{or}, make disciples,

^{or}, Christians of all nations.

^{am} ^{or}, Christians of all nations.

^{an} Ac. 2. 38, 39.

^{ao} Ro. 10. 18.

^{ap} ^{or}, had been.

^{aq} Mar. 16. 5.

^{ar} He. 1. 14.

^{as} Ps. 104. 4.

^{at} Da. 10. 6.

^{au} Ge. 28. 15.

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye : for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here : for he is risen, ^a as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead ; and, behold, ^b he goeth before you into Galilee ; there shall ye see him : lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy ; and did run to bring his disciples word.

9 ^c And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, ^d Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid : go tell ^e my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

11 ^f Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught : and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

16 ^g Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him : but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and ^h spake unto them, saying, ⁱ All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 ^j Go ye therefore, and ^k teach ^{all} nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost :

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you : and, lo, ^l I am with you alway, ^{even} unto the end of the world. Amen.

hence it is supposed they had recently died, and were thus known to their relatives or friends. 54. *centurion*, the Roman commander at the cross. 56. *Joses*, the same as Joseph. 57. *Arimathea*, the same as the place where Samuel was born : 1 Sam. i. l. 58. *begged the body*, before evening, for it was not lawful for criminals to hang all night on the tree : Deut. xxi. 23. Bodies of crucified criminals were seldom buried. 60. *heaven out*, a common practice among the great. *rolled*, &c. an oriental custom of guarding the tomb. 65. *a watch*, a Roman guard consisting of sixty soldiers, then allowed the Jewish rulers to quell tumults. 66. *sealing*, a band of leather or cord was sealed at each end. The seal used in this case might be the great seal of the Sanhedrim, or that of Pilate.

CHAP. XXVIII.—1. *In the end*, &c. *or*, after it was over. 2. *the angel*, 'an angel.' 9. *All hail*, a word of affectionate and friendly salutation. *held him*, &c. Exactly this kind of reverence may be seen daily among the Hindoos. A Hindoo disciple meeting his religious guide in the public street, prostrates himself before him, and rubs the dust of his feet on his forehead and breast.—*Ward*. 14. *governor*, i. e. Pilate. *secure you*, for it was death for a sentinel to sleep at his post. 18. *All power*, &c. 'all authority it expresses his universal dominion as Mediator. 19. *teach*, make disciples. 20. *I am with you alway*, Who could possess ubiquity but God ? This proof of Christ's divinity is not altered by limiting the promise to the 'end of the age,' or Jewish dispensation, instead of the world.

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CHAP. I.

THE beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, ^a the Son of God;

2 As it is written in the prophets, ^b Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

3 The ^c voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 John ^d did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance ^e for the remission of sins.

5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judæa, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat ^f locusts and wild honey;

7 And preached, saying, ^g There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8 I ^h indeed have baptized you with water; but he shall baptize you ⁱ with the Holy Ghost.

9 And ^j it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens ^k opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, ^l Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

12 And ^m immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

14 Now ⁿ after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

15 And saying, ^o The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

16 Now ^p as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18 And straightway ^q they forsook their nets, and followed him.

19 And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.

20 And straightway he called them: and they ^r left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

A. D. 26.

^a Lu. 1. 35.

^b Mal. 3. 1.

Mat. 11. 10.

Lu. 7. 27.

^c Mat. 7. 28.

2 Co. 4. 2.

He. 1. 12, 13.

^d Is. 40. 3.

^e Lu. 4. 33.

^f Mat. 3. 1, &c.

Lu. 3. 3, &c.

Jno. 3. 23.

^g Mat. 8. 29.

Ja. 2. 19.

^h or, unto.

ⁱ Ps. 16. 10.

89, 18, 19.

Da. 9. 24.

Re. 3. 7.

^j ch. 9. 20.

^k Le. 11. 22.

^l Jno. 1. 27.

Ac. 13. 25.

^m Ac. 1. 5.

11. 16.

ⁿ Is. 44. 3.

Joel 2. 28.

Ac. 2. 4.

10. 45.

11. 15, 16.

1 Co. 12. 13.

^o Mat. 3. 13.

Lu. 3. 21.

^p Mat. 8. 14.

^q or, cloven,

or, rent.

^r ch. 9. 7.

Ps. 2. 7.

Mat. 3. 17.

^s Mat. 4. 1, &c.

Lu. 4. 1, &c.

^t Mat. 4. 12.

^u ch. 3. 12.

Lu. 4. 41.

Ac. 16. 17, 18.

^v or, to say

that they

knew him.

^w Da. 9. 25.

Ca. 4. 4.

Ep. 1. 10.

^x Ps. 5. 3.

Ep. 6. 18.

Phi. 2. 5.

He. 5. 7.

^y Mat. 4. 18.

Lu. 5. 4.

^z Is. 53. 11.

Jno. 11. 48.

12. 19.

^a Mat. 19. 27.

Lu. 5. 11.

Phi. 3. 8.

^b Is. 61. 1.

Jno. 16. 28.

17. 4.

^c Mat. 4. 23.

^d Mat. 8. 2.

Lu. 5. 12.

^e Ge. 18. 14.

2 Ki. 5. 7.

^f De. 32. 9.

^g He. 2. 17.

21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

22 And ^h they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

23 And ⁱ there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

24 Saying, Let us alone; ^j what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, ^k the Holy One of God.

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26 And when the unclean spirit ^l had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, inasmuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

29 And ^m forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.

31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and ⁿ suffered not the devils ^o to speak, because they knew him.

35 And ^p in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

36 And Simon and they that were with him followed after him.

37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, ^q All men seek for thee.

38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for ^r therefore came I forth.

39 And ^s he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

40 And ^t there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, ^u If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

41 And Jesus, ^v moved with compassion, put forth ^w his hand, and touched him,

CHAP. I.—2. *written*, Mal. iii. 1; Is. xl. 3: see also Matt. xi. 10. 6. *clothed*, &c.

For *xi* and other statements made in Matthew, refer to notes there, the passages being often marked in the margin. Such references must be used throughout

this book; and *new matter* only will mostly be noticed. 13. *with the wild beasts*, as a Roman might not know how wild and uninhabited the deserts of Arabia were, in which Christ was tempted, this is mentioned, which Matthew, writing for Jews, omitted.

and saith unto him, ^a I will ; be thou clean.

42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

43 And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away ;

44 And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man : but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things ^d which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

45 But he went out, and ^e began to publish ^f it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places : ^g and they came to him from every quarter.

CHAP. II.

AND again ^h he entered into Capernaum after some days ; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door : ⁱ and he preached the word unto them.

3 And they came unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was : and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5 When Jesus saw ^m their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, ⁿ and reasoning in their hearts,

7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies ? ^o who can forgive sins but God only ?

8 And immediately ^p when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why ^q reason ye these things in your hearts ?

9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee ; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk ?

10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12 And ^r immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all ; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

13 And ^s he went forth again by the sea side ; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.

14 And ^t as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting ^u at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

15 And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples : for there were many, and they followed him.

16 And when the scribes and Pharisees

A. D. 31.

^a Ge. 1. 3.

Ps. 33. 9.

^b Mat. 18. 11.

Lu. 19. 10.

1 Ti. 1. 15.

^c Ro. 5. 6.

1 Co. 6.9.11.

Tit. 2. 14.

3. 3.7.

^d Le. 14. 3, 4.

10.

^e Ps. 34. 3, 8.

77. 11.

^f Jno. 3. 29.

^g ch. 2. 13.

^h Mat. 9.1, &c

Lu. 5.18, &c

ⁱ or, raw, or,

unwrought

^j Jno. 16. 12.

1 Co. 3. 1, 2

^k Ps. 40. 9.

Ac. 8. 25.

Ro. 10. 8.

2 Ti. 4. 2.

^l Mat. 12. 1.

Lu. 6. 1.

^m Ge. 22. 12.

Ac. 11. 23.

14. 9.

Ep. 2. 8.

Ja. 2.18. 22.

ⁿ De. 23. 25.

^o 2 Co. 10. 5.

^p 1 Sa. 21. 6.

^q Job 14. 4.

Is. 43. 25.

Da. 9. 9.

Mi. 7. 18.

^r 1 Ch. 28. 9.

Ps. 139. 2.

He. 4. 13.

Re. 2. 23.

^s Ex. 29. 32,

33.

Le. 24. 9.

^t Pr. 15. 26.

24. 9.

Is. 55. 7.

^u Ep. 1. 22.

Ro. 1. 10.

^v Mat. 12. 9,

&c.

Lu. 6.6, &c.

^w Ja. 5. 15.

^x Mat. 9.9, &c.

^y Arise,

stand forth

in the midst

^z Lu. 13. 14.

14. 3.

Jno. 9. 16.

^{aa} Lu. 5.27, &c.

^{ab} or, at the

place where

the custom

was re-

ceived.

^{ac} or, blind-

ness.

^{ad} Mat. 27. 1.

Jno. 5. 18.

10. 39.

11. 53.

^{ae} Mat. 22. 16.

saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners ?

17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, ^b They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick : ^c I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

18 And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast : and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not ?

19 And Jesus said unto them, ^d Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them ? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

21 No man also seweth a piece of ^e new cloth on an old garment : ^f else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse.

22 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles : else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred : but new wine must be put into new bottles.

23 And ^g it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day ; and his disciples began, as they went, ^h to pluck the ears of corn.

24 And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful ?

25 And he said unto them, Have ye never read ⁱ what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him ?

26 How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, ^j which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him ?

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath :

28 Therefore ^k the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

CHAP. III.

AND ^l he entered again into the synagogue ; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.

2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day ; that they might accuse him.

3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, ^m Stand forth.

4 And he saith unto them, ⁿ Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil ? to save life, or to kill ? But they held their peace.

5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the ^o hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out : and his hand was restored whole as the other.

6 And ^p the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with ^q the He-

CHAP. II.—4. roof, means here a covering of any kind; and most likely it was an awning stretched over the open court, which could easily be rolled back so *Show*; rather, the roof of the gallery above

and around the court.—*Pictorial Bible*.

CHAP. III.—1. withered, probably paralytic. 5. anger, from hatred of the sins of hypocrisy and hardness.

The twelve apostles chosen.

rodians against him, how they might destroy him.

7 But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, ⁶ and from Judæa,

8 And from Jerusalem, and from Idumæa, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

10 For he had healed many; insomuch that they ^{*}pressed upon him for to touch him, ⁷ as many as had plagues.

11 And ⁸unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, ⁸Thou art the Son of God.

12 And ⁹he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

13 And ⁹he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him.

14 And he ⁹ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

16 And Simon ^{*}he surnamed Peter;

17 And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:

18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphæus, and Thaddæus, and Simon the Canaanite,

19 And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

20 And the multitude cometh together again, ¹⁰ so that they could not so much as eat bread.

21 And when his ¹¹friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: ¹¹ for they said, He is beside himself.

22 ¹¹And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, ¹²He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

23 And ¹²he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?

24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

26 And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

27 No ¹³man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

28 Verily I say unto you, ¹⁴All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:

29 But ¹⁵he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath ¹⁵never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

31 ¹⁶There ¹⁶came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

32 And the multitude sat about him, and

MARK.

A. D. 31.

^a De. 33. 9.

² Co. 5. 16.

^b Lu. 6. 17.

^c Ro. 8. 29.

He. 2. 11, 12.

^d Ja. 1. 25.

^e 1 Jno. 2. 17.

^f Mat. 13. 1.

&c.

Lu. 8. 4, &c.

^{*} or, rushed.

^f Nu. 11. 33.

He. 12. 6.

^g Ps. 49. 4.

78. 2.

^h ch. 1. 23, 24.

Lu. 4. 41.

ⁱ ch. 12. 38.

^k ch. 1. 1.

Mat. 14. 33.

^l Ec. 11. 6.

Is. 28. 23, 26.

^m 1 Co. 3. 6, 9.

ch. 1. 25, 34.

Mat. 12. 16.

ⁿ Mat. 10. 1.

Lu. 6. 12.

9. 1.

^o Jno. 15. 16.

Ac. 1. 24, 25.

Ga. 1. 1.

^p Is. 25. 4.

Ja. 1. 11.

Re. 7. 16.

^r Ps. 1. 3, 4.

Je. 17. 5, 8.

Ep. 3. 17.

Col. 2. 7.

^s Jno. 1. 42.

^t Jno. 15. 5.

Col. 1. 6.

⁺ or, home.

^u Mat. 13. 10.

&c.

Lu. 8. 9, &c.

^v ch. 6. 31.

⁺ or, kins-

men.

^x Jno. 7. 5.

10. 20.

^y 1 Co. 5. 12.

Col. 4. 5.

1 Th. 4. 12.

1 Ti. 3. 7.

^z Mat. 9. 34.

10. 25.

Lu. 11. 15.

Jno. 7. 20.

8. 48, 52.

10. 22.

^a Is. 6. 9.

Jno. 12. 40.

Ac. 28. 26.

Ro. 11. 8.

^b Mat. 12. 25.

^c Mat. 13. 19.

&c.

^d Is. 49. 24.

Mat. 12. 29.

^e Lu. 12. 10.

1 Jno. 5. 16.

^f Job 19. 25.

Pr. 12. 3.

Ga. 5. 6.

Ep. 3. 17.

2 Pe. 1. 8.

^g He. 6. 4, 8.

10. 26, 31.

1 Jno. 5. 16.

^h 2 Th. 1. 9.

Jude 7, 13.

ⁱ 1 Ti. 6. 9, 17.

^k Mat. 12. 46.

Lu. 8. 19.

^l Ro. 7. 4.

Ga. 5. 22, 23.

Phi. 1. 11.

Parable of the sower.

they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.

33 And he answered them, saying, ¹⁷Who is my mother, or my brethren?

34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, ¹⁸Behold my mother and my brethren!

35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, ¹⁹the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

CHAP. IV.

AND ¹he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

2 And he taught them many things ²by parables, ² and said unto them in his doctrine,

3 Hearken; Behold, ³there went out a sower to sow:

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

6 But when ⁴the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had ⁴no root, it withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And other fell on good ground, ⁵ and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And ⁶when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto ⁷them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

12 That ⁸seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

14 ⁹The sower soweth the word.

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17 And ¹⁰have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word

19 And the cares of this world, ¹¹ and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

20 And these are they ¹²which are sown

on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

21 ¶ And ^b he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a * bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?

22 For ^c there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

23 If ^d any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

25 For ^e he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

26 ¶ And he said, ^f So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is ^g brought forth, immediately ^h he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 ¶ And he said, ⁱ Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

33 And ^j with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.

34 But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

35 And ^k the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, ^l and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, ^m asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, ⁿ carest thou not that we perish?

39 And he arose, ^o and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, ^p Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

A. D. 31.

^a Mat. 8. 28.^b Lu. 8. 26, &c.^c Lu. 8. 16.^d 11. 33.^e The word in the original signifieth a less measure, as^f Mat. 5. 15.^g Mat. 10. 26.^h Lu. 12. 2.ⁱ Mat. 11. 15.^j Mat. 7. 2.^k Lu. 6. 38.^l Mat. 13. 12.^m 25. 29.ⁿ Lu. 8. 18.^o 19. 26.^p Mat. 13. 24.^q Ac. 16. 17.^r Ja. 2. 19.^s 2 Pe. 2. 4.^t Jude 6.^u 1 Jno. 3. 8.^v Mat. 12. 45.^w 26. 53.^x or, ripe.^y Re. 14. 15.^z Lu. 13. 18.^{aa} Ac. 2. 41.^{ab} 4. 4.^{ac} 5. 14.^{ad} 19. 20.^{ae} De. 14. 9.^{af} Is. 65. 4.^{ag} 66. 3.^{ah} 2 Co. 2. 11.^{ai} 1 Pe. 5. 8.^{aj} 1 Ki. 22. 22.^{ak} Job 1. 12.^{al} 2. 6.^{am} Re. 13. 5. 7.^{an} Mat. 13. 34.^{ao} Jno. 16. 12.^{ap} Mat. 8. 18.^{aq} 23.^{ar} Lu. 8. 22.^{as} Job 13. 11.^{at} Ps. 14. 5.^{au} 2 Ti. 1. 7.^{av} De. 5. 25.^{aw} Mat. 8. 34.^{ax} Ac. 16. 39.^{ay} Ps. 116. 12.^{az} Lu. 8. 38.^{ba} Ac. 27. 14.^{bb} &c.^{bc} 2 Co. 11. 25.^{bd} 26.^{be} Ps. 66. 16.^{bf} Is. 38. 9. 20.^{bg} Jno. 4. 28. 29.^{bh} Jno. 4. 6.^{bi} He. 2. 17.^{bj} 4. 15.^{bk} Ps. 10. 1.^{bl} 22. 1, 2.^{bm} Is. 40. 27. 28.^{bn} 49. 14. 16.^{bo} La. 3. 8.^{bp} 1 Pe. 5. 7.^{bq} Job 38. 11.^{br} Ps. 29. 10.^{bs} 93. 3, 4.^{bt} 148. 8.^{bu} Pr. 8. 29.^{bv} Mat. 9. 1, &c.^{bw} Lu. 8. 40, &c.^{bx} Ps. 46. 1. 3.^{by} Is. 43. 2.

CHAP. V.

AND ^a they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, ^b What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, ^c that thou torment me not.

8 For he said unto him, ^d Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is ^e Legion: for we are many.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of ^f swine feeding.

12 And ^g all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

13 And forthwith ^h Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.

14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

16 And ⁱ they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.

17 And ^j they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

18 And when he was come into the ship, ^k he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, ^l Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

21 And ^m when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea.

22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,

23 And besought him greatly, saying,

CHAP. IV.—24. Take heed, carefully consider.

CHAP. V.—1. Gadarenes, from Gadara, a city near

or among the Gergesenes: see Matt. viii. 28. 9. Legion, in the Roman army, varied; some say, 6666; others, 12,500; but it means a great number.

Healing of the bloody issue.

My little daughter lieth at the point of death: *I pray thee*, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

24 And *Jesus* went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

25 And a certain woman, ^b which had an issue of blood twelve years,

26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

27 When she had heard of *Jesus*, came in the press behind, and ^f touched his garment.

28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

29 And ^a straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague.

30 And *Jesus*, immediately knowing in himself that ^m virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

34 And he said unto her, Daughter, ^p thy faith hath made thee whole; ^r go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

35 While ^t he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house certain* which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?

36 As soon as *Jesus* heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

37 And he suffered no man to follow him, ^v save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.

38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but ^s sleepeth.

40 And they laughed him to scorn. ^a But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.

41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, ^c I say unto thee, arise.

42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

43 And ^e he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

CHAP. VI.

AND ^e he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him.

2 And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and

M A R K.

A. D. 31.

^a Jno. 6. 42.

^b Le. 15. 25.

Mat. 9. 20.

^c Mat. 12. 46.

Ga. 1. 19.

^d Mat. 11. 6.

^e Jno. 4. 44.

^f 2 Ki. 13. 21.

Ac. 5. 15.

^g ch. 9. 23.

Ge. 19. 22.

32. 25.

^h Ps. 30. 2.

103. 3.

107. 20.

ⁱ Is. 59. 16.

^k Mat. 9. 35.

Lu. 13. 22.

^l ch. 3. 13, 14.

Mat. 10. 1.

Lu. 9. 1.

^m Lu. 6. 19.

8. 46.

ⁿ The word

signifieth ^a

piece of

brass mo-

ney, in va-

lue some-

what less

than a

farthing,

Mat. 10. 9,

but here it

is taken in

general for

money,

Lu. 9. 3.

ⁿ Ac. 12. 8.

^o Mat. 10. 11.

Lu. 9. 4.

10. 7, 8.

^p ch. 10. 52.

Mat. 9. 22.

Lu. 18. 42.

Ac. 14. 9.

^r Ec. 9. 7.

^s Ac. 13. 51.

18. 6.

^t Lu. 8. 49.

^u or.

^v Ja. 5. 14.

^w 2 Co. 13. 1.

^x Mat. 14. 1.

&c.

Lu. 9. 7, &c.

^y ch. 8. 28.

Mat. 16. 14.

^z Jno. 11. 11.

Ac. 20. 10.

1 Th. 5. 10.

^a Ac. 9. 40.

^b Lu. 3. 19.

^c Jno. 11. 43,

44.

Ro. 4. 17.

Phi. 3. 20, 21.

^d Le. 18. 16.

20. 21.

⁺ or, an in-

ward

grudge.

^e Mat. 8. 4.

17. 9.

Lu. 5. 14.

^f Mat. 21. 6.

^g or, kept

him, or,

saved him.

^h Mat. 13. 54,

&c.

Lu. 4. 16, &c.

ⁱ Ge. 40. 20.

Christ despised by his countrymen.

many hearing *him* were astonished, saying, ^a From whence hath this *man* these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, ^b the brother of James, and *Joses*, and of *Juda*, and *Simon*? and are not his sisters here with us? And they ^d were offended at him.

4 But *Jesus* said unto them, ^a A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

5 And ^e he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

6 And ⁱ he marvelled because of their unbelief. ^k And he went round about the villages, teaching.

7 ^l And ⁱ he called unto *him* the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

8 And commanded them that they should take nothing for *their* journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no ^m money in *their* purse:

9 But ⁿ *he* shod with sandals; and not put on two coats.

10 And ^o he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place.

11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, ^p shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom ^q and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

13 And they cast out many devils, ^r and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

14 And ^s king Herod heard of *him*; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

15 Others ^t said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets.

16 But ^u when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead.

17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias's sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her.

18 For John had said unto Herod, ^v It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.

19 Therefore Herodias had ^w a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not:

20 For Herod ^x feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

21 And when a convenient day was come, that Herod ^y on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief *estates* of Galilee;

22 And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased

Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.

23 And he swore unto her, ^b Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom.

24 And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.

25 And she came in ^c straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist.

26 And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.

27 And immediately the king sent ^f an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard of it, ⁱ they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

30 And ^j the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for ^k there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

32 And ^l they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.

34 And ^m Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and ⁿ he began to teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed:

36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, ^o Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, ^p Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And ^q they did all eat, and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

A. D. 32.

^a Mat. 14. 22,

&c.

^b Jno. 6. 17.

^c or, over

against

Bethsaida.

^d Es. 5. 3, 6.

^e 7. 2.

^f Pr. 1. 16.

^g Ro. 3. 15.

^h Is. 54. 11.

ⁱ Jon. 1. 13.

^j Job 9. 8.

^k Ps. 93. 4.

^l 104. 3.

^m Ge. 19. 2.

ⁿ Lu. 24. 28.

^o or, one of

his guard.

^p Ps. 107. 28.

^q 30.

^r Is. 43. 2.

^s Jno. 20. 19

^t 21.

^u 1 Ki. 13. 29.

^v 30.

^w 2 Ch. 24. 16.

^x Ac. 8. 2.

^y ch. 8. 17, 18.

^z Lu. 9. 10, &c

^{aa} ch. 16. 14.

^{ab} Mat. 14. 34.

^{ac} ch. 3. 20.

^{ad} Mat. 14. 13,

&c.

^{ae} ch. 5. 27, 28.

^{af} Mat. 9. 20.

^{ag} Ac. 19. 12.

^{ah} Mat. 9. 36.

^{ai} Ro. 15. 2, 3.

^{aj} He. 2. 17.

^{ak} 4. 15.

^{al} or, it.

^{am} Lu. 9. 11.

^{an} Is. 61. 1, 3.

^{ao} Mat. 15. 1, &c

^{ap} or, common.

^{aq} or, diligent-

ly: in the

original,

with the

list: Theo-

phylact,

up to the

elbow.

^{ar} Nu. 11. 13, 22

^{as} 2 Ki. 4. 43.

^{at} The Ro-

man penny

is seven-

pence half-

penny; as

Mat. 18. 28.

^{au} Sextarius

is about a

pint and

an half.

^{av} or, beds.

^{aw} ch. 8. 5.

^{ax} Mat. 15. 34.

^{ay} Jno. 6. 9.

^{az} Is. 29. 13.

^{ba} 1 Sa. 9. 13.

^{bb} Mat. 26. 26.

^{bc} 1 Co. 10. 31.

^{bd} Col. 3. 17.

^{be} 1 Sa. 12. 21.

^{bf} Mal. 3. 14.

^{bg} Tit. 3. 9.

^{bh} Ja. 1. 26.

^{bi} 2. 20.

^{bj} De. 8. 3.

^{bk} 2 Ki. 4. 42.

^{bl} 44.

^{bm} Ps. 145. 16.

^{bn} Col. 2. 22.

45 And ^a straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before ^o unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

48 And he saw them ^d toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night ^e he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and ^f would have passed by them.

49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, ^g and cried out:

50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, ^h Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

52 For ⁱ they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their ^m heart was hardened.

53 And ⁿ when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore.

54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,

55 And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.

56 And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that ^j they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched ^k him were made whole.

CHAP. VII.

THEN ^a came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.

2 And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with ^b defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.

3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash ^c their hands ^l oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

4 And ^d when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and ^e pots, brusen vessels, and of ^f tables.

5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, ^g This people honoureth me with ^h their lips, but their heart is far from me.

7 Howbeit ⁱ in vain do they worship me, teaching ^j for doctrines the commandments of men.

8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold ^k the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

9 And he said unto them, Full well ye

* reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

10 For Moses said, ^a Honour thy father and thy mother; and, ^c Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, *It is* ^d Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; *he shall be free.*

12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

14 ¶ And ⁱ when he had called all the people *unto him*, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one *of you*, and understand:

15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.

16 If ^m any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

17 And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.

18 And he saith unto them, ^o Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, *it cannot defile him*;

19 Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?

20 And he said, ^r That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

21 For ^t from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, ^u covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things come from within, ^v and defile the man.

24 ¶ And ^w from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, ^x and would have no man know *it*: but he could not be hid.

25 For a *certain* woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, ^y and came and fell at his feet:

26 The woman ^z was a ^z Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

27 But Jesus said unto her, ^{aa} Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* unto the dogs.

28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

31 ¶ And ^{ab} again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto

A. D. 32.

* or, *frustrate.*

^a Ex. 20. 12.

^b De. 5. 16.

^c Mat. 9. 32.

^d Lu. 11. 14.

^e Ex. 21. 17.

^f Le. 20. 9.

^g Pr. 20. 20.

^h Mat. 23. 18.

ⁱ ch. 8. 23.

^j Jno. 9. 6.

^k ch. 6. 41.

^l Jno. 11. 41.

^m 17. 1.

ⁿ Jno. 11. 33.

^o 38.

^p Is. 35. 5, 6.

^q Mat. 11. 5.

^r Mat. 15. 10.

^s &c.

^t ch. 5. 43.

^u Ge. 1. 31.

^v Mat. 11. 15.

^w Mat. 15. 32.

^x &c.

^y Is. 28. 9, 10.

^z Je. 5. 4, 5.

^{aa} Jno. 3. 10.

^{ab} 1 Co. 3. 2.

^{ac} He. 5. 11.

^{ad} Ps. 145. 8.

^{ae} He. 2. 17.

^{af} 4. 15.

^{ag} Ho. 7. 6.

^{ah} Mi. 2. 1.

^{ai} Ja. 1. 14, 15.

^{aj} 4. 1.

^{ak} Ge. 6. 5.

^{al} 8. 21.

^{am} t ch. 6. 38.

^{an} t covetous-

^{ao} nesses,

^{ap} wicked-

^{aq} nesses.

^{ar} Ro. 14. 6.

^{as} 1 Co. 3. 17.

^{at} Tit. 1. 15.

^{au} Jude 8.

^{av} x Mat. 15. 21,

^{aw} &c.

^{ax} y Mat. 14. 19.

^{ay} z Is. 42. 2.

^{az} Mat. 9. 30.

^{ba} 1 Ti. 5. 25.

^{bb} a 1 Ki. 17. 14.

^{bc} 16.

^{bd} 2 Ki. 4. 2, 7.

^{be} 42. 44.

^{bf} b Re. 1. 17.

^{bg} c Is. 49. 12.

^{bh} 62. 2.

^{bi} Je. 16. 19.

^{bj} Gal. 3. 28.

^{bk} Col. 3. 11.

^{bl} t or, *Gentile.*

^{bm} d Mat. 15. 39.

^{bn} e Mat. 12. 38.

^{bo} 16. 1, &c.

^{bp} Jno. 6. 30.

^{bq} f Mat. 10. 5.

^{br} Ac. 22. 21.

^{bs} Ro. 15. 8, 9.

^{bt} g Ex. 17. 2.

^{bu} De. 6. 16.

^{bv} Ac. 5. 9.

^{bw} 1 Co. 10. 9.

^{bx} h Ps. 81. 12.

^{by} Je. 23. 33.

^{bz} Ho. 4. 17.

^{ca} Mat. 15. 29.

the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis.

32 And ^b they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and ^c he spit, and touched his tongue;

34 And ^d looking up to heaven, ^e he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.

35 And ^f straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

36 And ^g he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published *it*;

37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, ^h He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

CHAP. VIII.

IN those days ⁱ the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples *unto him*, and saith unto them,

2 ^j I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat:

3 And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far.

4 And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these *men* with bread here in the wilderness?

5 And ^k he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven.

6 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, ^l and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before *them*; and they did set *them* before the people.

7 And they had a few small fishes: and ^m he blessed, and commanded to set them also before *them*.

8 So they did eat, and were filled: ⁿ and they took up of the broken *meat* that was left seven baskets.

9 And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away.

10 ¶ And ^o straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

11 And ^p the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, ^q tempting him.

12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

13 And ^r he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.

14 ¶ Now the *disciples* had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.

15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.

16 And they reasoned among them-

CHAP. VII.—26. Syrophenician, one of Phœnicia, near Tyre and Sidon; hence not Jewish. 32. an impediment, it signifies a stammerer or tongue-tied person. 33. put his fingers, &c. thus all might see he used neither incantations nor medicaments. 34.

looking up, denoted he acted by a Divine power in union with the Father. Ephphatha, the Jews' language, which our Lord spoke. Be opened, this was a word of sovereign authority.

CHAP. VIII.—10. Dalmanutha, a place within the

selves, saying, *It is because we have no bread.*

17 And when Jesus knew *it*, he saith unto them, *Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? ^b perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?*

18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?

19 When ^a I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.

20 And ^a when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven.

21 And he said unto them, How is it that ^a ye do not understand?

22 ^a And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when ^a he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

25 After that he put ^a his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, ^a and saw every man clearly.

26 And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, ^a nor tell *it* to any in the town.

27 ^a And ^a Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Cæsarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?

28 And they answered, ^a John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, ^a Thou art the Christ.

30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

31 And ^a he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be ^a rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him.

33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

34 ^a And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, ^a Whosoever will come after me, ^a let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For ^a whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 Whosoever ^a therefore shall ^a be ashamed of me and of my words in this

A. D. 32.

^a Da. 7. 10.

Zec. 14. 5.

2 Th. 1. 7, 8.

^b ch. 6. 52.

^c Mat. 16. 28.

Lu. 9. 27, &c.

^d Mat. 24. 30.

25. 31.

Lu. 22. 18.

^e ch. 6. 43.

Mat. 14. 20.

Lu. 9. 17.

Jno. 6. 13.

^f Mat. 17. 1.

&c.

^g Mat. 15. 37.

^h Da. 7. 9.

ⁱ Mat. 28. 3.

^j ch. 6. 52.

^k 1 Pe. 1. 10.

12.

Re. 19. 10.

^l Ps. 84. 10.

Jno. 14. 21.

23.

Phi. 1. 23.

1 Jno. 3. 2.

^m ch. 7. 33.

ⁿ Pr. 4. 18.

Phi. 1. 6.

1 Pe. 2. 9.

^o ch. 5. 43.

Mat. 8. 4.

^p Mat. 16. 13.

&c.

Lu. 9. 18.

&c.

^r Mat. 14. 2.

^s Mal. 4. 5.

^t Mat. 16. 6.

Jno. 6. 69.

11. 27.

1 Jno. 4. 15.

5. 1.

^u Ps. 22. 6.

Is. 53. 2, &c.

Da. 9. 26.

^v Mat. 17. 22.

^x Lu. 23. 11.

Phi. 2. 7.

^y Ps. 118. 22.

Is. 53. 3.

Ac. 13. 15.

^z Mat. 11. 14.

Lu. 1. 17.

^a Mat. 17. 14.

&c.

Lu. 9. 37.

&c.

^{*} or, among yourselves?

^b Mat. 10. 38.

Lu. 14. 27.

^c Ro. 6. 6.

8. 17.

1 Co. 4. 9. 13.

15. 31.

Phi. 3. 10.

Re. 3. 10. 12.

^d Jno. 12. 25.

[†] or, dasheth him.

^e De. 32. 20.

Ps. 78. 6. 8.

22.

Jno. 20. 27.

He. 3. 10. 12.

^f Mat. 10. 33.

Lu. 12. 9.

^g Ro. 1. 16.

2 Ti. 1. 8.

2. 12.

^h ch. 1. 26.

adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, ^a when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

CHAP. IX.

AND he said unto them, ^a Verily I say unto you, That ^a there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen ^a the kingdom of God come with power.

2 ^a And ^a after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding ^a white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can whiten them.

4 And ^a there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, ^a it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

6 For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

9 And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead.

10 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.

11 ^a And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes ^a that Elias must first come?

12 And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and ^a how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and ^a be set at nought.

13 But I say unto you, That ^a Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.

14 ^a And ^a when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.

15 And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.

16 And he asked the scribes, What question ye ^a with them?

17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he [†] teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

19 He answereth him, and saith, ^a O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him unto him: and ^a when he saw him, straightway

Christ casteth out a foul spirit.

the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

23 Jesus said unto him, ^e If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; ^e help thou mine unbelief.

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, *Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.*

26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

28 And ^f when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

30 ^g And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know *it*.

31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

32 But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.

33 ^h And ^h he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, ^h What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?

34 But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest.

35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, ⁱ If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

36 And ^j he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and ^k whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

38 ^l And ^l John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he followeth not us.

39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: ^m for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.

40 For ⁿ he that is not against us is on our part.

41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

MARK.

A. D. 32.

^a Mat. 18. 6.

Lu. 17. 1.

^b De. 13. 6.

Mat. 5. 29.

18. 8.

^c or, cause

thee to offend:

and so ver. 45, 47

^d ch. 11. 23.

Lu. 17. 6.

Jno. 11. 40.

Ac. 14. 9.

He. 11. 6.

^e Is. 66. 24.

^f Lu. 17. 5.

Ep. 2. 8.

Phi. 1. 29.

2Th. 1. 3, 11.

^g Le. 12. 2.

^h Eze. 43. 24.

ⁱ Mat. 17. 19.

&c.

^j Mat. 5. 13.

Lu. 14. 34.

^k Ep. 4. 29.

Col. 4. 6.

^l Ro. 12. 18.

14. 19.

2Co. 13. 11.

He. 12. 14.

^m Mat. 19. 1.

&c.

Jno. 10. 40.

11. 7.

ⁿ Mat. 18. 1.

&c.

Lu. 9. 46, &c.

22. 24, &c.

^o Ps. 139. 1. 4.

Jno. 2. 25.

21. 17.

He. 4. 13.

^p De. 24. 1.

Mat. 5. 31.

^q Ge. 1. 27.

5. 2.

^r ch. 10. 43.

Mat. 20. 26.

27.

^s Ge. 2. 24.

1 Co. 6. 16.

Ep. 5. 31.

^t ch. 10. 16.

^u Ro. 7. 1. 3.

1 Co. 7. 10.

13.

^v Mat. 10. 40.

^w Mat. 5. 32.

Lu. 16. 18.

He. 13. 4.

^x Nu. 11. 28.

^y 1 Co. 12. 3.

^z Ex. 10. 9.

De. 31. 12, 13

Joel 2. 16.

Mat. 19. 13

15.

Lu. 18. 15.

17.

^b Mat. 12. 30.

^c 1 Sa. 1. 11,

&c.

Is. 65. 23.

^d 1 Co. 14. 20.

1 Pe. 2. 2.

Pharisees' question concerning divorce.

42 And ^a whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

43 And ^b if thy hand ^b offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

44 Where ^c their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:

48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

49 For every one shall be salted with fire, ^d and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

50 Salt ^e is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? ^f Have salt in yourselves, and ^g have peace one with another.

CHAP. X.

AND ^h he arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Judæa by the farther side of Jordan: and the people resort unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again.

2 ⁱ And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him.

3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

4 And they said, ^j Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

6 But from the beginning of the creation ^k God made them male and female.

7 For ^l this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

9 What ^m therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter.

11 And he saith unto them, ⁿ Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.

12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

13 ^o And ^o they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

14 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, ^p Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for ^q of such is the kingdom of God.

Is mere conjecture; some think that his face shone like Moses'. 49. salted, as the sacrifices were salted, Lev. ii. 13; so the wicked, as sacrifices to Divine justice, shall be salted with fire: so *Keyworth*, as *Henry* and others. *Holden* considers this salting as

the trials which should fit the Christian for the Divine service, just as the sacrifice was salted prior to its being offered: so also *Macknight*, *Ep. Mann*, &c. This view best harmonizes with the context. 50. salt in yourselves, the salt of grace: comp. Matt. v. 13

15 Verily I say unto you, ^a Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

16 And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

17 [†] And [‡] when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, [§] what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God.*

19 Thou knowest the [¶] commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

21 Then Jesus beholding him [™] loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have [™] treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

23 [¶] And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them ^{*} that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?

27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men [†] it is impossible, but not with God: for [†] with God all things are possible.

28 [¶] Then [§] Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

30 But [¶] he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

31 But [¶] many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

32 [¶] And [§] they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. [¶] And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him,

33 *Saying, [§] Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and [†] they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:*

A. D. 33.

^a Mat. 18. 3.

^b Ps. 22. 6-8, 13.

Is. 53. 3.

Jno. 19. 2, 3.

^c 1 Co. 15. 4.

^d Mat. 20. 20, &c.

^e Mat. 19. 16, &c.

Lu. 18. 18, &c.

^f 1 Ki. 2. 16, 20.

^g Jno. 6. 28.

Ac. 16. 30.

Ro. 10. 2. ⁴

^h Ex. XX.

Ro. 13. 9.

ⁱ Je. 45. 5.

Ro. 8. 26.

Ja. 4. 3.

^k Jno. 13. 37.

^l Ac. 12. 2.

Col. 1. 24.

Re. 1. 9.

^m Lu. 19. 41.

ⁿ Mat. 6. 19, 20.

Lu. 12. 33.

16. 9.

^o He. 11. 16.

^p Lu. 22. 25.

^q or, *think good.*

^r ch. 9. 35.

Lu. 9. 48.

^s Job 31. 24.

Ps. 52. 7.

62. 10.

1 Ti. 6. 17.

^t Jno. 13. 14.

Phi. 2. 7.

^u 1 Ti. 2. 6.

Tit. 2. 14.

^v Mat. 10. 29

..34.

Lu. 18. 35.

43.

^x Job 42. 2.

Jo. 32. 17.

Lu. 1. 37.

Phi. 3. 21.

He. 7. 25.

^y Mat. 19. 27

..30.

Lu. 18. 28.

30.

^z 2 Oh. 25. 9.

^a Lu. 13. 30.

^b Mat. 20. 17

..19.

Lu. 18. 31.

34.

^c ch. 8. 31.

9. 31.

Lu. 9. 22.

^d ch. 5. 34.

Mat. 9. 22.

Ep. 2. 8.

[†] or, *saved thee.*

^e Ps. 34. 6.

146. 8.

Is. 42. 16, 18.

^f Lu. 8. 2, 3.

^g Ac. 20. 22.

^h Mat. 21. 1.

&c.

Lu. 19. 29,

&c.

Jno. 12. 14,

&c.

ⁱ Ac. 13. 27.

Ja. 5. 6.

34 And they shall ^b mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and ^c the third day he shall rise again.

35 [¶] And ^d James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, ^e we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire.

36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

37 They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

38 But Jesus said unto them, ^f Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

39 And they said unto him, ^g We can. And Jesus said unto them, ^h Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

40 But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but ⁱ it shall be given to them ^o for whom it is prepared.

41 And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be much displeased with James and John.

42 But Jesus called them *to him*, and saith unto them, ^p Ye know that they which ^q are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

43 But ^r so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

45 For even ^t the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and ^u to give his life a ransom for many.

46 [¶] And ^v they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimæus, the son of Timæus, sat by the highway side begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, *thou son of David*, have mercy on me.

48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, *Thou son of David*, have mercy on me.

49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; [†] thy faith hath [†] made thee whole. And [†] immediately he received his sight, [†] and followed Jesus in the way.

CHAP. XI.

AND [¶] when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples,

CHAP. X.—21. *loved*, felt kindly disposed towards him. 50. *casting—garment*, cloak or loose upper garment, which impeded him.

CHAP. XI.—1. *Bethphage* was a village separated from Jerusalem by Kidron, and inhabited by priests. *Bethany*, a village near the mount of Olives.

Christ rideth into Jerusalem.

2 And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him.

3 And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that ^b the Lord ^c hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither.

4 And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him.

5 And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt?

6 And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go.

7 And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him.

8 And many spread their garments in the way: and others ^e cut down branches off the trees, and strawed *them* in the way.

9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, ^a Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

10 Blessed be ^b the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: ^c Hosanna in the highest.

11 And ^d Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

12 ^e And ^f on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, ^g No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

15 ^h And ⁱ they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.

17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, ^j My house shall be called ^k of all nations the house of prayer? but ^l ye have made it a den of thieves.

18 And ^m the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because ⁿ all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.

20 ^o And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, ^p Have faith in God.

23 For ^q verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain,

M A R K.

A. D. 33.

^a Mat. 7. 7.

Lu. 11. 9.

Jno. 14. 13.

15. 7.

16. 24.

Ja. 1. 5, 6.

^b Ps. 24. 1.

Ac. 10. 36.

^c 2 Co. 8. 9.

He. 2. 7, 9.

^d Mat. 6. 14.

Col. 3. 13.

^e Mat. 18. 35.

^f Mat. 21. 23.

Lu. 20. 1.

^g Le. 23. 40.

^h Ps. 118. 26.

ⁱ or, thing.

^j Is. 9. 6, 7.

Je. 33. 15, 17.

Eze. 34. 23.

24.

^k Ps. 148. 1.

^l Mat. 21. 12.

^m ch. 6. 20.

Mat. 3. 5.

14. 5.

ⁿ Mat. 21. 18.

21.

^o Eze. 20. 49.

Mat. 21. 33.

&c.

Lu. 20. 9, &c.

^p Jno. 15. 6.

He. 6. 4, 8.

10. 26, 31.

^q 2 Pe. 2. 20.

Ps. 80. 8, 16.

Is. 5. 1, 7.

Je. 2. 21.

Ro. 11. 17.

24.

^r Ro. 3. 1, 2.

9. 4, 5.

^s Lu. 19. 45.

Jno. 2. 14.

^t 2 Ch. 36. 15.

He. 1. 1.

^u Je. 44. 4, 5, 16.

Da. 9. 10, 11.

Zec. 7. 8, 13.

^x Is. 56. 7.

^y or, an

house of

prayer for

all na-

tions?

^z Je. 7. 11.

^a Mat. 21. 45.

46.

Lu. 19. 47.

ch. 1. 22.

Mat. 7. 28.

Lu. 4. 32.

^b Ps. 2. 7.

Mat. 26. 62.

63.

1 Jno. 4. 9.

5. 11, 12.

^c Ps. 2. 2, 3.

22. 12, 16.

^d He. 13. 11, 12

^e or, Have

the faith of

God.

^f Mat. 17. 20.

21. 21.

Lu. 17. 6.

Parable of the wicked husbandmen.

Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, ^a What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

25 And when ye stand praying, ^d forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

26 But ^e if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

27 ^f And they come again to Jerusalem: ^g and as he was walking in the temple, there came to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders,

28 And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?

29 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one ^h question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me.

31 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?

32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for ⁱ all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.

33 And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

CHAP. XII.

AND ^a he began to speak unto them by parables. *A certain man* ^b planted a vineyard, ^c and set an hedge about it, and digged a *place* for the winfat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.

2 And at the season he sent to the husbandmen ^d a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard.

3 And they caught him, and beat him, ^e and sent him away empty.

4 And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled.

5 And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some.

6 Having yet therefore ^f one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.

7 But those husbandmen said among themselves, ^g This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be our's.

8 And they took him, and killed him, and ^h cast him out of the vineyard.

9 What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others.

2. never man sat, animals not broken in were chosen for sacred purposes: Deut. xxi. 3; 1 Sam. vi. 7. 9. he that cometh, 'he that should come,' long predicted. 10. kingdom of our father, promised to him

and his seed for ever. 13. time of figs, i. e. fig time or time of gathering.—Weststein, Campbell. 16. any vessel, conveying goods and wares by a shorter way. 17. den, Jewish robbers dwelt in caves.

10 And have ye not read this scripture ;
 * The stone which the builders rejected
 is become the head of the corner :

11 This was the Lord's doing, and it is
 marvellous in our eyes ?

12 And ^b they sought to lay hold on him,
 but feared the people : for they knew that
 he had spoken the parable against them :
 and they left him, and went their way.

13 ^c And ^d they send unto him certain
 of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to
 catch him in his words.

14 And when they were come, they say
 unto him, Master, we know that thou art
 true, and carest for no man ; for thou re-
 gardest not the person of men, but teachest
 the way of God in truth : Is it lawful to
 give tribute to Cæsar, or not ?

15 Shall we give, or shall we not give ?
 But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said
 unto them, Why tempt ye me ? bring me
 a ^e penny, that I may see it.

16 And they brought it. And he saith
 unto them, Whose is this image and
 superscription ? And they said unto him,
 Cæsar's.

17 And Jesus answering said unto
 them, ^f Render to Cæsar the things that
 are Cæsar's, and to God the things that
 are God's. And they marvelled at him.

18 ^g Then ^h come unto him the Saddu-
 cees, ⁱ which say there is no resurrection ;
 and they asked him, saying,

19 Master, ^j Moses wrote unto us, If a
 man's brother die, and leave his wife be-
 hind him, and leave no children, that his
 brother should take his wife, and raise
 up seed unto his brother.

20 Now there were seven brethren :
 and the first took a wife, and dying left
 no seed.

21 And the second took her, and died,
 neither left he any seed : and the third
 likewise.

22 And the seven had her, and left no
 seed : last of all the woman died also.

23 In the resurrection therefore, when
 they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of
 them ? for the seven had her to wife.

24 And Jesus answering said unto
 them, ^k Do ye not therefore err, because
 ye know not the scriptures, neither ^l the
 power of God ?

25 For when they shall rise from the
 dead, they neither marry, nor are given
 in marriage ; but ^m are as the angels
 which are in heaven.

26 And as touching the dead, that they
 rise : have ye not read in the book of Mo-
 ses, how in the bush God spake unto him,
 saying, ⁿ I am the God of Abraham, and
 the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob ?

27 He is not the God of the dead, but
 the God of the living : ye therefore do
 greatly err.

28 ^o And ^p one of the scribes came, and
 having heard them reasoning together,
 and perceiving that he had answered
 them well, asked him, Which is the first
 commandment of all ?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first
 of all the commandments is, ^q Hear, O
 Israel : The Lord our God is one Lord :

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy

A. D. 33.

^a Ps. 118. 22.

^b ch. 11. 18

^c Mat. 21. 45,

46.

^d Jno. 7. 25, 30,

44.

^e Le. 19. 18.

^f Ro. 13. 9.

^g Ga. 5. 14.

^h Ja. 2. 8.

ⁱ Mat. 22. 15,

&c.

^j Lu. 20. 20,

&c.

^k De. 4. 39.

^l Is. 45. 6, 14.

46. 9.

^m 1 Sa. 15. 22.

ⁿ Ho. 6. 6.

^o Mi. 6. 6, 8.

^p Valuing of

our money

sevenpence

halfpenny,

Mat. 18. 28.

^q Ro. 3. 19.

^r Col. 4. 6.

^s Mat. 22. 41

44.

^t 2 Sa. 23. 2.

^u Pr. 24. 17.

^v Ro. 13. 7.

^w 1 Pe. 2. 17.

^x 1 Pe. 110. 1.

^y Mat. 22. 23,

&c.

^z Lu. 20. 27,

&c.

^{aa} Ac. 23. 8.

^{ab} De. 25. 5.

^{ac} ch. 4. 2.

^{ad} Mat. 23. 1,

&c.

^{ae} Lu. 20. 46, 47

^{af} Lu. 11. 43.

^{ag} Mat. 23. 14.

^{ah} Lu. 21. 1, 4.

^{ai} A piece of

brass mo-

ney : see

Mat. 10. 9.

^{aj} 2 Ki. 12. 9.

^{ak} It is the

seventh

part of one

piece of

that brass

money.

^{al} Is. 8. 20.

^{am} Je. 8. 7, 9.

^{an} Je. 32. 17.

^{ao} Ep. 1. 19.

^{ap} Phi. 3. 21.

^{aq} 2 Co. 8. 12.

^{ar} 1 Co. 15. 42,

49, 52.

^{as} He. 12. 22, 23.

^{at} 1 Jno. 3. 2.

^{au} De. 24. 6.

^{av} 1 Jno. 3. 17.

^{aw} Mat. 24. 1,

&c.

^{ax} Lu. 21. 5, &c.

^{ay} Ex. 3. 6.

^{az} Ac. 7. 31, 32.

^{ba} Lu. 19. 44.

^{bb} Mat. 22. 35,

&c.

^{bc} De. 6. 4.

^{bd} Lu. 10. 27.

God with all thy heart, and with all thy
 soul, and with all thy mind, and with all
 thy strength : this is the first command-
 ment.

31 And the second is like, *namely* this,
 * Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy-
 self. There is none other commandment
 greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, Well,
 Master, thou hast said the truth : for there
 is one God ; * and there is none other
 but he :

33 And to love him with all the heart,
 and with all the understanding, and with
 all the soul, and with all the strength,
 and to love *his* neighbour as himself, *is*
 more than all whole burnt offerings and
 sacrifices.

34 And when Jesus saw that he an-
 swered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou
 art not far from the kingdom of God.
^e And no man after that durst ask him
 any question.

35 ^f And ^g Jesus answered and said,
 while he taught in the temple, How say
 the scribes that Christ is the son of David ?

36 For David himself said ^h by the Holy
 Ghost, ⁱ The Lord said to my Lord, Sit
 thou on my right hand, till I make thine
 enemies thy footstool.

37 David therefore himself calleth him
 Lord ; and whence is he *then* his son ?
 And the common people heard him gladly.

38 ^j And ^k he said unto them in his
 doctrine, ^l Beware of the scribes, which
 love to go in long clothing, and ^m love
 salutations in the marketplaces,

39 And the chief seats in the synagogues,
 and the uppermost rooms at feasts :

40 Which ⁿ devour widows' houses, and
 for a pretence make long prayers : these
 shall receive greater damnation.

41 ^o And ^p Jesus sat over against the
 treasury, and beheld how the people cast
^q money ^r into the treasury : and many
 that were rich cast in much.

42 And there came a certain poor widow,
 and she threw in two ^s mites, which make
 a farthing.

43 And he called ^t unto him his disciples,
 and saith unto them, Verily I say unto
 you, That ^u this poor widow hath cast
 more in, than all they which have cast
 into the treasury :

44 For all ^v they did cast in of their abun-
 dance ; but she of her want did cast in all
 that she had, ^w even all her living.

CHAP. XIII.

AND ^x as he went out of the temple, one
 of his disciples saith unto him, Master,
 see what manner of stones and what
 buildings are *here* !

2 And Jesus answering said unto him,
 Seest thou these great buildings ? * there
 shall not be left one stone upon another,
 that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of
 Olives over against the temple, Peter and
 James and John and Andrew asked him
 privately,

4 Tell us, when shall these things be ?
 and what ^y shall be the sign when all these
 things shall be fulfilled ?

CHAP. XII.—41. *the treasury*, i. e. chests in the
 second court of the temple, to receive voluntary
 contributions for its service.

CHAP. XIII.—1. *stones*, of green and white marble.

Some were sixty or seventy feet in length, and pro-
 portionably broad and thick. There were also one
 hundred and sixty-two beautiful columns of immense
 thickness. 2. *thrown*, &c. Titus demolished the whole.

5 And Jesus answering them began to say, "Take heed lest any man deceive you :

6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ* ; and shall deceive many.

7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled : for such things must needs be ; but the end shall not be yet.

8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom : and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles : these are the beginnings of sorrows.

9 " But take heed to yourselves : for they shall deliver you up to councils ; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten : and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate ; but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye : for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son ; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake : but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 " But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judæa flee to the mountains :

15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house :

16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.

17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days !

18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.

19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved : but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ ; or, lo, he is there ; believe him not :

22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

23 But take ye heed : behold, I have foretold you all things.

24 " But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his angels,

A. D. 33.

a Je. 29. 8.
Ep. 5. 6.
1 Th. 2. 3.
b Mat. 24. 32

Lu. 21. 29.
&c.

* The word in the original importeth the pains of a woman in travail.

c Mat. 10. 17.
18.

24. 9.
Re. 2. 10.

d Is. 40. 8.
e 1 Th. 5. 6.

f Ac. 2. 4.
4. 8, 31.

g Mi. 7. 6.
Mat. 10. 21.

h Pr. 24. 33, 34.
Ro. 13. 11.

14.
Ep. 5. 14.

i Da. 12. 12.
Re. 2. 10.

k Mat. 26. 2, 5.
Lu. 22. 1.

Jno. 11. 55.
13. 1.

l Mat. 24. 15.
m Da. 9. 27.

n Lu. 21. 21.
o Mat. 26. 6.

&c.
Lu. 7. 37.

Jno. 12. 1, 3.
† or, pure

nard, or, liquid nard.

p Lu. 23. 29.
† Ec. 4. 4.

q Da. 9. 26.
12. 1.

Joel 2. 2.
Mat. 24. 21.

† See Mat. 18. 28.

r Jno. 6. 43.
1 Co. 10. 10.

Phi. 2. 14.
u Is. 54. 17.

2 Co. 10. 18.
v Ac. 9. 36.

De. 15. 11.
y Lu. 17. 23.

z 2 Co. 9. 13, 14.
Ja. 2. 14, 16.

1 Jno. 3. 16.
..19.

a 2 Pe. 3. 17.
b Da. 7. 10.

Zep. 1. 15.
Mat. 24. 29.

&c.
Lu. 21. 25.

c Mat. 26. 14.
&c.

Lu. 22. 3. 4.
d ch. 14. 62.

Da. 7. 13, 14.
Mat. 16. 27.

Ac. 1. 11.
1 Th. 4. 16.

2 Th. 1. 7, 10.
Re. 1. 7.

e Lu. 22. 7.

§ or, sacrificed.

and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree ; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near : So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.

30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.

31 Heaven and earth shall pass away : but my words shall not pass away.

32 " But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray : for ye know not when the time is.

34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

35 Watch ye therefore : for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning :

36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

CHAP. XIV.

AFTER two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread : and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.

2 But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people.

3 " And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of † spikenard very precious ; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.

4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made ?

5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

6 And Jesus said, " Let her alone ; why trouble ye her ? she hath wrought a good work on me.

7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whosoever ye will ye may do them good : but me ye have not always.

8 She hath done what she could : she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.

9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

10 " And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them.

11 And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

12 " And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover

his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?

13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.

14 And whosoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

15 And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.

16 And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

17 And in the evening he cometh with the twelve.

18 And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.

19 And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I?

20 And he answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dipeth with me in the dish.

21 The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

22 And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.

23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

26 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

27 And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.

28 But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee.

29 But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.

30 And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

31 But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;

A. D. 33.

a Jno. 12. 27.

b Ro. 8. 15.

c Ga. 4. 6.

d He. 5. 7.

e Jno. 5. 30.

f 6. 38.

g Re. 3. 20.

h Pr. 16. 1.

i Ro. 7. 23.

j Ga. 5. 17.

k 2 Co. 12. 8.

l Mat. 26. 20.

m &c.

n Ro. 3. 19.

o Ps. 41. 9.

p 55. 13. 14.

q Jno. 6. 70.

r 13. 10, 11.

s 13. 21.

t Jno. 13. 1.

u Mat. 26. 47.

v &c.

w Lu. 22. 47.

x &c.

y Jno. 18. 3.

z &c.

a Ac. 1. 16.

b Ge. 3. 15.

c Is. 52. 14.

d 53. 1. 10.

e Da. 9. 24. 26.

f Zec. 13. 7.

g Ac. 1. 25.

h Ps. 2. 1, 2.

i 22. 11. 13.

j Mat. 26. 26.

k 29.

l Lu. 22. 19.

m &c.

n 1 Co. 11. 23.

o &c.

p 2 Sa. 20. 9, 10.

q Ps. 53. 20, 21.

r Pr. 27. 6.

s Mat. 7. 21.

t Jno. 13. 13.

u 14.

v La. 4. 20.

w Ac. 2. 23.

x Mat. 26. 50.

y or, palm.

z Ps. 22. 6.

a Is. 53. 7, &c.

b Da. 9. 24. 26.

c Lu. 22. 37.

d 24. 44.

e ver. 27.

f Job 19. 13, 14.

g Ps. 8. 8.

h Is. 63. 3.

i 2 Ti. 4. 16.

j Zec. 13. 7.

k ch. 16. 7.

l Jno. 13. 37.

m 38.

n Mat. 26. 57.

o &c.

p Lu. 22. 54.

q &c.

r Jno. 18. 13.

s &c.

t e 2 Ki. 8. 13.

u Je. 10. 23.

v 17. 9. 10.

w f Mat. 26. 36.

x &c.

y Lu. 22. 39.

z &c.

a Jno. 18. 1. &c.

b Ps. 27. 12.

c 1 Pe. 3. 16.

d 18.

34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?

38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

39 And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.

40 And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him.

41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

43 And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

44 And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely.

45 And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him.

46 And they laid their hands on him, and took him.

47 And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

48 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me?

49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.

50 And they all forsook him, and fled.

51 And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him:

52 And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

54 And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.

56 For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.

57 And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying,

6. Abba, the Syriac or Jewish word for Father: comp. Matt. xxvi. 39. 'Father' is here added, to explain the meaning to Gentile converts. 41. it is enough, 'all is over,' the time is expired. 52. linen, &c.

a flowing night garment next the skin, much used by eastern nations. naked, often means without the upper garment. 54. warmed, the passover was in spring, when the nights in Judea are often very cold.

58 We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

59 But neither so did their witness agree together.

60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

62 And Jesus said, I am: "and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

63 Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses?

64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.

65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

66 ¶ And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest:

67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

68 But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.

69 And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them.

70 And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: * for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto.

71 But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak.

72 And ¶ the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And * when he thought thereon, he wept.

CHAP. XV.

AND * straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate.

2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest it.

3 And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing.

4 And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee.

5 But ¶ Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled.

6 Now ¶ at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired.

7 And there was one named Barabbas,

A. D. 33.

a ch. 15. 29.

Jno. 2. 19.

b Ac. 3. 13. 15.

c Ge. 4. 4. &c.

1 Sa. 18. 8, 9.

Pr. 27. 4.

Tit. 3. 3.

Ja. 3. 14. 16.

1 Jno. 3. 12.

d Ac. 3. 14.

e Mat. 24. 30.

26. 64.

Lu. 22. 69.

f He. 7. 26.

1 Pe. 1. 19.

g Jno. 19. 1, 16.

h Pr. 29. 25.

Ga. 1. 10.

i Mat. 26. 58.

69.

Lu. 22. 55.

Jno. 18. 16.

* Job 30. 8. 12

Ps. 35. 15. 17

Is. 50. 6.

Mi. 5. 1.

He. 12. 2, 3.

l Job 13. 9.

m Lu. 23. 26.

n Ro. 16. 13.

o Ac. 2. 7.

p Mat. 26. 75.

r Ac. 5. 30.

2 Co. 5. 21.

Ga. 3. 13.

1 Pe. 2. 24.

s Ps. 22. 18.

t Mat. 27. 45.

* or, he wept

abundantly,

or, he

began to

weep.

u Eze. 7. 16.

2 Co. 7. 10.

v Ps. 2. 6.

Zec. 9. 9.

Mat. 2. 2.

x Ps. 2. 2.

Mat. 27. 1.

&c.

Lu. 22. 66.

23. 1. &c.

Jno. 18. 28.

&c.

Ac. 3. 13.

4. 26.

y Is. 53. 12.

Lu. 22. 37.

z Ps. 22. 7.

a ch. 14. 58.

Jno. 2. 19.

b Is. 53. 7.

Jno. 19. 9.

c Mat. 27. 15.

Lu. 23. 17.

Jno. 18. 39.

d Jno. 11. 47.

52.

12. 23, 24.

1 Pe. 3. 17, 18.

which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

8 And the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them.

9 But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

10 For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him ¶ for envy.

11 But ¶ the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.

12 And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?

13 And they cried out again, Crucify him.

14 Then Pilate said unto them, ¶ Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.

15 ¶ And ¶ so Pilate, ¶ willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

16 And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Prætorium; and they call together the whole band.

17 And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head,

18 And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews!

19 And ¶ they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him.

20 And when they had ¶ mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

21 And ¶ they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and ¶ Rufus, to bear his cross.

22 And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not.

24 And when they had ¶ crucified him, ¶ they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25 And ¶ it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, ¶ THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, ¶ And he was numbered with the transgressors.

29 And ¶ they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, ¶ thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days,

30 Save thyself, and come down from the cross.

31 Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, ¶ He saved others; himself he cannot save.

32 Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and

believe. And ^a they that were crucified with him reviled him.

33 And ^b when the sixth hour was come, ^c there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, ^d Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God why hast thou forsaken me?

35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard *it*, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.

36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.

37 And ^e Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38 And the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39 ^f And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

40 There were also women looking on ^g afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome;

41 (Who also, when he was in Galilee, ^h followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.

42 ⁱ And ^j now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

43 Joseph of Arimathea, an honourable counsellor, which also ^k waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

44 And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling ^l unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.

45 And when he knew *it* of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid.

CHAP. XVI.

And ^m when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, ⁿ had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early in the morning the

A. D. 33.

^a Mat. 27. 44.

^b Lu. 23. 39.

^c Lu. 23. 44.

^d Am. 8. 9, 10.

^e Ps. 22. 1.

^f Mat. 27. 46.

^g Mat. 28. 5, 7.

^h Ps. 69. 21.

ⁱ Mat. 27. 50.

^j Lu. 23. 46.

^k Jno. 19. 30.

^l ch. 14. 28.

^m Mat. 26. 32.

ⁿ Mat. 28. 8.

^o Jno. 20. 14.

^p Lu. 8. 2.

^q Ps. 38. 11.

^r Lu. 8. 2, 3.

^s Mat. 27. 57,

&c.

^t Lu. 23. 50,

&c.

^u Jno. 19. 38,

&c.

^v Lu. 24. 13.

^w Lu. 2. 25, 38.

^x Lu. 24. 36.

^y Jno. 20. 19.

^z 1 Co. 15. 5.

^{aa} or, together.

^{ab} Mat. 28. 19.

^{ac} Jno. 15. 16.

^{ad} Col. 1. 23.

^{ae} Jno. 3. 18, 36.

^{af} Ac. 2. 38.

^{ag} 16. 30, 32.

^{ah} Ro. 10. 9.

^{ai} 1 Pe. 3. 21.

^{aj} Jno. 12. 48.

^{ak} y Lu. 10. 17.

^{al} Ac. 5. 16.

^{am} 8. 7.

^{an} 16. 18.

^{ao} 19. 12.

^{ap} ^a Ac. 2. 4.

^{aq} 10. 46.

^{ar} 19. 6.

^{as} 1 Co. 12. 10,

28.

^{at} ^a Lu. 10. 19.

^{au} Ac. 28. 5.

^{av} ^b Ac. 5. 15, 16.

^{aw} 9. 17.

^{ax} ^c Ja. 5. 14, 15.

^{ay} ^c Ac. 1. 2, 3.

^{az} ^d Mat. 28. 1,

&c.

^{ba} ^e Lu. 24. 1.

^{bb} &c.

^{bc} ^e Jno. 20. 1,

&c.

^{bd} ^e Ps. 110. 1.

^{be} ^e Ac. 7. 55.

^{bf} ^f Lu. 23. 56.

^{bg} ^e Ac. 5. 12.

^{bh} 14. 3.

^{bi} 1 Co. 2. 4, 5.

^{bj} He. 2. 4.

first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

6 And ^a he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, ^b as he said unto you.

8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: ^c neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

9 ^d Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, ^e he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, ^f out of whom he had cast seven devils.

10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

12 ^g After that he appeared in another form ^h unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

13 And they went and told *it* unto the residue: neither believed they them.

14 ⁱ Afterward ^j he appeared unto the eleven as they sat ^k at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

15 And ^l he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, ^m and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He ⁿ that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; ^o but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; ^p In my name shall they cast out devils; they ^q shall speak with new tongues;

18 They ^r shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; ^s they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 ^t So then ^u after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and ^v sat on the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, ^w and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

CHAP. XVI.—5. a young man, in reality an angel. 9. devils, demons; seven is put for many. Mary Magdalene is reputed to have been a vile woman, but

without proof. 'Great affliction,' says *Keyworth*, 'is no evidence of great sin.' 13. neither believed they, this slowness of belief adds strength to their testimony.

The Gospel according to S. LUKE.

Probably written for Gentile Christians; and while omitting some things recorded by the other Evangelists, mentions some parables, discourses, miracles, and events not recorded in them.

CHAP. I.

FORASMUCH as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,

2 Even ^a as they delivered them unto us, which ^c from the beginning were eye-witnesses, and ministers of the word;

3 It ^d seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee ^f in order, ^e most excellent Theophilus,

4 That ^h thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

5 **THERE** was ⁱⁿ the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, ⁱ of the course of Abia: and his wife was ^{of} the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

6 And they were both ^m righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God ⁿ in the order of his course,

9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

10 And ^p the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of ^q the altar of incense.

12 And when Zacharias saw ^r him, ^s he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and ^t thou shalt call his name John.

14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and ^u shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, ^v even from his mother's womb.

16 And ^w many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

17 And ^x he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the

A. M. 3998.

^a or, by.

^b He. 2. 3.

^c 1 Jno. 1. 1.

^d Ge. 17. 17.

^e Mar. 1. 1.

^f Jno. 15. 27.

^g 1 Co. 7. 40.

^h Da. 8. 16.

ⁱ 9. 21. 23.

^j Mat. 18. 10.

^k He. 1. 14.

^l Ac. 11. 4.

^m Ac. 1. 1.

ⁿ Jno. 20. 31.

^o Eze. 3. 26.

^p 24. 27.

^q Before the

Common

Account,

called An-

no Domini,

the Sixth

Year.

^r Mat. 2. 1.

^s Ne. 12. 4. 17.

^t Ge. 17. 1.

^u Job 1. 1.

^v Phi. 3. 16.

^w 1 Ch. 24. 9.

^x 2 Ki. 11. 5.

^y 1 Ch. 9. 25.

^z Le. 16. 17.

^{aa} Re. 8. 3. 4.

^{ab} Ge. 30. 23.

^{ac} Is. 4. 1.

^{ad} 54. 1. 4.

^{ae} Ex. 30. 1.

^{af} Da. 10. 8.

^{ag} Ac. 10. 4.

^{ah} Re. 1. 17.

^{ai} Mat. 1. 13.

^{aj} Da. 9. 23.

^{ak} 10. 19.

^{al} or, gra-

ciously ac-

cepted, or,

much

graced:

^{am} ver. 30.

^{an} ver. 60, 63.

^{ao} Ju. 6. 12.

^{ap} ver. 12.

^{aq} ch. 7. 33.

^{ar} Nu. 6. 3.

^{as} Ju. 13. 4.

^{at} Je. 1. 5.

^{au} Ga. 1. 15.

^{av} Mal. 4. 5, 6.

^{aw} Is. 7. 14.

^{ax} Mat. 1. 21.

^{ay} Mat. 11. 14.

hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient ^z to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, ^{aa} Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am ^{ab} Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

20 And, behold, ^{ac} thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.

22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

23 And it came to pass, that, as soon as ^{ad} the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to ^{ae} take away my reproach among men.

26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27 To a virgin ^{af} espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, ^{ag} Hail, thou that art ^{ah} highly favoured, ^{ai} the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

29 And when she saw ^{aj} him, ^{ak} she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, ^{al} behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

CHAP. I.—1. many, &c. must refer to some lost histories of Christ. 3. had perfect understanding, 'accurately traced,' in order, 'distinctly,' most excellent, a Roman title of rank. 4. instructed, initiated as a catechumen. 5. Abia, rather 'Abijah.' There were twenty-four classes; this was the eighth. (1 Chron. xxiv. 10.) These courses began on the sabbath, serving till the following one. 6. righteous, that is, sincere. 7. commandments—ordinances, moral and ceremonial precepts. 8. blameless, irreproachable. 9. to burn incense, morning and evening: see Exod. xxx. 1, 7, 8. 10. without, in the court of the Israelites, the priest being in the holy place, though not in the holy of holies, where the high priest only entered. at the time of incense, when the priest offered incense at the golden altar, he rang a bell; hence prayer is

compared to incense: Ps. cxli. 2; Mal. i. 11; Rev. viii. 3, 4. 13. John, i. e. gracious; he ushered in the dispensation of grace. 15. great, of extraordinary eminence and usefulness. neither wine, &c. like a Nazirite: Numb. vi. 3. He was to be a pattern of the self-denial he would preach. filled, &c. be inspired. 16. the Lord their God, i. e. the Divine Messiah. 17. him, Messiah. spirit—of Elias, having like integrity, intrepid zeal, &c. to turn, &c. to convert the hearts of the fathers with those of their children.—Doddridge. 19. stand in the presence, i. e. a chief officer. 20. dumb, and not, &c. denotes a strong affirmation. 21. waited, to be dismissed, according to Numb. vi. 23—26. 24. hid, for retirement and devotion. 25. reproach, so the Israelites accounted barrenness. 28. Hail, 'rejoice.'

Mary's song of thanksgiving.

32 He shall be great,^a and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and ^b the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And ^c he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, ^f The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called ⁱ the Son of God.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37 For ^j with God nothing shall be impossible.

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, ^m into a city of Juda;

40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, ⁿ Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 And blessed is she ^t that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

46 And Mary said, ^u My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

48 For ^v he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth ^w all generations shall call me blessed.

49 For he that is mighty ^x hath done to me great things; and ^y holy is his name.

50 And ^z his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; ^a he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He ^b hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

53 He ^c hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

CHAP. I.

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^a Mar. 5. 7.

^b 2Sa. 7. 11, 12.

^c Is. 9. 6, 7.

^d Je. 23. 5.

^e Ps. 132. 11.

^f Rn. 3. 7.

^g Ps. 98. 3.

^h Je. 31. 3, 20.

ⁱ Ge. 17. 19.

^j Ps. 132. 11.

^k Ro. 11. 28.

^l Ga. 3. 16.

^m Jno. 12. 34.

ⁿ He. 1. 6.

^o Mat. 1. 20.

^p Ro. 12. 15.

^q Ge. 17. 12.

^r Le. 12. 3.

^s Jno. 1. 34.

^t Ro. 1. 4.

^u ver. 13.

^v Ro. 4. 21.

^w Jos. 21. 9. 11.

^x or, things.

^y ch. 2. 19, 51.

^z Ju. 5. 24.

^a Ge. 39. 2.

^b Ac. 11. 21.

^c Joel 2. 28.

^d Ex. 3. 16.

^e 4. 31.

^f Ps. 111. 9.

^g or, which believed that there.

^h 1 Sa. 2. 1.

ⁱ Ps. 34. 2, 3.

^j 35. 9.

^k Hab. 3. 18.

^l Je. 23. 5, 6.

^m 30. 10.

ⁿ Da. 9. 24.

^o Ac. 3. 21.

^p Ro. 1. 2.

^q 1 Sa. 1. 11.

^r Ps. 138. 6.

^s ch. 11. 27.

^t Mal. 3. 12.

^u Ps. 71. 19.

^v 136. 2, 3.

^w Ps. 111. 9.

^x Ge. 12. 3.

^y 22. 16, 17.

^z He. 6. 13, 17.

^a Ps. 103. 17, 18.

^b Ps. 33. 10.

^c 1 Pe. 5. 5.

^d Ro. 6. 18, 22.

^e He. 9. 14.

^f Ep. 4. 24.

^g 2 Pe. 1. 4.

^h 1 Sa. 2. 6, &c.

ⁱ Job 5. 11.

^j Ps. 113. 6.

^k Ps. 34. 10.

^l Is. 40. 3.

^m Mal. 3. 1.

ⁿ 4. 5.

^o Mat. 11. 10.

Zacharias prophesieth.

54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, ^c in remembrance of his mercy;

55 As ^d he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

57 Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

58 And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and ^e they rejoiced with her.

59 And it came to pass, that ^f on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

60 And his mother answered and said, ^g Not so; but he shall be called John.

61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

62 And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called.

63 And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.

64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God.

65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these ^h sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judæa.

66 And all they that heard them ⁱ laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And ^j the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 And his father Zacharias ^k was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for ^l he hath visited and redeemed his people,

69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

70 As ^m he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

72 To perform the mercy ⁿ promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

73 The ^o oath which he swore to our father Abraham,

74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might ^p serve him without fear,

75 In ^q holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for ^r thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

52. father David, of whom Mary was a descendant.

55. come upon thee, by a Divine influence. over-shadow, she should conceive by the Spirit's immediate operation.

55. called the Son of God, the definite application of which implied Divinity, and to any mere human being was accounted blasphemy: Matt. xiv. 33; xxvi. 63; xxvii. 47; John v. 26; xix. 7, &c.

59. hill country, supposed to mean Hebron, one hundred miles from Nazareth. 41. filled, having a spirit of prophecy.

47. hath rejoiced, rather 'rejoices.' 48. low estate, lowly condition.

49. great things, 'miracles.' 51. arm, power.

52. put down the mighty, the kings from David had lost the throne, but from one of the humblest of the royal seed springs the Messiah. 53. filled the

hungry, given the favour long desired by the rich, to a poor family.

54. holpen, interposed in behalf of, in remembrance of his mercy, promised to the patriarchs: comp. Gen. xvii. 19; Is. lv. 3; Rom. xi. 29.

59. called him, a name was given at circumcision, for then Abraham's name was changed; but it was no part of the rite.

63. writing table, a board covered with wax, on which the ancients wrote.

65. fear, a religious awe. 68. visited, in sending the Messiah.

69. an horn of salvation, or a mighty Saviour. 71. saved from our enemies, &c. 74. serve him without fear, &c. live under a protecting, gentle, and just reign.

75. all, &c. denote constancy of service. 76. thou, child, John. prepare his ways, point him out as the Messiah, and enforce repentance and faith in him.

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people * by the remission of their sins,
78 Through the † tender mercy of our God; whereby the † dayspring from on high hath visited us,

79 To † give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

CHAP. II.

AND it came to pass * in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be ‡ taxed.

2 (And † this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto † the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; († because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping † watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: † and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, * which shall be to all people.

11 For † unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, * which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And † suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory † to God in the highest, and on earth † peace, † good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, * the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

A. M. 3999.

* or, for.
† or, bowels of the mercy.

‡ or, sun-rising, or, branch.
Nu. 24. 17.
Zec. 3. 8.

a Is. 9. 2.
Mat. 4. 16.
Ac. 26. 18.

b Ge. 37. 11.
c Before the Account called Anno Domini the Fifth Year.

d Ge. 17. 12.
§ or, enrolled.
e Ac. 5. 37.

f Mat. 1. 21, 25
g Le. 12. 2, 4, 6
h 1 Sa. 16. 1, 4.

i Jno. 7. 42.
j Mat. 1. 16.
k Ex. 13. 2.

Nu. 3. 13.
l Le. 12. 2, 6, 8.
m Is. 40. 1.

Mar. 15. 43.
n Ps. 89. 43.
o He. 11. 5.

|| or, the night watches.
p Mat. 4. 1.

q ch. 1. 12.
r Ge. 46. 30.
s Phi. 1. 23.

t Ge. 12. 3.
u Mat. 28. 19.
v Mar. 1. 15.

w Col. 1. 23.
x Is. 9. 6.
y ch. 3. 6.

z Is. 52. 10.
aa Phi. 2. 11.
ab Is. 42. 6.

ac 60. 1, 3.
ad Ac. 13. 47.
ae Ge. 28. 12.

af 32. 1, 2.
ag Re. 5. 11.
ah Ep. 1. 6.

ai 3. 10, 21.
aj Ro. 5. 1.
ak Ep. 2. 17.

al Jno. 3. 16.
am 2 Th. 2. 16.
an Ro. 9. 32, 33.

ao 2 Co. 2. 16.
ap 1 Pe. 2. 7, 8.
aq Ac. 28. 22.

ar the men the shepherds.
as Jno. 19. 25.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But † Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

21 And † when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called † JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when † the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, † Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord:)

24 And to offer a sacrifice according to † that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, † waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not † see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came † by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 Lord, † now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 For mine eyes † have seen thy salvation,

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32 A † light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the † fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for † a sign which shall be spoken against;

35 (Yea, † a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

36 And there was one Anna, a pro-

77. To give knowledge, by preaching the glad tidings. 78. dayspring, some read 'rising sun,' alluding to Malachi iv. 2. 79. to them—in darkness, the Gentiles, our feet, i. e. of the Jews. 80. the child, John. in the deserts, or hill country, retired from the world.

CHAP. II.—1. Cæsar Augustus, the Roman emperor under whom Herod was a subordinate king. all the world, i. e. the countries subject to Rome. taxed, 'enrolled,' or registered for taxation. 2. was first made, or rather, first took effect. when Cyrenius, &c. which was eleven years after the birth of Christ. Cyrenius, called by the Romans Quirinius. 4. city of David, where he was born: see 1 Sam. xvi. 1, 4. 7. swaddling clothes, usually bound round new-born infants: see Ezek. xvi. 4. manger, or stable, the place where cattle were quartered, though different

from our stables, being in caves or court-yards. inn, means a private house for accommodating travellers. 11. Christ, the Messiah. 22. her purification, viz. forty days: Lev. xii. 2, 6. 24. turtledoves, an allowed substitute of the poor for a lamb: Lev. xii. 6—8. 25. waiting for the consolation, &c. expecting the coming of the Messiah. Holy Ghost was upon him, he was under Divine influence. 26. the Lord's Christ, 'the anointed of the Lord,' that is, Messiah. 27. by the Spirit, under His guidance. 34. fall, by rejecting Christ. rising again, or 'rising up' of those who would receive him. for a sign, &c. the very 'mark or butt' of contradiction and opposition to all orders of men. 35. a sword, predicting that her bosom should be pierced with sorrows. that the thoughts, the state of men's hearts would be seen by their reception or rejection of the Saviour. 36. a

phetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers ^c night and day.

38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that ^d looked for redemption in ^e Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

40 And ^f the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem ^g every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And ^h when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And ⁱ all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about ^j my Father's business?

50 And ^k they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother ^l kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus ^m increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

CHAP. III.

NOW in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cæsar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judæa, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituræa and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

2 ⁿ Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

3 And ^o he came into all the country

A. M. 4000.

a ch. 1. 77.

b Is. 40. 3.

c Mat. 3. 3.

d Mar. 1. 3.

e Jno. 1. 23.

f Ac. 26. 7.

g Ti. 5. 5.

h ch. 24. 21.

i Mar. 15. 43.

j or, Israel.

k ch. 2. 10.

l Ps. 98. 2.

m Is. 52. 10.

n Mat. 3. 7.

o ver. 52.

p ch. 1. 50.

q Is. 1. 16. 17.

r or, meet for.

s Is. 48. 1, 2.

t Je. 7. 4. 10.

u Jno. 8. 33.

v Ro. 9. 7.

w Ex. 23. 15, 17.

x 34. 23.

y De. 16. 1, 16.

z A. D. 8.

a Mat. 7. 19.

b Ac. 2. 37.

c ch. 11. 41.

d 2 Co. 8. 14.

e Ja. 2. 15, 16.

f Jno. 3. 17.

g 4. 20.

h ch. 7. 29.

i Mat. 21. 32.

j ch. 19. 8.

k ch. 4. 22, 32.

l Mat. 7. 28.

m Mar. 1. 22.

n Jno. 7. 15, 46.

o or, Put no man in fear.

p Ex. 23. 1.

q Le. 19. 11.

r or, allowance.

s or, in suspense.

t or, reasoned, or, debated.

u Mat. 3. 11.

v Jno. 2. 16.

w ch. 9. 45.

x 18. 34.

y Joel 2. 28, 29.

z Jno. 7. 38.

a 1 Co. 12. 13.

b ver. 19.

c Da. 7. 28.

d Mi. 4. 12.

e Mat. 13. 30.

f 1 Sa. 2. 26.

g or, age.

h Mat. 14. 3.

i Mar. 6. 17.

j Jno. 11. 49.

k 51.

l 18. 13.

m Ac. 4. 6.

n Mat. 3. 13.

o Jno. 1. 32.

p Mat. 3. 1.

about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance ^a for the remission of sins;

4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, ^b The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

6 And ^c all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, ^d O generation of vipers, who hath ^e sworn you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore ^f fruits ^g worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, ^h We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: ⁱ every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

10 And the people asked him, saying, ^j What shall we do then?

11 He answereth and saith unto them, ^k He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

12 Then ^l came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?

13 And he said unto them, ^m Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, ⁿ Do violence to no man, ^o neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your ^p wages.

15 And as the people were ^q in expectation, and all men ^r mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;

16 John answered, saying unto them all, ^s I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: ^t he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and ^u will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

18 And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.

19 But ^v Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,

20 Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

21 Now when all the people were baptized, ^w it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

prophetess, 'an instructor,' as 1 Cor. xiv. 3: so Dr. A. Clarke. 37. departed not, none lived in the temple but priests and Levites; it means she was constant at the hours of prayer, i.e. at the morning and evening sacrifices. 38. looked for redemption, expected the Messiah. 43. the days, the eight days of the feast of passover. 44. company, this was immense, from all parts. 46. in the temple, one of its courts, where the doctors taught publicly. in the midst, probably in some low place in the centre of the room, modestly inquiring with other young persons.

CHAP. III.—1. Iturea—Trachonitis—Abilene, countries bordering on Canaan. 2. high priests, there could be but one; Annas had been deposed by the Romans; Caiaphas was in office, but both had the name. word—came, expresses inspiration: Jer. i. 2, 4, &c.; Hos. i. 1. 5. Every valley, &c. all hindrances shall be removed: see Isa. xl. 4, &c. 7. vipers, &c. see Matt. iii. notes, for various passages in this chapter. 11. impart, &c. a figurative exhortation to charity. 13. Exact no more, be strictly just in your office. 14. Do violence, &c. extort not money by ill usage.

The genealogy of Christ.

22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

23 And Jesus himself began to be about ^c thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) ^d the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

24 Which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi, which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Janna, which was the son of Joseph,

25 Which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Amos, which was the son of Naum, which was the son of Esli, which was the son of Nagge,

26 Which was the son of Maath, which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Semei, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Juda,

27 Which was the son of Joanna, which was the son of Rhesa, which was the son of Zorobabel, which was the son of Salathiel, which was the son of Neri,

28 Which was the son of Melchi, which was the son of Addi, which was the son of Cosam, which was the son of Elmodam, which was the son of Er,

29 Which was the son of Jose, which was the son of Eliezzer, which was the son of Jorin, which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi,

30 Which was the son of Simeon, which was the son of Juda, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Jonan, which was the son of Eliakim,

31 Which was the son of Melea, which was the son of Menan, which was the son of ^o Nathan, ^p which was the son of David,

32 Which ^q was the son of Jesse, which was the son of Obed, which was the son of Booz, which was the son of Salmon, which was the son of Naasson,

33 Which was the son of Aminadab, which was the son of Aran, which was the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares, which was the son of Juda,

34 Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham, ^r which was the son of Thara, which was the son of Nachor,

35 Which was the son of Saruch, which was the son of Ragau, which was the son of Phalec, which was the son of Heber, which was the son of Sala,

36 Which ^s was the son of Cainan, which was the son of Arphaxad, ^t which was the son of Sem, which was the son of Noe, which was the son of Lamech,

37 Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch, which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan,

38 Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, ^u which was the son of God.

CHAP. IV.

AND Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and ^v was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

LUKE.

A. D. 27.

^a Ex. 34. 28.
¹ Ki. 19. 8.

^b Jno. 4. 6.
^{He} 4. 15.

^c Nu. 4. 3, &c.
^d Mat. 13. 55.

^{Jno.} 6. 42.
^e De. 8. 3.

^{Is} 8. 20.
^{Ep.} 6. 17.

^f Jno. 8. 44.
² Co. 11. 14.

^{Re.} 12. 9.
^g Jno. 12. 31.

¹⁴ 30.
^{Re.} 13. 2, 7.

^h De. 6. 13.
¹⁰ 20.

ⁱ Mat. 4. 5.
^k Ps. 91. 11.

^l De. 6. 16.
^m Jno. 14. 30.

^{He} 4. 15.
ⁿ Mat. 4. 12.

^{Jno.} 4. 43.
^o Zec. 12. 12.

^p 2 Sa. 5. 14.
¹ Ch. 3. 5.

^q Ac. 10. 37.
^r Ru. 4. 18, &c.

¹ Ch. 2. 10, &c.
^t Mat. 2. 23.

¹³ 54.
^{Mar.} 6. 1.

^u Ac. 13. 14.
¹⁷ 2.

^v Ge. 11. 24, 26.
¹⁰ Is. 11. 2, 4.

⁶¹ 1.
^x Ps. 2. 2, 6.

^{Da.} 9. 24.
^{Jno.} 1. 41.

^{Ac.} 10. 38.
^y Ge. 11. 12.

^z Ge. 5. 6, &c.
¹¹ 10, &c.

^a Le. 25. 8, &c.
² Co. 6. 2.

^b Ac. 3. 12.
^c Ge. 5. 1, 2.

^d Jno. 1. 45.
^e ch. 2. 47.

^{Ps.} 45. 2.
^{Mat.} 13. 54.

^{Mar.} 6. 2.
^f Is. 11. 2, 4.

⁶¹ 1.
^{Mat.} 4. 1, &c.

^{Mar.} 1. 12, &c.
^{Ac.} 10. 38.

^g ver. 14.
^{ch.} 2. 27.

^h Jno. 6. 42.

He is tempted of the devil.

2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And ^a in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, ^b he afterward hungered.

3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, ^c That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, ^d All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for ^e that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

7 If thou therefore wilt ^f worship me, all shall be thine.

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for ^g it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

9 And ^h he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

10 For ⁱ it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

11 And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12 And Jesus answering said unto him, ^j It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him ^k for a season.

14 ^l And ^m Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into ⁿ Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

16 ^o And he came to ^p Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, ^q he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 ^r The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath ^s anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach ^t the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And ^u the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

22 And all bare him witness, and ^v wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, ^w Is not this Joseph's son?

23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely

23. thirty, the age at which priests entered on their work: Numb. iv. 23; 1 Chron. xxiii. 3. the son of Joseph, &c. this genealogy is in the line of Mary; that in Matthew, of Joseph.

CHAP. IV.—13. for a season, till his crucifixion: comp. ch. xxii. 53, and John xiv. 30. 15. glorified,

i.e. with universal applause. 16. stood, as customary when reading the Scriptures. 17. opened, 'unrolled,' the scroll, which had a latch with a handle at each end.

18. The Spirit, &c. see Isa. lxi. notes. 20. minister, 'servant,' who kept the sacred books fastened on him, waiting his explanation. 21. fulfilled,

say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in ^b Capernaum, do also here ^c in thy country.

24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. 25 But I tell you of a truth, ^f many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

27 And ^g many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.

28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the ^{*} brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

30 But he ^h passing through the midst of them went his way,

31 And ⁱ came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.

32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: ^j for his word was with power.

33 ^k And ^l in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

34 Saying, ^m Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; ⁿ the Holy One of God.

35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when he the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, ^o What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

37 And ^p the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about.

38 ^q And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.

39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

40 ^r Now ^s when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

41 And ^t devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, ^u Thou art Christ the Son of God. And ^v he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them.

43 And he said unto them, ^w I must reach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

A. D. 31.

^a Mar. 1. 39.

^b Mat. 4. 13.

^c Mar. 6. 1.

^d Mar. 4. 18.

^e &c.

^f Mar. 1. 16.

^g &c.

^h Mat. 13. 57.

ⁱ Mar. 6. 4.

^j Jno. 4. 44.

^k 1 Ki. 17. 9.

^l 18. 1.

^m Ja. 5. 17.

ⁿ 2 Ki. 5. 14.

^o Jno. 21. 6.

^p Ps. 127. 1, 2.

^q 2 Ki. 5. 10.

^r 14.

^s Jno. 2. 5.

^t 15. 14.

^u Ec. 11. 6.

^v 1 Co. 15. 58.

^w Ga. 6. 9.

^x or, edge.

^y Jno. 8. 59.

^z 10. 39.

^a Mat. 4. 13.

^b Mar. 1. 21.

^c 2 Sa. 6. 9.

^d 1 Ki. 17. 18.

^e P Mat. 6. 23, 29.

^f Tit. 2. 15.

^g Mar. 1. 23.

^h or, Away.

ⁱ ch. 1. 35.

^j Ps. 16. 10.

^k Da. 9. 24.

^l ch. 18. 28.

^m Mat. 4. 20.

ⁿ 19. 27.

^o Mar. 1. 18.

^p Mat. 8. 2, &c.

^q Mar. 1. 40.

^r &c.

^s Ac. 19. 11, 17.

^t Is. 52. 13.

^u Ge. 1. 3, 9.

^v Ps. 33. 9.

^w Eze. 36. 29.

^x Mat. 8. 14.

^y Mar. 1. 29.

^z Ja. 5. 14, 15.

^a b. Le. 14. 4, &c.

^b Mat. 8. 16.

^c Mar. 1. 32.

^d Mat. 4. 25.

^e Mar. 3. 7.

^f Jno. 6. 2.

^g Mat. 14. 23.

^h Mar. 6. 46.

ⁱ Mar. 1. 34.

^j 3. 11.

^k Ac. 16. 17, 18.

^l Ja. 2. 19.

^m Mar. 1. 25, 34

ⁿ or, to say

^o that they

^p knew him

^q to be Christ.

^r i. Ac. 4. 30.

^s 19. 11.

^t k. Mat. 9. 2, &c.

^u Mar. 2. 3, &c.

^v Jno. 9. 4.

^w Ac. 10. 38.

^x 2 Ti. 4. 2.

44 And ^a he preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

CHAP. V.

AND ^d it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing ^e their nets.

3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, ^f Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, ^g we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: ^h nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6 And when they had this done, ⁱ they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

7 And they beckoned unto ^j their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw ^k it he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, ^l Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

11 And when they had brought their ships to land, ^m they forsook all, and followed him.

12 ⁿ And ^o it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on ^p his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

13 And he put forth ^q his hand, and touched him, saying, ^r I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

14 And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, ^s according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

15 But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: ^t and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

16 ^u And ^v he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judæa, and Jerusalem: ^w and the power of the Lord was ^x present to heal them.

18 ^y And, ^z behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought ^a means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19 And when they could not find by what

what you have heard. 23. do also here, the same reported miracles, that we may judge who thou art. a. No prophet, one reason for not assenting. 25. I

tell you, &c. another reason, God's sovereignty, and an intimation of mercy for Gentiles.

CHAP. V.—6. net brake, rather, 'began to break.

The call of Matthew.

way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the house-top, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

20 And ^c when he saw their faith, he said unto him, ^d Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? ^f Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22 But ^g when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

24 But that ye may know that the Son of man ^h hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go unto thine house.

25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, ⁱ glorifying God.

26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

27 ^j And ^k after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.

28 And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

29 And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: ^l and ^m there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.

30 But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?

31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

32 ⁿ I ^o came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

33 ^p And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?

34 And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while ^q the bridegroom is with them?

35 But ^r the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

36 ^s And ^t he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new ^u agreeth not with the old.

37 And no man putteth new wine into old ^v bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.

38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new; for he saith, The old is better.

LUKE.

A. D. 31.

^a Mat. 12. 1.

^b Mar. 2. 23.

^c De. 23. 25.

^d Ge. 22. 12.

^e Jno. 2. 25.

^f Ja. 2. 18.

^g Ps. 107. 17, 18.

^h Is. 38. 17.

ⁱ Col. 3. 13.

^j Ex. 20. 10.

^k Ps. 32. 5.

^l Is. 43. 25.

^m 1 Sa. 21. 6.

ⁿ Ps. 139. 2.

^o Mat. 12. 25.

^p He. 4. 12, 13.

^q Le. 24. 9.

^r Is. 53. 11.

^s Mat. 28. 18.

^t Jno. 5. 22, 23.

^u 17. 2.

^v Ac. 5. 31.

^w Re. 1. 10.

^x ch. 13. 14.

^y 14. 3.

^z Mat. 12. 9.

^{aa} &c.

^{ab} Mar. 3. 1, &c.

^{ac} Jno. 9. 16.

^{ad} Ps. 34. 8.

^{ae} 50. 23.

^{af} 103. 1. 3.

^{ag} Jno. 9. 24.

^{ah} 1 Ki. 13. 4.

^{ai} Zec. 11. 17.

^{aj} Jno. 5. 3.

^{ak} P. Ps. 37. 32, 33.

^{al} 38. 12.

^{am} Is. 29. 21.

^{an} Je. 20. 10.

^{ao} ^r Mat. 9. 9, &c.

^{ap} Mar. 2. 13.

^{aq} &c.

^{ar} ch. 15. 1.

^{as} Ps. 2. 1, 2.

^{at} Ec. 9. 3.

^{au} Ac. 7. 54.

^{av} ^u Mat. 14. 23.

^{aw} 1 Co. 6. 9, 11.

^{ax} 1 Ti. 1. 15.

^{ay} 2 Pe. 3. 9.

^{az} ^y Mat. 10. 1.

^{ba} Jno. 1. 42.

^{bb} Is. 54. 5.

^{bc} 62. 5.

^{bd} Zep. 3. 17.

^{be} 2 Co. 11. 2.

^{bf} Ep. 5. 25, &c.

^{bg} ^a Jno. 12. 8.

^{bh} 13. 33.

^{bi} 14. 3, 4.

^{bj} Ac. 1. 9.

^{bk} 3. 21.

^{bl} ^b Jude 1.

^{bm} ^c Mat. 9. 16, 17.

^{bn} Mar. 2. 21, 22.

^{bo} ^d Mat. 4. 25.

^{bp} Mar. 3. 7.

^{bq} ^e De. 22. 11.

^{br} 2 Co. 6. 16.

^{bs} ^f Ps. 119. 83.

^{bt} ^g Mat. 14. 36.

^{bu} ^h ch. 8. 46.

^{bv} ^h Mar. 5. 30.

^{bw} ⁱ Mat. 5. 3, &c.

^{bx} 11. 5.

^{by} Ja. 2. 5.

The twelve apostles chosen.

CHAP. VI.

AND ^a it came to pass on the second sabbath after the first, that he went through the corn fields; ^b and his disciples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands.

2 And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that ^c which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days?

3 And Jesus answering them said, Have ye not read so much as this, ^d what David did, when himself was an hungry, and they which were with him;

4 How he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the shewbread, and gave also to them that were with him; ^e which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests alone?

5 And he said unto them, That ^f the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

6 And ^g it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man ^h whose right hand was withered.

7 And the scribes and Pharisees watched ⁱ him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him.

8 But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.

9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?

10 And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

11 And ^j they were filled with madness, and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

12 And ^k it came to pass in those days that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

13 ^l And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples; ^m and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

14 Simon, (ⁿ whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,

15 Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes,

16 And Judas ^o the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

17 ^p And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, ^q and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

19 And the whole multitude ^r sought to touch him: for ^s there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

20 ^t And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, ^u Blessed be ye poor: for your's is the kingdom of God.

26. strange, 'wonderful.' 27. Levi, called Matthew, Matt. ix. 9. 39. better, smoother. It means, gradual discipline was needed for the disciples.

CHAP. VI.—1. after the first, Boothroyd supplies 'after the first day of unleavened bread:' so Dodd. Newcome, &c. 12. in prayer, in a proseucha or

'oratory,' a small building for retirement and devotion. 19. went virtue, i.e. an exertion of his Divine power.

20. and said, this sermon is not that delivered on the mount, for this was in a plain (ver. 17), that sitting, this standing (ver. 17); and some matter differs, but much explained in notes there.

21 Blessed ^a are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. ^b Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

22 Blessed ^a are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they ^b shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 Rejoice ^a ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for ^b in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

24 But ^a woe unto you ^b that are rich! for ^c ye have received your consolation.

25 Woe ^a unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. ^b Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

26 Woe ^a unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

27 ^a But ^b I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

28 Bless them that curse you, and ^b pray for them which despitefully use you.

29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; ^b and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also.

30 Give ^a to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask ^b them not again.

31 And ^a as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

34 And if ye lend to ^b them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and ^b lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

37 Judge ^a not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

38 Give, ^a and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your ^b bosom. For ^c with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

39 And he spake a parable unto them, ^a Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

40 The ^a disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own

A. D. 31.

a Is. 55. 1.

65. 13.

b Pr. 18. 17.

c Is. 61. 3.

d 1 Pe. 2. 19.

3. 14.

4. 14.

e Jno. 16. 2.

f Mat. 7. 16.

17.

g Mat. 12. 33.

35.

h Ac. 5. 41.

Col. 1. 24.

Ja. 1. 2.

i a grape.

Ac. 7. 51.

k Am. 6. 1.

Ja. 5. 1.

l ch. 12. 21.

m ch. 16. 25.

Mat. 6. 2, 5.

16.

n Is. 65. 13.

o Pr. 14. 13.

p ch. 13. 25.

Mal. 1. 6.

Mat. 7. 21.

25. 11.

r Jno. 15. 19.

1 Jno. 4. 5.

s Mat. 7. 24.

t Ex. 23. 4.

Pr. 25. 2.

Ro. 12. 20.

u Pr. 10. 25.

Is. 28. 16.

v 2 Th. 2. 19.

ch. 23. 34.

Ac. 7. 60.

w Jno. 16. 33.

x Ac. 14. 22.

Ro. 8. 35.

39.

1 Co. 15. 55.

58.

y 2 Pe. 1. 10.

Jude 24.

z 1 Co. 6. 7.

a De. 15. 7, 8, 10.

Pr. 21. 26.

b Mat. 7. 12.

c Mat. 8. 5, &c.

d 2 Ki. 5. 1, &c.

Job 31. 15.

Ac. 10. 7.

Col. 4. 1.

e Jno. 4. 47.

f Ps. 37. 26.

g 1 Ki. 5. 1.

Ga. 5. 6.

h 1 Jno. 3. 14.

i Mat. 7. 1, &c.

k Pr. 29. 23.

l Pr. 19. 17.

m Ps. 107. 20.

n Ps. 79. 12.

o Mar. 4. 24.

Ja. 2. 13.

p this man.

q Mat. 15. 14.

r Mat. 10. 24.

s Jno. 13. 16.

15. 20.

t or, shall be perfected as his master.

eye? Thou hypocrite, ^b cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

43 For ^a a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

44 For ^a every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they ^b grapes.

45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

46 ^a And ^b why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

47 Whosoever ^a cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, ^b and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, ^c the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and ^d could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

CHAP. VII.

NOW when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, ^a he entered into Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion's servant, ^a who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.

3 And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, ^a beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant.

4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this:

5 For ^a he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

6 Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: ^a for I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof:

7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but ^a I say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.

8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto ^a one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

9 When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

11 ^a And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and

22. cast, &c. by excommunication. 24. woe unto you, many critics prefer, 'Alas for you!' rich, of the synagogue, loving riches, despising Christ. 25. full, satisfied with earthly things as your portion. 26. speak well of you, alluding to the Jewish priests

and doctors, who made themselves popular. 28. bosom, the lap or fold of loose garments, worn in the east and used for carrying articles. 49. The rains and floods are violent in the hilly country of Judea.

many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow : and much people of the city was with her.

13 And when the Lord saw her, ^b he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

14 And he came and touched the ^b bier : and they that bare *him* stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, ^d Arise.

15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

16 And ^e there came a fear on all : and they glorified God, saying, ^e That a great prophet is risen up among us ; and, ^f That God hath visited his people.

17 And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judæa, and throughout all the region round about.

18 And ^g the disciples of John shewed him of all these things.

19 ^h And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent *them* to Jesus, saying, Art thou ⁱ he that should come ? or look we for another ?

20 When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come ? or look we for another ?

21 And in the same hour he cured many of *their* infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits ; and unto many *that were* blind he gave sight.

22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard ; ^j how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, ^k to the poor the gospel is preached.

23 And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be ^l offended in me.

24 ^m And ⁿ when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see ? A reed shaken with the wind ?

25 But what went ye out for to see ? A man clothed in soft raiment ? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts.

26 But what went ye out for to see ? A prophet ? Yea, I say unto you, ^o and much more than a prophet.

27 This is *he*, of whom it is written, ^p Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist : but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

29 And all the people that heard *him*, and the publicans, justified God, ^q being baptized with the baptism of John.

30 But the Pharisees and lawyers ^r rejected ^s the counsel of God ^t against

A. D. 31.

^a Mat. 11. 16.

^b He. 2. 17.

^c ch. 1. 15.

^d Mat. 3. 4.

^e Mar. 1. 6.

^f or, coffin.

^g ch. 8. 54.

^h Jno. 11. 43.

ⁱ Ac. 9. 40.

^j Ro. 4. 17.

^k ch. 1. 65.

^l Mat. 11. 19.

^m ch. 24. 19.

ⁿ Jno. 4. 19.

^o 6. 14.

^p 9. 17.

^q ch. 1. 68.

^r Mat. 26. 6.

^s &c.

^t Mar. 14. 3.

^u &c.

^v Jno. 11. 2.

^w 12. 3, &c.

^x Mat. 11. 2.

^y &c.

^z Ro. 5. 8.

^{aa} 1 Ti. 1. 9, 15.

^{ab} Ge. 49. 10.

^{ac} Nu. 24. 17.

^{ad} Da. 9. 24.

^{ae} Zec. 9. 9.

^{af} Jno. 6. 14.

^{ag} Is. 61. 3.

^{ah} Mat. 5. 4.

^{ai} 2 Co. 7. 10, 11.

^{aj} Ja. 4. 9, 10.

^{ak} Is. 65. 5.

^{al} Ph. 15. 2.

^{am} Is. 35. 5.

^{an} 42. 7.

^{ao} Jno. 2. 23.

^{ap} 3. 2.

^{aq} 10. 25.

^{ar} 14. 11.

^{as} Ro. 5. 20.

^{at} 1 Ti. 1. 15, 16.

^{au} ch. 4. 18.

^{av} [†] See Mat. 18.

^{aw} 28.

^{ax} Ps. 32. 1. 5.

^{ay} 103. 3.

^{az} Ac. 13. 38, 39.

^{ba} Ro. 3. 24.

^{bb} 4. 5. 8.

^{bc} Mat. 13. 57.

^{bd} 24. 10.

^{be} 26. 31.

^{bf} 1 Co. 1. 23.

^{bg} 2. 14.

^{bh} ^x Mat. 11. 7.

^{bi} ^y 2 Co. 5. 14, 15.

^{bj} ^z ch. 1. 76.

^{bk} 7. 26.

^{bl} ^a Mal. 3. 1.

^{bm} Mar. 1. 2.

^{bn} Ps. 23. 5.

^{bo} ^c 1 Ti. 1. 14.

^{bp} ^d Mat. 9. 2, &c.

^{bq} Mar. 2. 5, &c.

^{br} ^e ch. 3. 12.

^{bs} Mat. 3. 5.

^{bt} [†] or, frustrated.

^{bu} ^f Ac. 20. 27.

^{bv} [§] or, within themselves.

themselves, being not baptized of him ³¹ ^a And the Lord said, ^a Whereunt then shall I liken the men of this generation ? and to what are they like ?

³² They are like unto children sitting in the marketplace, and calling one to another and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced ; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept.

³³ For ^e John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine ; and ye say, He hath a devil.

³⁴ The Son of man is come eating and drinking ; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners !

³⁵ But ^f wisdom is justified of all her children.

³⁶ ^g And ^g one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.

³⁷ And, behold, a woman in the city, ^h which was a sinner, when she knew that ⁱ Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

³⁸ And stood at his feet behind him ^j weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe *them* with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed *them* with the ointment.

³⁹ Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw *it*, ^k he spake within himself, saying, ^k This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman *this* is that toucheth him : for she is a sinner.

⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.

⁴¹ There was a certain creditor which had two debtors : ^l the one owed five hundred [†] pence, and the other fifty.

⁴² And when they had nothing to pay, ^m he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most ?

⁴³ Simon answered and said, ⁿ I suppose that *he*, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

⁴⁴ And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman ? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet : but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head.

⁴⁵ Thou gavest me no kiss : but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

⁴⁶ My ^o head with oil thou didst not anoint : but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.

⁴⁷ Wherefore ^p I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven ; for she loved much : but to whom little is forgiven, the *same* loveth little.

⁴⁸ And he said unto her, ^q Thy sins are forgiven.

⁴⁹ And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is *this* that forgiveth sins also ?

12. carried out, Jewish burial grounds, being unclean, were outside their cities. much people, these processions were always joined by those who met them. 14. bier, on this the corpse was carried, covered only by a cloth. 16. fear, 'awe.' 29. And all, &c. Doddridge considers this as containing the words of Christ here continued. justified, acknowledged his justice in calling them to repentance. 30. rejected, &c. thinking themselves too good for repentance. 37. And behold,

&c. not the same story as in Matt. xvi. 6 ; Mark xiv. 3 ; and John xii. 2. That happened at Bethany, this seems to have occurred at Capernaum ; the woman here was one in the city of Nain or Capernaum, the woman there was of Bethany. Several other differences occur : so Holden. 37. sinner, heathen. 38. stood at his feet, he reclining on a couch. 44-46. water-kiss-oil, customary tokens of respect or affection : see Gen. xiv. 32 ; 2 Sam. xx. 9 ; Ps. xliii. 5.

50 And he said to the woman, ^a Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

CHAP. VIII.

AND it came to pass afterward, that ^b he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,

2 And ^c certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, ^d out of whom went seven devils,

3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

4 ^e And ^f when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:

5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

6 And some fell upon ^g a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

7 And some fell among ^h thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

8 And other fell on ⁱ good ground, and sprang up, ^j and bare fruit an hundred-fold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

9 And ^k his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?

10 And he said, ^l Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; ^m that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

11 Now ⁿ the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 Those by the way side are they that hear; ^o then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, ^p lest they should believe and be saved.

13 They on the rock are ^q they, which, when they hear, ^r receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall ^s away.

14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, ^t and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of ^u this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep ^v it, ^w and bring forth fruit with patience.

16 ^x No ^y man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.

17 For ^z nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither ^{aa} any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: ^{ab} for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he ^{ac} seemeth to have.

19 ^{ad} Then ^{ae} came to him his mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press.

20 And it was told him by certain which

A. D. 31.

^a Mat. 9. 22.^b Mar. 5. 34.^c Ac. 10. 38.^d Mat. 8. 23.^e Mar. 4. 35.^f Mar. 4. 35.^g Mar. 4. 35.^h Mar. 16. 9.ⁱ Mat. 13. 2.^j &c.^k Ge. 1. 9, 10.^l Pr. 8. 29.^m 30. 4.ⁿ Eze. 11. 19.^o 36. 26.^p Zec. 7. 12.^q Mat. 8. 28.^r 33.^s Mar. 5. 1, &c.^t Je. 4. 3, 4.^u Ro. 7. 18.^v Jno. 15. 8.^w Ga. 5. 22, 23.^x Phi. 1. 11.^y Mar. 4. 10.^z 1 Co. 2. 10.^{aa} 1 Jno. 2. 27.^{ab} Ja. 2. 19.^{ac} 2 Pe. 2. 4.^{ad} 1 Jno. 3. 8.^{ae} 1 Is. 6. 9.^{af} Mat. 13. 18.^{ag} &c.^{ah} Mar. 4. 14.^{ai} &c.^{aj} 1 Jno. 2. 13.^{ak} 14.^{al} 3. 12.^{am} Re. 20. 2.^{an} Ac. 28. 27.^{ao} Re. 20. 3.^{ap} 2 Ch. 24. 2.^{aq} 17. &c.^{ar} Eze. 33. 31.^{as} 32.^{at} Ac. 8. 13.^{au} 2 Ti. 1. 15.^{av} 1 Ti. 6. 9, 10.^{aw} 2 Pe. 2. 14, 15.^{ax} 1 Jno. 2. 15.^{ay} 16.^{az} b Ps. 1. 1, 3.^{ba} 92. 13, 15.^{bb} Phi. 4. 17.^{bc} Col. 1. 6, 10.^{bd} He. 6. 7.^{be} 13. 15, 16.^{bf} c ch. 11. 33.^{bg} Mat. 5. 15.^{bh} Mar. 4. 21.^{bi} 25.^{bj} d Ps. 51. 10.^{bj} Ro. 12. 2.^{bj} Ep. 4. 22, 24.^{bj} Col. 3. 9, 10.^{bj} e ch. 12. 2.^{bj} Mat. 10. 26.^{bj} f Mat. 8. 34.^{bj} g De. 5. 25.^{bj} 1 Ki. 17. 18.^{bj} Ac. 16. 39.^{bj} h ch. 19. 26.^{bj} Mat. 13. 12.^{bj} 25. 29.^{bj} i Mar. 5. 18.^{bj} 21.^{bj} or, thinketh that he hath.^{bj} k Mat. 12. 46.^{bj} 50.^{bj} Mar. 3. 31.^{bj} 35.

said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee.

21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

22 ¹ Now ² it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled ³ with water, and were in jeopardy.

24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, ⁴ What manner of man is this: for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

26 ⁵ And ⁶ they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee.

27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in ⁷ any house, but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, ⁸ torment me not.

29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out ⁹ into the deep.

32 And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.

33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.

34 When they that fed ¹⁰ them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told ¹¹ it in the city and in the country.

35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, ¹² and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

36 They also which saw ¹³ it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.

37 ¹⁴ Then ¹⁵ the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about ¹⁶ besought him to depart from them: for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship and returned back again.

38 Now ¹⁷ the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying,

39 Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto

thee. And he went his way, ^a and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

40 And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people *gladly* received him: ^c for they were all waiting for him.

41 [¶] And, ^d behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house:

42 For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.

43 [¶] And ^f a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,

44 Came behind *him*, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stancheth.

45 And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that ^a virtue is gone out of me.

47 And ^e when the woman saw that she was not hid, ^g she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.

48 And he said unto her, ^h Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

49 [¶] While ⁱ he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead: ^j trouble not the Master.

50 But when Jesus heard *it*, he answered him, saying, Fear not: ^k believe only, and she shall be made whole.

51 And when he came into the house, ^l he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden.

52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, ^m but sleepeth.

53 And ⁿ they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.

54 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, ^o arise.

55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.

56 And her parents were astonished: but ^p he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

CHAP. IX.

THEN ^q he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

2 And ^r he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

3 And ^s he said unto them, Take nothing for *your* journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.

A. D. 31.

^a De. 10. 21.

Ps. 66. 16.

126. 2. 3.

Jno. 4. 29.

^b Ac. 13. 51.

^c Pr. 8. 34.

Ac. 10. 33.

^d Mat. 9. 18, 19.

Mar. 5. 22.

^e Mat. 14. 1.

&c.

^f Mat. 9. 20.

22.

^g ch. 23. 8.

^h Mar. 6. 30.

&c.

ⁱ Mat. 14. 13.

^k Is. 61. 1.

Jno. 6. 37.

^l He. 4. 16.

^m Mat. 14. 15.

Jno. 6. 1, 5.

ⁿ ch. 6. 19.

Mar. 5. 30.

^o Ps. 38. 9.

Je. 31. 18.

Ho. 5. 3.

^p Is. 66. 2.

2 Co. 7. 15.

Phi. 2. 12.

He. 12. 28.

^q 2 Ki. 4. 42.

14.

^r 2 Co. 6. 18.

^s Mar. 5. 35.

&c.

^t Is. 7. 12.

Jno. 4. 34.

^u Jno. 11. 25.

40.

Ro. 4. 20.

^v 2 Ki. 4. 33.

36.

Is. 42. 2.

Ac. 9. 40.

^y Mat. 16. 13.

&c.

Mar. 8. 27.

&c.

^z Jno. 11. 11, 13.

17. 2.

Ps. 22. 7.

^b ver. 7. 8.

Mat. 14. 2.

^c ch. 7. 14.

Jno. 11. 43.

Ro. 4. 17.

^d Jno. 6. 69.

Ac. 8. 37.

^e 1 Jno. 5. 1.

^f Mat. 8. 4.

9. 30.

Mar. 5. 43.

^g Mat. 17. 22.

Ac. 4. 25. 28.

13. 27. 29.

1 Co. 15. 34.

1 Pe. 1. 11.

^h Mat. 10. 1.

&c.

Mar. 3. 13.

&c.

6. 7. 33.

ⁱ ch. 14. 27.

Mat. 10. 38.

^j ch. 10. 1, 9.

22. 35.

^k ch. 10. 4.

Mat. 16. 26.

Ac. 1. 25.

2 Pe. 2. 15.

17.

^m 2 Ti. 2. 12.

5 And whosoever will not receive you when ye go out of that city, ^a shake of the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

7 [¶] Now ^b Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some that John was risen from the dead;

8 And of some, that Elias had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again.

9 And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things? ^c And he desired to see him.

10 [¶] And ^d the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done.

11 And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.

12 And the people, when they knew *it*, followed him: ^e and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God,

13 and healed them that had need of healing.

14 And ^f when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place.

15 But he said unto them, ^g Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people.

16 For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company.

17 And they did so, and made them all sit down.

18 Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

19 And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

20 [¶] And ^h it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

21 They answering said, ⁱ John the Baptist; but some *say*, Elias; and others *say*, that one of the old prophets is risen again.

22 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, ^j The Christ of God.

23 And he straightly charged them, and commanded *them* to tell no man that thing;

24 Saying, ^k The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

25 [¶] And ^l he said to *them* all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

26 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

27 For ^m what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

28 For ⁿ whosoever shall be ashamed

of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

27 But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.

28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:

31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.

34 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud.

35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

36 And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

37 And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him.

38 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child.

39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

40 And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not.

41 And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.

42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

43 And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,

44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.

45 But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying.

46 Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest.

47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought

A. D. 32.

^a Mat. 10. 40.

^a Jno. 12. 44.

^b Mat. 23. 11.

^c Mat. 17. 1.

^d Mar. 9. 2.

^e or, things.

^f Nu. 11. 28.

^g He. 5. 7.

^h ch. 11. 23.

ⁱ Mat. 12. 30.

^j Mar. 16. 19.

^k Ac. 1. 2.

^l 1 Sa. 26. 12.

^m Da. 8. 18.

ⁿ Jno. 4. 4, 9.

^o Ja. 1. 19, 20.

^p Ps. 4. 6, 7.

^q 27. 4.

^r 63. 2, 5.

^s Jno. 14. 8.

^t 2 Co. 4. 6.

^u 2 Ki. 1. 10, 12.

^v Job 31. 29.

^w Pr. 9. 8.

^x Ex. 40. 34.

^y Ps. 18. 9, 11.

^z Is. 19. 1.

^{aa} Je. 17. 9.

^{ab} Ja. 3. 10.

^{ac} 1 Pe. 3. 9.

^{ad} Re. 1. 17.

^{ae} Jno. 3. 17.

^{af} 12. 47.

^{ag} 1 Jno. 4. 14.

^{ah} Mat. 3. 17.

^{ai} De. 18. 18, 19.

^{aj} Is. 55. 3, 4.

^{ak} Ac. 3. 22.

^{al} He. 2. 3.

^{am} 3. 7, &c.

^{an} Mat. 17. 9.

^{ao} Mat. 17. 14.

^{ap} &c.

^{aq} Mar. 9. 14.

^{ar} 17, &c.

^{as} ch. 15. 32.

^{at} Ep. 2. 1, 5.

^{au} Re. 3. 1.

^{av} 1 Ki. 19. 20.

^{aw} Ps. 78. 8, 9.

^{ax} 2 Ti. 4. 10.

^{ay} Mat. 10. 1.

^{az} &c.

^{ba} Mar. 6. 7, &c.

^{bb} Mar. 9. 37.

^{bc} 38.

^{bd} Jno. 4. 35.

^{be} 2 Th. 3. 1.

^{bf} Mat. 17. 22.

^{bg} Mat. 10. 16.

^{bh} ch. 2. 50.

^{bi} 18. 34.

^{bj} Mar. 9. 32.

^{bk} ch. 9. 3.

^{bl} 2 Ki. 4. 29.

^{bm} Jno. 4. 27.

^{bn} 16. 19.

^{bo} Mat. 18. 1.

^{bp} &c.

^{bq} Mar. 9. 34.

^{br} &c.

of their heart, took a child, and set him by him,

48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.

49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.

51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

CHAP. X.

AFTER these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

CHAP. IX.—53. *his face*, &c. because he was going to Jerusalem to worship, and so condemning the Samaritan worship at Gerizim. 62. *plough*, &c. is proverbial, and means here that no man whose heart is set on worldly interests, is fit to preach the gospel.

CHAP. X.—1. *other seventy*, rather 'seventy others,' 4. *salute no man*, eastern salutations were often long and tedious; this means, let not ceremony detain you. 6. *son of peace*, a kind and friendly disposed occupant. *your peace*, &c. your prayer shall not be

Christ foretelleth Satan's fall.

7 And in the same house remain, ^a eating and drinking such things as they give: for ^b the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

9 And ^a heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, ^a The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

11 Even ^a the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

13 Woe ^a unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! ^a for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.

15 And thou, Capernaum, which art ^a exalted to heaven, ^a shalt be thrust down to hell.

16 He ^a that heareth you heareth me; and ^a he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that ^a despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

17 ^a And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, ^a I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, ^a I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because ^a your names are written in heaven.

21 ^a In ^a that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

22 ^a All ^a things are delivered to me of my Father: and ^a no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and ^a he to whom the Son will reveal him.

23 ^a And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, ^a Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:

24 For I tell you, ^a that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things

LUKE.

A. D. 32.

^a 1 Co. 10. 27.

^b 1 Co. 9. 4, &c.

^c 1 Ti. 5. 18.

^d Mat. 19. 16.

^e 22. 35.

^f ch. 9. 2.

^g Mat. 3. 2.

^h De. 6. 5.

ⁱ Le. 19. 18.

^j ch. 9. 5.

^k Ac. 13. 51.

^l 18. 6.

^m Ne. 9. 29.

ⁿ Eze. 20. 11.

^o 13. 21.

^p Ro. 10. 5.

^q ch. 16. 15.

^r Mat. 11. 21.

^s 22. 4.

^t Eze. 3. 6.

^u Ps. 38. 11.

^v Jno. 4. 9.

^w Ge. 11. 4.

^x De. 1. 28.

^y Is. 14. 13.

^z Je. 51. 53.

^{aa} Eze. 26. 20.

^{ab} 32. 18.

^{ac} Mat. 10. 40.

^{ad} Mar. 9. 37.

^{ae} Jno. 13. 20.

^{af} 1 Th. 4. 8.

^{ag} Jno. 5. 23.

^{ah} See Mat.

^{ai} 20. 2.

^{aj} Jno. 12. 31.

^{ak} 16. 11.

^{al} Re. 12. 8, 9.

^{am} Mar. 16. 18.

^{an} Ac. 28. 5.

^{ao} Ex. 32. 32.

^{ap} Ps. 69. 28.

^{aq} Is. 4. 3.

^{ar} Da. 12. 1.

^{as} Phi. 4. 3.

^{at} He. 12. 23.

^{au} Re. 21. 27.

^{av} Mat. 11. 25.

^{aw} Jno. 11. 1.

^{ax} 12. 2, 3.

^{ay} b Ac. 22. 3.

^{az} 1 Co. 7. 32.

^{ba} &c.

^{bb} Many ancient copies add these words, And turning to his disciples, he said,

^{bc} Mat. 28. 18.

^{bd} Jno. 3. 35.

^{be} 5. 27.

^{bf} Jno. 1. 18.

^{bg} 6. 44, 46.

^{bh} Mat. 13. 16.

^{bi} Ps. 27. 4.

^{bj} Ga. 5. 6.

^{bk} 1 Jno. 5. 11.

^{bl} 12.

^{bm} 1 Pe. 1. 10.

Parable of the good Samaritan.

which ye see, and have not seen them, and to hear those things which ye hear and have not heard them.

25 ^a And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, ^a Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

27 And he answering said, ^a Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and ^a thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and ^a thou shalt live.

29 But he, willing to ^a justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, ^a he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain ^a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two ^a pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

38 ^a Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named ^a Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, ^a which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42 But ^a one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

ineffectual. 18. *I beheld, &c.* When I commissioned you, I foresaw the commencement of his overthrow. 19. *to tread, literally and figuratively.* Mark xvi. 18; Acts xxviii. 3, 5. 20. *rejoice not, i.e. not so much at their subjection, as at your enrolment in the register of the celestial city.* Citizens were enrolled. 30. *a certain man, a Jew, from Jerusalem to Jericho, so infested by thieves that it was called 'the bloody way,' and it is still the most dangerous in Palestine.* 32. *on the other side, to escape legal pollution.* 33. *Samaritan, the Jews and the Samaritans were great enemies.* 34. *oil and wine, the wine probably to wash the wounds and to staunch the effusion of blood, and the oil to*

allay the pain after bandaging. These articles were used much by ancient surgeons. They were doubtless among the provisions usually carried in travelling. Gen. xxviii. 18; Judg. xix. 19, &c. *inn, or caravansary, a large square edifice, with a dome and fountain and surrounding benches, where men and cattle quarter together.* 35. *pence, value of both, 15d. English.* 38. *village, Bethany; John xi. 1: xii. 2. received him, signifies hospitably entertained him.* 39. *sat at Jesus' feet, usual with disciples; ch. ii. 46. 40. serving, providing.* 41. *careful, 'over-anxious,' troubled, 'hurried.'* 42. *one thing, spiritual wisdom.*

CHAP. XI.

AND it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, ^o Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us ^{*} day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 For a friend of mine [†] is in journey, ^s come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, [‡] yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And [¶] I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he [§] offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall [¶] your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

14 [¶] And [¶] he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

15 But some of them said, He casteth out devils through [¶] Beelzebub the chief of the devils.

16 And others, tempting him, [¶] sought of him a sign from heaven.

17 But [¶] he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, [¶] Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth.

18 If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub.

19 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? [¶] therefore shall they be your judges.

20 But if I [¶] with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt [¶] the kingdom of God is come upon you.

21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:

A. D. 33.

^a Is. 53. 12.
Col. 2. 15.

¹ Jno. 3. 8.
4. 4.

^{Re. 20. 1. 3.}
^b Mat. 12. 30.

^c Mat. 6. 9. 13
^d Mat. 12. 43

^e Pr. 4. 16.
Is. 43. 22.

^f or, for the day.
57. 20, 21.

^g Jno. 5. 14.
He. 6. 4.

^h or, out of his way.
10. 26.

ⁱ or, out of his way.
2 Pe. 2. 20.

^j ch. 1. 28, 43.
^k ch. 8. 21.

^l Mat. 7. 21.
Ja. 1. 25.

^m 1 Jno. 3. 21
24. 24.

ⁿ Mat. 12. 32, &c.
^o ch. 18. 1, &c.

^p Ro. 15. 30.
^q Mat. 3. 7.

^r 27. 24, 25.
Jno. 8. 44.

^s Ac. 7. 51, 52.
^t Mat. 7. 7. 11.

^u 21. 22.
Mar. 11. 24.

^v Jno. 15. 7.
Ja. 1. 6.

^w 1 Jno. 3. 22.
^x Jon. 1. 17.

^y 1 Ki. 10. 1.
^z give.

^{aa} Jon. 3. 5.
^{ab} ch. 8. 16.

^{ac} Mat. 5. 15.
Mar. 4. 21.

^{ad} Mat. 9. 32, &c.
12. 22, &c.

^{ae} See Mat. 5. 15.

^{af} Mat. 6. 22.
^{ag} Beelzebub, and so

^{ah} ver. 18, 19.
^{ai} Ps. 81. 12.

^{aj} Pr. 28. 22.
Je. 5. 21.

^{ak} Ro. 11. 8. 10.
^{al} 2 Co. 4. 4.

^{am} Mat. 12. 38.
16. 1.

^{an} Jno. 2. 25.
^{ao} Mar. 3. 24.

^{ap} a candle by its bright shining.
^{aq} Mar. 7. 3.

^{ar} Job 15. 6.
Ro. 3. 19.

^{as} Ex. 8. 19.
^{at} Da. 2. 44.

^{au} Pr. 26. 25.
30. 12.

^{av} Je. 4. 14.

22 But ^a when a stronger than he shall come upon him and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

23 He ^b that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

24 When ^d the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; ^e and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

25 And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.

26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and ^f the last state of that man is worse than the first.

27 [¶] And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, ^g Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.

28 But he said, Yea ^h rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

29 [¶] And ⁱ when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, ^j This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.

30 For as ^k Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

31 The ^l queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

32 The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they ^m repented at the preaching of Jonas: and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

33 No ⁿ man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.

34 The ^o light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; ^p but when thine eyes are evil, thy body also is full of darkness.

35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

36 If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when ^q the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

37 [¶] And as he spake, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat.

38 And ^r when the Pharisee saw ^s it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner.

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but ^t your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.

40 [¶] Ye fools, did not he that made that

CHAP. XI.—7. in bed, that is, in the same sleeping room, in which it is common in the east for a whole family to sleep, on separate mattresses. 12. egg—scorpion, the body of a scorpion is like an egg, especially if it be a white scorpion. 17. house, i.e. family. 20. finger, i.e. power, or, in other words, spirit. 33. No man, &c. signifies, if he worked a

miracle among such obstinate people, he should act like a man lighting a candle and covering it. 34. light—eye, as a window is called light, because it lets light into a room. single, clear, without blemish. thy whole body, &c. so proportionably is it with things intellectual. 35. be not darkness, or becomes too obscured. 37. dine, or take the first meal. The

which is without make that which is within also?

41 But ^a rather give alms * of such things as ye have; and, behold, ^b all things are clean unto you.

42 But ^c Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, ^d and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

43 Woe / unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.

44 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ^a for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.

45 ¶ Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also.

46 And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.

48 Truly ⁱ ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres.

49 Therefore also said ^j the wisdom of God, ^k I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:

50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;

51 From ^l the blood of Abel unto ^m the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

53 And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things:

54 Laying wait for him, and ⁿ seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.

CHAP. XII.

IN ^a the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

2 For ^b there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

3 Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the house-tops.

4 And / I say unto you ^c my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

A. D. 33.

a ch. 12. 33.

Is. 58. 7.

Da. 4. 27.

* or, as you are able.

b Ro. 14. 14.

18.

Tit. 1. 15.

c Mat. 23. 23.

&c.

† See Mat. 10. 29.

d 1 Sa. 15. 22.

Pr. 21. 3.

Tit. 2. 11, 12.

e Ps. 8. 6.

Is. 43. 3, 4.

Zep. 3. 17.

f Mat. 23. 6.

Mar. 12. 38.

39.

g Mar. 8. 38.

2 Ti. 2. 12.

1 Jno. 2. 23.

h Ps. 5. 9.

i Mat. 12. 31.

32.

Mar. 3. 28.

1 Jno. 5. 16.

k ch. 21. 14.

Mar. 13. 11.

l Job 15. 6.

m Jno. 18. 36.

n Pr. VIII.

1 Co. 1. 30.

Col. 2. 3.

o Mat. 23. 34.

p Col. 3. 5.

1 Ti. 6. 7, &c.

r Ge. 4. 8.

s 2 Ch. 24. 20.

21.

t Ec. 11. 9.

1 Co. 15. 32.

Ja. 5. 5.

† or, forbade.

§ or, do they require thy soul.

u Job 20. 22.

27. 8.

Ps. 52. 7.

Ja. 4. 14.

v Ps. 56. 5, 6.

Mar. 12. 13.

x Ps. 39. 6.

Je. 17. 11.

y ver. 33.

Mat. 6. 20.

1 Ti. 6. 18, 19.

Ja. 2. 5.

z Mat. 16. 6.

&c.

Mar. 8. 15.

&c.

a Mat. 6. 25.

&c.

b ch. 8. 17.

Ec. 12. 14.

Mat. 10. 26.

Mat. 4. 22.

c Job 38. 41.

Ps. 147. 9.

d Ec. 7. 13.

e 1 Pe. 5. 7.

f Is. 51. 7, 8.

12, 13.

Je. 1. 8.

Mat. 10. 28.

g Jno. 15. 14.

15.

5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ^a ye are of more value than many sparrows.

8 Also ^b I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

10 And ^c whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

11 And ^d when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:

12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

13 ¶ And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14 And he said unto him, ^e Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

15 And he said unto them, ^f Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, ^g Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, *Thou fool*, this night ^h thy ⁱ soul shall be required of thee: ^j then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, ^k and is not rich toward God.

22 ¶ And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, ^l Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have store-house nor barn; and ^m God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

25 And ⁿ which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, ^o why take ye thought for the rest?

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say

Jews took but two; supper, being after the heat of the day, was the principal. 44. as graves, which men walk over without considering their concealed filthiness. 45. lawyers, private teachers of God's law, scribes being public ones. 52. key, &c. if they

had a key as a badge of office, it would express, 'You take the key, not to use, but to secrete it.'—Dodd.

CHAP. XII.—14. divider, or arbitrator; he would not interfere in civil matters. 15. covetousness, 'inordinate desires.' a man's life, i.e. the comfort of

Exhortations to watchfulness.

CHAP. XIII. Divisions on account of the gospel.

unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothe the grass, * which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, * neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 ¶ But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for * it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell * that ye have, and give alms; * provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

35 Let * your loins be girded about, and * your lights burning;

36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

37 Blessed * are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

39 And * this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be * ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

41 ¶ Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

42 And the Lord said, * Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will * cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

47 And * that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself,

A. D. 33.

^a Le. 5. 17.

^b 1 Th. 1. 13.

^c Is. 40. 6.

^d Ja. 1. 10, 11.

^e or, live not in careful suspense.

^f Mat. 20. 22.

^g Mar. 10. 35.

^h or, pained.

ⁱ Mat. 10. 34.

^j ... 35.

^k Mat. 11. 25.

^l ... 26.

^m Mi. 7. 6.

ⁿ Juo. 7. 43.

^o ... 9. 16.

^p ... 10. 19.

^q Mat. 19. 21.

^r Ac. 2. 45.

^s ... 4. 34.

^t ch. 16. 9.

^u Mat. 6. 20.

^v Ep. 6. 14.

^w 1 Pe. 1. 13.

^x Mat. 25. 1.

^y ... &c.

^z Mat. 16. 2.

^{aa} Mat. 24. 46.

^{ab} Da. 9. 24. 26.

^{ac} Hag. 2. 7.

^{ad} Mal. 3. 1.

^{ae} ... 4. 2.

^{af} Ac. 3. 21. 26.

^{ag} De. 32. 29.

^{ah} Ac. 2. 40.

^{ai} ... 13. 26. 38.

^{aj} Pr. 25. 8.

^{ak} Mat. 5. 25.

^{al} Pr. 32. 6.

^{am} Pr. 13. 4.

^{an} Is. 55. 6.

^{ao} 2 Co. 6. 2.

^{ap} He. 3. 7. 13.

^{aq} 2 Pe. 3. 10.

^{ar} Re. 3. 3.

^{as} ... 16. 15.

^{at} ch. 21. 34. 36.

^{au} Mat. 24. 44.

^{av} ... 25. 13.

^{aw} Mar. 13. 33.

^{ax} 1 Th. 5. 6.

^{ay} See Mar.

^{az} 12. 42.

^{ba} Mat. 25. 21.

^{bb} 1 Co. 4. 2.

^{bc} Juo. 9. 2.

^{bd} Ac. 25. 4.

^{be} Re. 2. 21. 22.

^{bf} or, debtors.

^{bg} ch. 11. 4.

^{bh} Mat. 18. 24.

^{bi} Ps. 80. 8. 16.

^{bj} Is. 5. 2.

^{bk} Mat. 21. 19.

^{bl} or, cut him off.

^{bm} Mat. 24. 51.

^{bn} Juo. 15. 2. 16.

^{bo} Ga. 5. 22. 23.

^{bp} Nu. 15. 30.

^{bq} De. 25. 2.

^{br} Juo. 9. 41.

^{bs} ... 15. 22.

^{bt} Ac. 17. 30.

^{bu} Ja. 4. 17.

^{bv} Ex. 32. 10.

^{bw} Da. 4. 14.

^{bx} Ro. 2. 4. 8.

neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

48 But * he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

49 ¶ I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?

50 But * I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I † straitened till it be accomplished!

51 Suppose * ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; † but rather division:

52 For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.

53 The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

54 ¶ And he said also to the people, † When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is.

55 And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass.

56 Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; * but how is it that ye do not discern this time?

57 Yea, * and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?

58 ¶ When † thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, * as thou art in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison.

59 I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite.

CHAP. XIII.

THERE were present at that season some that told him of the Galilæans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus answering said unto them, † Suppose ye that these Galilæans were sinners above all the Galilæans, because they suffered such things?

3 I tell you, Nay: * but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were * sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

6 ¶ He spake also this parable; * A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; * and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, * Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: * cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

it. 32. little flock, an expression of tenderness.

35. loins, &c. the ancients prepared for active exertions by girding up their loose garments. lights, these were carried at weddings, which were at night.

50. straitened, expresses longing and anxious desire.

CHAP. XIII.—I. Galilæans, probably from a leader

of revolt, Judas of Galilee: Acts v. 37. with their

sacrifices, amidst a solemn sacrifice. 4. in Siloam, at Siloam, adjoining the fountain so called in the wall of Jerusalem: Keh. iii. 15: John v. 2: ix. 7.

6. fig tree, the barren Jewish nation. 7. three, put for many; but three would decide the character of

Parable of the mustard seed.

8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, ^a let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it :

9 And if it bear fruit, ^b well : and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

11 ^c And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13 And ^d he laid his hands on her : and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, ^e There are six days in which men ought to work : in them therefore come and be healed, and ^f not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, ^g Thou hypocrite, ^h doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering ?

16 And ought not this woman, ⁱ being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day ?

17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed : and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

18 ^j Then ^k said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like ? and whereunto shall I resemble it ?

19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden ; and it grew, and waxed a great tree ; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.

20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God ?

21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three ^l measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

22 And ^m he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved ? And he said unto them,

24 ⁿ Strive ^o to enter in at the strait gate : for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25 When ^p once the master of the house is risen up, and ^q hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, ^r Lord, Lord, open unto us ; and he shall answer and say unto you, ^s I know you not whence ye are :

26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

27 But ^t he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are ; ^u depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

28 There ^v shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets,

LUKE.

A. D. 33.

^a Ps. 106. 23.

Je. 15. 1.

Joel 2. 17.

Ro. 10. 1.

2 Pe. 3. 9.

^b Mat. 19. 30.

20. 16.

Mar. 10. 31.

^c Mar. 16. 18.

Ac. 9. 17.

^d He. 2. 10.

^e Ex. 20. 9.

^f Mat. 23. 37.

^g ch. 6. 7.

14. 3.

Mat. 12. 10.

Mar. 3. 2.

^h ch. 14. 5.

Le. 26. 31, 32.

Ps. 69. 25.

Is. 1. 7.

Da. 9. 27.

Mi. 3. 12.

ⁱ ch. 19. 9.

^j ch. 19. 38.

Ps. 118. 26.

Mat. 21. 9.

Mar. 11. 10.

Jno. 12. 13.

^k Ps. 37. 32, 33.

64. 5, 6.

Is. 29. 21.

^l Mat. 13. 31.

32.

Mar. 4. 30.

32.

^m Mat. 12. 10.

ⁿ ch. 13. 15.

Ex. 23. 5.

De. 22. 4.

^o See Mat. 13. 33.

^p Ac. 6. 10.

^q Mat. 9. 35.

Mar. 6. 6.

^r Phi. 2. 3.

3 Jno. 9.

^s Mat. 7. 13.

^t Jno. 7. 34.

8. 21.

13. 33.

Ro. 9. 31.

^u Pa. 32. 6.

Is. 55. 6.

^v Mat. 25. 10.

^w Es. 6. 6, 12.

Pr. 3. 35.

11. 2.

Eze. 28. 2.

10.

^a ch. 6. 46.

^b Pr. 25. 6, 7.

^c Mat. 25. 12.

^d Sa. 15. 17.

Pr. 15. 33.

^e Mat. 7. 23.

^f Ps. 6. 8.

Mat. 25. 41.

^g ch. 18. 14.

Job 22. 29.

Ps. 18. 27.

Pr. 29. 23.

Mat. 23. 12.

Ja. 4. 6.

1 Pe. 5. 5.

^h Mat. 8. 12.

13. 42.

24. 51.

Christ lamenteth over Jerusalem.

in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

29 And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

30 And, ^b behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

31 ^c The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence : for Herod will kill thee.

32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day ^d I shall be perfected.

33 Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the day following : for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.

34 O ^e Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee ; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen ^f doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not !

35 Behold, ^g your house is left unto you desolate : and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, ^h Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

CHAP. XIV.

AND it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that ⁱ they watched him.

2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.

3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, ^j Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day ?

4 And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go ;

5 And answered them, saying, ^k Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day ?

6 And ^l they could not answer him again to these things.

7 ^m And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, ⁿ when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms ; saying unto them,

8 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room ; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him ;

9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place ; ^o and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

10 But ^p when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room ; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher : ^q then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

11 For ^r whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased ; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

12 ^s Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a

the tree. 8. *this year*, &c. thirty or forty more were granted the Jews. 9. *after that*, &c. and so it was ; the Romans cut them down. 24. *Strive*, &c. literally, 'agonize,' i.e. earnestly, as those that wrestle

or combat. *strait gate*, alludes to the narrow passage prepared for guests at a marriage feast. 32. *perfected*, by suffering and death, Heb. ii. 10.

CHAP. XIV.—1. *eat bread*, that is, take a repast.

supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.

13 But when thou makest a feast, ^b call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

15 ^a And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, ^a Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 Then ^a said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17 And ^a sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

18 And ^b they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

25 ^a And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

26 If ^a any man come to me, ^a and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, ^a yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 And ^a whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

28 For ^a which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassador, and desireth conditions of peace.

33 So likewise, ^a whosoever he be of

A. D. 33.

^a Mat. 5. 13.

Mar. 9. 50.

^b Ne. 8. 10, 12.

Ro. 12. 13, 16.

Tit. 1. 8.

He. 13. 2.

^c Mat. 9. 10.

&c.

^d Re. 19. 9.

^e Mat. 22. 2.

^f Is. 55. 1-7.

Re. 3. 20.

^g Ac. 11. 3.

Gal. 2. 12.

^h Pr. 9. 2, 5.

ⁱ Mat. 18. 12.

^k Is. 28. 12, 13.

Je. 6. 10, 16.

Jno. 1. 11.

5. 40.

^l Ps. 119. 176.

1Pe. 2. 10, 25.

^m ch. 5. 32.

ⁿ Drachma,

here translated a

piece of silver,

is the eighth part of an

ounce,

which cometh to

sevenpence halfpenny,

and is equal to the Roman

penny,

Mat. 18. 28.

ⁿ Mat. 21. 43.

22. 8.

Ac. 13. 46.

^o 2 Ch. 33. 12.

19.

Mat. 18. 14.

Ac. 11. 18.

^p De. 13. 6.

33. 9.

Mat. 10. 37.

Ro. 9. 13.

De. 21. 16, 17.

Re. 12. 11.

Mar. 12. 44.

^v Job 22. 17, 18.

Pr. 27. 8.

Is. 1. 4.

30. 11.

Ep. 2. 13, 17.

^z ch. 9. 23.

Mat. 16. 24.

Mar. 8. 34.

2 Ti. 3. 12.

^y Ro. 13. 13, 14.

1 Pe. 4. 3, 4.

^z Pr. 24. 27.

^a 2 Ti. 2. 25, 26.

^b Ro. 6. 16.

Ep. 2. 2, 3.

4. 17, 19.

Col. 3. 5, 7.

Tit. 3. 3.

^c Is. 55. 2.

Ho. 12. 1.

Ro. 6. 19, 21.

^d Ps. 73. 22.

^e Ps. 32. 5.

116. 3, 8.

^f Ja. 4. 10.

^g Phi. 3. 7, 8.

you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

34 ^a Salt ^a is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

CHAP. XV.

THEN ^a drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, ^a and eateth with them.

3 ^a And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

4 What ^a man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep ^a which was lost.

7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, ^a more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

8 ^a Either what woman having ten ^a pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

9 And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God ^a over one sinner that repenteth.

11 ^a And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12 And the younger of them said to his father, ^a Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them ^a his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, ^a and took his journey into a far country, and there ^a wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15 And ^a he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields ^a to feed swine.

16 And ^a he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

17 And ^a when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I ^a will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: ^a make me as one of thy hired servants.

15. eat—kingdom, the Jews had gross notions of feasting at Messiah's coming. 19. to prove them, the purchase of oxen among the orientals is a serious matter, and neighbours and friends are called to try them. 23. compel, by persuasion. 24. none, &c. i.e. of the Jews, comparatively speaking. 28. tower, probably alludes to one of those elegant turrets and

kiosks in which rich people of the east spend much of their time.

CHAP. XV.—11. two sons, represent Jews and Gentiles, or Pharisees and common sinners. 12. living, 'substance.' 15. to feed swine, mean and degrading to a Jew. 16. husks, pods of the charub tree, eaten by the poor. 17. came to himself, began to reflect.

Parable of the unjust steward.

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But ^a when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, ^b and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For ^c this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

28 And ^d he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

29 And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, ^e neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

CHAP. XVI.

AND he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors ^{unto him}, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?

6 And he said, An hundred ^g measures of oil. And he said unto him, ^h Take thy

LUKE.

A. D. 33.

^a Ac. 2. 39. Ep. 2. 13, 17.

^b The word here interpreted a measure in the original containeth about fourteen bushels and a pottle.

^c Ps. 51. 4.

^d Jno. 12. 36.

^e Ep. 5. 8.

^f 1 Th. 5. 5.

^g ch. 11. 41.

^h Da. 4. 27.

ⁱ Mat. 6. 19.

^j 19. 21.

^k 1 Ti. 6. 17.

^l 19.

^m or, riches.

ⁿ ch. 19. 27.

^o Mat. 25. 21.

^p Ep. 2. 1.

^q 5. 14.

^r or, riches.

^s Mat. 6. 24.

^t Ro. 10. 19.

^u 1 Th. 2. 16.

^v Mat. 23. 14.

^w Ro. 3. 20, 27.

^x 10. 3.

^y 1 Jno. 1. 8.

^z 10.

^{aa} ch. 10. 29.

^{ab} Ps. 7. 9.

^{ac} 1 Sa. 16. 7.

^{ad} ch. 7. 29.

^{ae} Mat. 4. 17.

^{af} 11, 12, 13.

^{ag} Ps. 102. 26.

^{ah} 27.

^{ai} Is. 40. 8.

^{aj} 51. 6.

^{ak} Mat. 5. 18.

^{al} 1 Pe. 1. 25.

^{am} Mat. 5. 32.

^{an} 19. 9.

^{ao} Mar. 10. 11.

^{ap} 1 Co. 7. 10, 11.

^{aq} Ps. 9. 17.

^{ar} Pr. 15. 24.

^{as} Re. 20. 13, 14.

^{at} S The word

^{au} *Batus* in the original

^{av} containeth

^{aw} nine gal-

^{ax} lons three

^{ay} quarts: see

^{az} Eze. 45. 10,

^{ba} 11, 14.

^{bb} Zeo. 14. 12.

^{bc} Is. 66. 24.

^{bd} Mar. 9. 44.

^{be} &c.

^{bf} 2 Ki. 5. 20.

^{bg} 27.

^{bh} Tit. 2. 10.

The rich man and Lazarus.

bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty

7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred ^a measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.

8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than ^c the children of light.

9 And I say unto you, ^d Make to yourselves friends of the *mammon* of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

10 He ^e that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous *mammon*, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

13 ^f No ^g servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and *mammon*.

14 And the Pharisees also, ^h who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.

15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which ⁱ justify yourselves before men; but ^j God knoweth your hearts: for ^k that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

16 The ^l law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

17 And ^m it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one title of the law to fail.

18 Whosoever ⁿ putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from ^o her husband committeth adultery.

19 ^p There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And ^q in hell he lit up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and ^r cool my tongue; for I ^s am tormented in this flame.

22. robe—ring, &c. marks of distinction and respect: Gen. xxvii. 15; xli. 42; 1 Kings xxi. 8; Esther viii. 2; 2 Chr. xxviii. 15; James ii. 2. 25. music, &c. it is still usual in the east to engage bands of music and dancers on occasions of festivity. 28. angry, the spirit of the Pharisees, who murmured at Christ's receiving sinners.

CHAP. XVI.—5. debtors, probably meant tenants, who paid rent in the produce of their farms. 6. measures, cors or homers, each containing five bushels and five gallons. 8. in their generation, for the present life, wiser, in their own way, than the children of light, with respect to a future life. 9. mammon of unrighteousness, rather, 'the unrighteous

mammon,' or riches; unrighteous often means deceitful. fail, die. they may receive you, you may be received.

11. If therefore, &c. If not faithful in using your worthless money, can you imagine you are trusted with true riches? 19. There was, &c. This parable is to show the true use of riches. The rich man was not chargeable with vice, but spent his days in self-indulgence. 20. beggar, or merely a poor destitute person. 22. bosom, heaven is often described as a banquet with the patriarchs, (comp. Matt. vii. 11, and xxii. 30;) and being enjoyed reclining, one guest leaned on or near the bosom of another. 23. in hell, in the place of departed spirits.

25 But Abraham said, Son, ^a remember that thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence.

27 Then he said, ^b I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, ^d They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, ^e neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

CHAP. XVII.

THEN said he unto the disciples, ^f It is impossible but that offences will come: but *woe* unto him, through whom they come!

2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

3 ^g Take heed to yourselves: ^h If thy brother trespass against thee, ⁱ rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

6 And the Lord said, ^j If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?

8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, ^k and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.

10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We ^l are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

11 ^m And it came to pass, ⁿ as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, ^o which stood afar off:

13 And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, ^p Go shew yourselves unto the

A. D. 33.

^a ch. 6. 24.
Job 21. 13.
^b Ps. 49. 6. 8.

^c ch. 7. 50.
15. 42.
Mat. 9. 22.
Mar. 5. 34.

10. 52.
^d Is. 8. 20.
34. 16.

Jno. 5. 39, 45.
Ac. 15. 21.
17. 11.

^e or, outward shew.
^f ch. 21. 8.
^g Ro. 14. 17.

^h or, among you,
Jno. 1. 26.
ⁱ Mat. 9. 15.

Jno. 17. 12.
^j Mat. 28. 11.
..15.

Jno. 11. 43.
53.
12. 10, 11.

^k Mat. 24. 23.
&c.
^l Mat. 18. 6, 7.

Mar. 9. 42.
1 Co. 11. 19.
^m ch. 9. 22.

Mar. 8. 31.
9. 31.
10. 33.

ⁿ Mat. 18. 15.
21.
^o Ge. VII.

Le. 19. 17.
Pr. 17. 10.
Ja. 5. 19.

^p Ge. XIX.
^q Mar. 9. 23.
^r 2 Th. 1. 7.

^s Ge. 19. 26.
^t ch. 12. 37.
^u ch. 9. 24.

Mat. 10. 39.
16. 25.
Mar. 8. 35.

Jno. 12. 25.
^v Mat. 24. 40.
41.

1 Th. 4. 17.
^w Job 22. 3.
35. 7.

Pa. 16. 2.
Mat. 25. 30.
Ro. 3. 12.

11. 35.
1 Co. 9. 16, 17.
^x This 36th verse is wanting in most of the Greek copies.

^y Jno. 4. 4.
^z Job 39. 30.
^a Le. 13. 46.

^b Ro. 12. 12.
Ep. 6. 18.
Col. 4. 2.

1 Th. 5. 17.
^c ch. 5. 14.
Le. 13. 2.

14. 2.
Mat. 8. 4.
^d in a certain city.

priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19 And ^e he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

20 ^f And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with ^g observation:

21 Neither shall they say, ^h Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, ⁱ the kingdom of God is ^j within you.

22 And he said unto the disciples, ^k The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

23 And ^l they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after *them*, nor follow *them*.

24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one *part* under heaven, shineth unto the other *part* under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.

25 But ^m first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

26 And ⁿ as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise ^o also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man ^p is revealed.

31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

32 Remember ^q Lot's wife.

33 Whosoever ^r shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

34 I ^s tell you, in that night there shall be *two men* in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

35 *Two women* shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

36 *Two men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

37 And they answered and said unto him, ^t Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND he spake a parable unto them to *this end*, that men ought ^u always to pray, and not to faint;

2 Saying, There was ^v in a city a judge,

CHAP. XVII. — 6. *sycamine*, 'sycamore.' 7. *servant*, 'slave.' 12. *afar*, forbidden by the law to come nigh: Lev. xiii. 45, 46. 14. *unto the priest*, so the law commanded, Lev. xiv. 20. *not with*

observation, not with outward pomp; it is spiritual and internal. 21. *within*, some read 'among,' so mark. but either way the meaning amounts to the same.

CHAP. XVIII.—1. *to faint*, not grow sluggish and

The Pharisee and publican.

which feared not God, neither regarded man :

3 And there was a widow in that city ; and she came unto him, saying, *Avenge me of mine adversary.*

4 And he would not for a while : but afterward he said within himself, *Though I fear not God, nor regard man ;*

5 Yet ^b because this widow troubleth me, I will *avenge her*, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

6 And the Lord said, *Hear what the unjust judge saith.*

7 And ^d shall not God *avenge his own elect*, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them ?

8 I tell you / that he will *avenge them speedily*. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth ?

9 And he spake this parable unto certain ⁱ which trusted in themselves ^{*} that they were righteous, and despised others :

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray ; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee ^l stood and prayed thus with himself, ^m God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men *are*, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his eyes* unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other : ^p for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased ; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

15 And ^q they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them : but when *his disciples saw it*, they rebuked them.

16 But Jesus called them unto *him*, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not : for ^r of such is the kingdom of God.

17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

18 And ^v a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life ?

19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good ? none is good, save one, that is, God.

20 Thou knowest the commandments, ^a Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, ^b Honour thy father and thy mother.

21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.

22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing : ^d sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven : and come, follow me.

23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful : for he was very rich.

24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, / How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God !

LUKE.

A. D. 33.

^a ch. 1. 37.

^b Je. 32. 17.

^c Zec. 8. 6.

^d ch. 11. 8.

^e De. 33. 9.

^f Re. 6. 10.

^g Job 42. 10.

^h He. 10. 37.

ⁱ 2 Pe. 3. 8, 9.

^j Mat. 16. 21.

^k Job 17. 22.

^l Mar. 10. 32.

^m Ps. XXXII.

ⁿ Is. LIII.

^o ch. 10. 29.

^p 16. 15.

^q or, as being righteous.

^r ch. 23. 1.

^s Mat. 27. 2.

^t Jno. 18. 28.

^u Ac. 3. 13.

^v Ps. 135. 2.

^w Is. 1. 15.

^x 58. 2.

^y Re. 3. 17.

^z ch. 2. 50.

^a 9. 45.

^b Mar. 9. 32.

^c Jno. 10. 6.

^d 12. 16.

^e Mat. 20. 29.

^f 34.

^g Mar. 10. 46.

^h 52.

ⁱ ch. 14. 11.

^j Job 22. 29.

^k Mat. 23. 12.

^l Ja. 4. 6.

^m 1 Pe. 5. 5, 6.

ⁿ Je. 23. 5.

^o Ro. 1. 3.

^p Re. 22. 16.

^q Ps. 62. 12.

^r Mat. 19. 13.

^s 15.

^t Mar. 10. 13.

^u 16.

^v 1 Co. 14. 20.

^w 1 Pe. 2. 2.

^x Mat. 19. 16.

^y &c.

^z Mar. 10. 17.

^a &c.

^b ch. 17. 19.

^c Hab. 2. 4.

^d Ep. 2. 8.

^e Ja. 2. 14, 26.

^f Is. 35. 5.

^g ch. 5. 26.

^h Ac. 4. 21.

ⁱ 11. 18.

^j Ga. 1. 24.

^k Ex. 20. 12, 16.

^l De. 5. 16, 20.

^m Ro. 13. 9.

ⁿ Ep. 6. 2.

^o Col. 3. 20.

^p 2 Ch. 17. 35.

^q Mat. 6. 19, 20.

^r 1 Ti. 6. 19.

^s Ps. 139. 1, 2.

^t Eze. 16. 6.

^u Jno. 1. 48.

^v Pr. 11. 28.

Christ foretelleth his death.

25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved ?

27 And he said, ^a The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

28 Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.

29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, ^b There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

30 Who ^c shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

31 ^d Then ^e he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things ^f that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.

32 For ^g he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on :

33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death : and the third day he shall rise again.

34 And ^h they understood none of these things : and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

35 ⁱ And ^j it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging :

36 And hearing the multitude pass by he asked what it meant.

37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, ^k thou son of David, ^l have mercy on me.

39 And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace : but he cried so much the more, *Thou son of David, have mercy on me.*

40 And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him : and when he was come near, he asked him,

41 Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee ? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.

42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight : ^m thy faith hath saved thee.

43 And immediately he ⁿ received his sight, and followed him, ^o glorifying God : and all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise unto God.

CHAP. XIX.

AND Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchæus, which was the chief among the publicans, ^a and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was : and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him : for he was to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, ^b he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchæus, make haste, and come down ; for to day I must abide at thy house.

language. 3. *Avenge me*, 'Do me justice.' 10. *Two men*, &c. the most devout Jews went to the temple at the hours of prayer. 11. *stood*, the usual posture in prayer : Matt. vi. 5. *prayed*, the prayer summed up is, 'I am very righteous ; I need no pardon.'—Keyworth. 12. *fast twice*, the Jews fasted on

the second and fifth days of the week. 14. *justified*, accepted as righteous, approved of God.

CHAP. XIX.—2. *chief*, chief publican ; probably as he farmed the revenue of the district, letting out some parts to others, and collecting in other parts by agents. 5. *abide*, &c. the eastern rites of hospi-

6 And he made haste, and came down, and ^a received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw *it*, they all murmured, saying, ^c That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8 And Zacchæus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by ^f false accusation, ^g I restore *him* fourfold.

9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as ^h he also is ⁱ a son of Abraham.

10 For ^k the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because ^m they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

12 He ⁿ said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten ^p pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

14 But ^q his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been ^r faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, *here* is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou laydest not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

22 And he saith unto him, ^s Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, *thou* wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)

26 For I say unto you, ^t That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, ^u even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

27 But those mine enemies, which would

A. D. 33.

^a Is. 61. 5.

^b Ps. 40. 6. 8.

^c Jno. 18. 11.

^d Lc. 12. 2.

^e 1 Pe. 4. 1.

^f ch. 5. 30.

^g Mat. 9. 11.

^h Mat. 21. 1.

ⁱ &c.

^j Mar. 11. 1.

^k &c.

^l Zec. 14. 4.

^m ch. 3. 14.

ⁿ Ex. 22. 1.

^o 2 Sa. 12. 6.

^p Ro. 4. 11, 12.

^q Ga. 3. 7.

^r ch. 13. 16.

^s Mat. 10. 6.

^t 15. 24.

^u 2 Co. 8. 9.

^v He. 2. 7. 9.

^w Ac. 1. 6.

^x Mat. 25. 14.

^y &c.

^z Mar. 13. 34.

^{aa} *Mina*, here translated

a pound, is twelve

ounces and an half:

which according to

5s. the ounce is

3l. 2s. 6d.

^{ab} 2 Ki. 9. 13.

^{ac} Jno. 12. 11.

^{ad} Jno. 1. 11.

^{ae} silver, and

^{af} so ver. 23.

^{ag} ch. 13. 35.

^{ah} Ps. 118. 25.

^{ai} ch. 2. 14.

^{aj} Ep. 2. 14.

^{ak} ch. 16. 10.

^{al} Hab. 2. 11.

^{am} Jno. 11. 35.

^{an} ch. 21. 20.

^{ao} Is. 29. 3. 4.

^{ap} Je. 6. 3. 6.

^{aq} 2 Sa. 1. 16.

^{ar} Job 15. 6.

^{as} Mat. 12. 37.

^{at} Ro. 3. 19.

^{au} 1 Ki. 9. 7. 8.

^{av} Mi. 3. 12.

^{aw} ch. 21. 6.

^{ax} Mat. 24. 2.

^{ay} Mar. 13. 2.

^{az} ch. 1. 68. 78.

^{ba} Da. 9. 24.

^{bb} 1 Pe. 2. 12.

^{bc} Jno. 2. 14, 15.

^{bd} Is. 56. 7.

^{be} Je. 7. 11.

^{bf} ch. 8. 18.

^{bg} Mat. 13. 12.

^{bh} Mar. 4. 25.

^{bi} Jno. 15. 12.

^{bj} Jno. 7. 19.

^{bk} 8. 37.

^{bl} 2 Jno. 8.

^{bm} *or, hanged on him,*

^{bn} Ac. 16. 14.

not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay *them* before me.

28 ^c And when he had thus spoken, ^d he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.

29 And ^e it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called ^f the mount of Olives he sent two of his disciples,

30 Saying, Go ye into the village over against *you*; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring *him* hither.

31 And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose *him*? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord ^g hath need of him.

32 And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.

33 And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?

34 And they said, The Lord hath need of him.

35 And they brought him to Jesus: ^h and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.

36 And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.

37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen:

38 Saying, ⁱ Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: ^j peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, ^k the stones would immediately cry out.

41 ^l And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and ^m wept over it,

42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things ⁿ which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall ^o cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

44 And ^p shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and ^q they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; ^r because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

45 And ^s he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought;

46 Saying unto them, ^t It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ^u ye have made it a den of thieves.

47 And he taught daily in the temple. But ^v the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him,

48 And could not find what they might do: for all the people ^w were very attentive to hear him.

tality admitted this claim. 8. *I restore*, in compliance with the strictest laws against theft, fraud, &c.: see Lev. vi. 2-5; Exod. xxii. 1-4. 9. *salvation*, Christ himself: Isa. xlix. 6; Lu. xxii. 29, 30; or his blessings, Acts iv. 12. *a son of Abraham*, perhaps literally; then he strictly sought the lost sheep of Israel; or spiritually, having like faith. 12. *nobleman*, represents the Son of God. *far country*, the world. *a kingdom*, a spiritual one. 13. *ten*

servants, professed followers. *pounds, talents, gifts, and possessions*. *Occupy*, be busy, trade. 14. *citizens*, Jewish nation. 23. *with usury*, with its produce. 27. *slay*, denotes his final vengeance on his rebellious subjects. The allusion here is to tributary kings. 40. *stones—cry out*, God would work a miracle, rather than that Messiah should not be glorified on this occasion. 44. *the time*, &c. from the Baptist to the siege of Jerusalem.

AND ^b it came to pass, *that* on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders,

2 And spake unto him, saying, ^d Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?

3 And he answered and said unto them, ^e I will also ask you one thing; and answer me:

4 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?

5 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not?

6 But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that ^f John was a prophet.

7 And they answered, ^g that they could not tell whence it was.

8 And Jesus said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

9 Then began he to speak to the people this parable; ^h A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time.

10 And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: ⁱ but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty.

11 And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated him shamefully, and sent him away empty.

12 And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast him out.

13 Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him.

14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, ^j This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be our's.

15 So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them?

16 He ^k shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard it, they said, God forbid.

17 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, ^l The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?

18 Whosoever ^m shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but ⁿ on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

19 ^o And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

20 And ^p they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

21 And they asked him, saying, ^q Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God ^r truly:

22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Cæsar, or no?

^a Jno. 2. 24, 25

He. 4. 13.

^b Mat. 21. 23

..97.

^c See Mat.

18. 28.

^d Ro. 13. 7.

1 Pe. 2. 17.

^e Ac. 4. 7.

7. 27.

^f Col. 4. 6.

^g Mat. 22. 23,

&c.

Mar. 12. 18,

&c.

^h Ac. 23. 6, 8.

1 Co. 15. 12,

&c.

ⁱ 2 Ti. 2. 17, 18.

^j De. 25. 5.

^k ch. 7. 29.

^l Mat. 14. 5.

^m Is. 44. 18.

ⁿ Je. 8. 7, 9.

^o Ps. 80. 8, 16.

^p Is. 5. 1.

^q Je. 2. 21.

^r Mat. 21. 33,

&c.

^s Mar. 12. 1,

&c.

^t Ec. 1. 4.

9. 5.

^u He. 9. 27.

^v Ac. 7. 52.

1 Th. 2. 15.

^w He. 11. 36, 37

^x Ac. 5. 41.

2 Th. 1. 5.

^y Ro. 3. 4.

^z 1 Co. 15. 42,

49. 52.

^a 1 Jno. 3. 2.

^b r. Ro. 8. 23.

^c Ex. 3. 6.

^d Ps. 2. 8.

He. 1. 2.

^e u Jno. 11. 53.

Ac. 4. 27.

^f v Ro. 6. 10, 11.

14. 7, 9.

^g x ch. 21. 24.

He. 2. 3.

^h y Ro. 3. 19.

ⁱ z Is. 9. 6, 7.

11. 1.

^j Je. 23. 5, 6.

33. 15, 21.

^k a Ps. 118. 22.

Mat. 21. 42.

^l b Ps. 110. 1.

Ac. 2. 34.

1 Co. 15. 25.

He. 1. 13.

^m c Is. 8. 14, 15.

Zec. 12. 3.

Ro. 9. 33.

1 Pe. 2. 8.

ⁿ d Is. 60. 12.

Da. 2. 34, 35.

^o e Mat. 23. 1, &c

f ch. 11. 43.

^p g Mat. 22. 15,

&c.

^q h Eze. 33. 31.

2 Ti. 3. 2, 5.

^r i Mar. 12. 14,

&c.

^s k Mar. 12. 41

..41.

^t + or, of a

truth.

^u + See Mar.

12. 42.

23 But ^a he perceived their craftiness and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?

24 Shew me a ^b penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Cæsar's.

25 And he said unto them, ^c Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which be Cæsar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

26 And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

27 ^d Then ^e came to him certain of the Sadducees, ^f which deny that there is any resurrection; and they asked him,

28 Saying, Master, ^g Moses wrote unto us, If any man's brother die, having a wife, and he die without children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

29 There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died without children.

30 And the second took her to wife, and he died childless.

31 And the third took her; and in like manner the seven also: and they left no children, and died.

32 Last ^h ⁱ of all the woman died also.

33 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife.

34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:

35 But they which shall be ^j accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

36 Neither can they die any more: for ^k they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, ^l being the children of the resurrection.

37 Now that the dead are raised, ^m even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for ⁿ all live unto him.

39 ^o Then certain of the scribes answering said, Master, thou hast well said.

40 And ^p after that they durst not ask him any question at all.

41 And he said unto them, ^q How say they that Christ is David's son?

42 And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, ^r The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

43 Till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

44 David therefore calleth him Lord, how is he then his son?

45 ^s Then ^t in the audience of all the people he said unto his disciples,

46 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and / love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;

47 Which devour widows' houses, ^u and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

CHAP. XXI.

AND he looked up, ^v and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, ^a that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all :

4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God : but she of her penury hath cast in ^c all the living that she had.

5 ^e And ^d as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,

6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which ^f there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be ? and what sign ^g will there be when these things shall come to pass ?

8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived : for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ ; * and the time draweth near : go ye not therefore after them.

9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified : for these things must first come to pass ; but the end is not by and by.

10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom :

11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences ; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

12 But ^h before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and ⁱ into prisons, ^j being brought before kings and rulers ^k for my name's sake.

13 And ^l it shall turn to you for a testimony.

14 Settle ^m it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer :

15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, ⁿ which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

16 And ^o ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends ; and ^p some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

20 And ^q when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

21 Then let them which are in Judæa flee to the mountains ; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out ; and let them that are in the countries enter hereinto.

22 For these be the days of vengeance, that ^r all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days : for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into the nations : and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, ^s until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

A. D. 33.

a 2 Pe. 3. 10, 12.

b 2 Co. 8. 12.

c De. 24. 6.

d 1 Jno. 3. 17.

e Mat. 24. 1.

f &c.

Mar. 13. 1.

g &c.

Da. 7. 13, 14.

h Ac. 1. 11.

i 1 Th. 4. 16.

j Re. 1. 7.

k 14. 14.

l ch. 19. 44.

m Ro. 8. 19, 23.

n Mat. 24. 32.

o &c.

Mar. 13. 28.

p &c.

q Ep. 5. 6.

r 2 Th. 2. 3.

s 1 Jno. 4. 1.

t or, and,

u The time,

v Mar. 3. 2.

w 4. 17.

x Ro. 13. 13.

y 1 Th. 5. 6.

z 1 Pe. 4. 7.

aa 1 Th. 3. 2.

ab 2 Pe. 3. 10.

ac Re. 3. 3.

ad 16. 15.

ae Re. 2. 10.

af Mat. 25. 13.

ag ch. 18. 1.

ah P. Ac. 4. 3.

ai 5. 18.

aj 12. 4.

ak 16. 24.

al r Ac. 25. 23.

am 1 Pe. 2. 13.

an Ps. 1. 5.

ao Ep. 6. 13.

ap Pni. 1. 28.

aq 2 Th. 1. 5.

ar Jno. 8. 1, 2.

as ch. 22. 39.

at y ch. 12. 11.

au Mat. 10. 19.

av &c.

aw Ze. 9. 10.

ax Je. 25. 3.

ay 44. 4.

az a Ac. 6. 10.

ba Mi. 7. 6.

bb Ex. 12. 1, 24.

bc Le. 23. 5, 6.

bd Mat. 26. 2, 5.

be Mar. 14. 1, 2.

bf 1 Co. 5. 7, 8.

bg Ac. 7. 59.

bh 12. 2.

bi Ps. 2. 2.

bj Jno. 11. 47.

bk Ac. 4. 27.

bl Jno. 13. 2, 27.

bm Mat. 24. 15.

bn &c.

bo Mar. 13. 14.

bp &c.

bq Zec. 11. 12.

br 1 Ti. 6. 9, 10.

bs 2 Pe. 2. 3, 15.

bt or, without tumult.

bu Da. 9. 26, 27.

bv Zec. 11. 1.

bw Da. 9. 27.

bx 12. 7.

by Ro. 11. 25.

25 ^c And ^d there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars ; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity ; the sea and the waves roaring ;
26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth : for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Son of man ^e coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads ; for ^f your redemption draweth nigh.

29 And ^g he spake to them a parable : Behold the fig tree ; and all the trees ;

30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away : but my words shall not pass away.

34 ^h And ⁱ take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35 For ^j as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch ^k ye therefore, and ^l pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and ^m to stand before the Son of man.

37 And ⁿ in the day time he was teaching in the temple ; and ^o at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives.

38 And all the people came ^p early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.

CHAP. XXII.

NOW ^q the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the passover.

2 And ^r the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him ; for they feared the people.

3 ^s Then ^t entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

5 And they were glad, and ^u covenanted to give him money.

6 And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them ^v in the absence of the multitude.

7 ^w Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

9 And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare ?

10 And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water ; follow him into the house where he entereth in.

to Christ. 28. redemption, &c. in destroying Jerusalem. Christians were released from their Jewish persecutors, and had a season of rest ; in coming to judgment, they will be redeemed from all grievances.

CHAP. XXII.—4. captains, or, officers ; priests who

CHAP. XXI.—4. unto, 'among.' 9. by and by, immediately. 13. a testimony, of faithfulness. 14. hair, proverbial for sure safety. 24. trodden, by Romans, Saracens, and Turks. times of the Gentiles, years appointed for gathering the heathen

11 And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, ^awhere I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

12 And ^bhe shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.

13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

14 And ^cwhen the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

15 And he said unto them, ^d* With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, ^e* until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:

18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

19 ^f* And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: ^g* this do in remembrance of me.

20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, ^h* This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

21 ⁱ* But, ^j* behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table.

22 And truly the Son of man goeth, ^k* as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!

23 And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

24 ^l* And ^mthere was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

25 And ⁿ* he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

26 But ^o* ye shall not be so: ^p* but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

27 For ^q* whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but ^r* I am among you as he that serveth.

28 Ye are they which have continued with me in ^s* my temptations.

29 And ^t* I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

30 That ^u* ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, ^vand sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

31 ^w* And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, ^x* Satan hath desired to have you, that he may ^y* sift you as wheat:

32 But ^z* I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and ^{aa}* when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

35 And he said unto them, When I

A. D. 33.

^a Re. 3. 20.
^b Pr. 16. 1.

^c Mar. 14. 17.
^d Is. 53. 12.

^e Mar. 15. 28.
^f or, *I have heartily desired.*

^g ch. 14. 15.
^h Ac. 10. 41.

ⁱ Re. 19. 9.
^j Mat. 26. 36.

^k Mar. 14. 32.
^l &c.

^m Jno. 18. 1.
ⁿ &c.

^o ch. 21. 37.
^p Mat. 6. 13.

^q ^r willing to remove.
^s 1 Co. 11. 24.

^t Jno. 5. 30.
^u 6. 38.

^v Mat. 4. 11.
^w 1 Co. 10. 16.

^x Jno. 12. 27.
^y He. 5. 7.

^z Ps. 41. 9.
^{aa} Jno. 13. 21.

^{ab} Ac. 2. 23.
^{ac} 4. 28.

^{ad} ch. 9. 46.
^{ae} Mar. 9. 34.

^{af} Mat. 26. 47.
^{ag} &c.

^{ah} Mar. 14. 43.
^{ai} &c.

^{aj} Jno. 18. 3.
^{ak} &c.

^{al} 2Sa. 20. 9, 10.
^{am} Ps. 55. 21.

^{an} Pr. 27. 6.
^{ao} Mat. 20. 25.

^{ap} ^{aq} 23.
^{ar} 1 Pe. 5. 3.

^{as} ch. 9. 48.
^{at} Ro. 12. 19.

^{au} 2 Co. 10. 4.
^{av} ch. 12. 37.

^{aw} Jno. 13. 13.
^{ax} 14.

^{ay} Phi. 2. 7.
^{az} 1 Pe. 1. 21.

^{ba} ^{bb} 23.
^{bc} He. 4. 15.

^{bd} ch. 12. 32.
^{be} Mat. 24. 47.

^{bf} 2 Co. 1. 7.
^{bg} 2 Ti. 2. 12.

^{bh} ch. 14. 15.
^{bi} Mat. 8. 11.

^{bj} Re. 19. 9.
^{bk} Ps. 49. 14.

^{bl} Mat. 19. 28.
^{bm} 1 Co. 6. 2.

^{bn} Re. 3. 21.
^{bo} Job 20. 5.

^{bp} Jno. 12. 27.
^{bq} Ep. 6. 12.

^{br} 1 Pe. 5. 8.
^{bs} Am. 9. 9.

^{bt} Jno. 17. 9.
^{bu} 11, 15.

^{bv} 1 Ch. 32. 31.
^{bw} Ps. 51. 13.

^{bx} Jno. 21. 15.
^{by} 17.

^{bz} Ps. 1. 1.
^{ca} 1 Co. 15. 33.

sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.

36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.

37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, ^aAnd he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

38 And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

39 ^b* And ^c* he came out, and ^d* went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

40 And ^e* when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

42 Saying, Father, if thou be ^f* willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless ^g* not my will, but thine, be done.

43 And there appeared ^h* an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

44 And ⁱ* being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

47 ^j* And while he yet spake, ^k* behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, ^l* and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

49 When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?

50 ^m* And ⁿ* one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.

51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. ^o* And he touched his ear, and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?

53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: ^p* but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

54 ^q* Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. ^r* And Peter followed afar off.

55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, ^s* Peter sat down among them.

56 But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him.

57 And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.

58 And after a little while another saw

commanded the Levites that watched the temple. 15. *With desire*, &c. 'I have earnestly desired.' 25. *benefactors*, a title assumed by various ancient kings. 29, 30. *I appoint*, &c. must refer to some special honour and distinction in the world above.—*Scott.* 31. *sift*, try your sincerity. 36. *no sword—buy one*,

figuratively meaning, prepare for the worst. 43. *strengthening him*, which the weakness of his human nature required. 44. *drops*, &c. drops of sweat large as drops of blood.—*G. Holden.* There have been bloody sweats in extreme grief. 53. *Four hour*, the appointed time for me to suffer.

him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not.

59 And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilæan.

60 And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew.

61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, ^c Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

62 And Peter went out, ^e and wept bitterly.

63 ^f And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him.

64 And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote thee?

65 And many other things blasphemously spake they against him.

66 ^g And as soon as it was day, ^h the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying,

67 Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe:

68 And if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go.

69 Hereafter ^m shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God.

70 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am.

71 And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND ^a the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate.

2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow ^b perverting the nation, and ^c forbidding to give tribute to Cæsar, saying ^d that he himself is Christ a King.

3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? ^e And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it.

4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, ^f I find no fault in this man.

5 And ^g they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilæan.

7 And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

8 ^h And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for ⁱ he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; ^j and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.

9 Then he questioned with him in many words; ^k but he answered him nothing.

A. D. 33.

^a Is. 53. 3.

^b Ps. 83. 4, 5.

^c Ac. 4. 27.

^d Re. 17. 13, 14.

^e Job 33. 27, 28.

^f Is. 57. 15. 18.

^g Mat. 27. 23.

^h Mar. 15. 14.

ⁱ Juno. 18. 38.

^j Ac. 19. 40.

^k Mat. 26. 34.

^l Juno. 13. 38.

^m ver. 1, 2.

ⁿ 1 Juno. 1. 9.

^o Da. 6. 4.

^p Ac. 13. 28.

^q He. 7. 26.

^r Juno. 19. 1.

^s Ac. 4. 26.

^t Juno. 13. 38.

^u Ac. 3. 14.

^v He. 1. 3.

^w Mat. 27. 26.

^x &c.

^y Mar. 15. 15.

^z or, assented.

^{aa} Ex. 23. 2.

^{ab} Mat. 27. 2.

^{ac} &c.

^{ad} Mar. 15. 1.

^{ae} Juno. 18. 28.

^{af} &c.

^{ag} Ac. 17. 7.

^{ah} Mat. 17. 27.

^{ai} 22. 21.

^{aj} Mar. 12. 17.

^{ak} Juno. 19. 12.

^{al} Juno. 19. 17.

^{am} 1 Ti. 6. 13.

^{an} 1 Pe. 2. 22.

^{ao} Ps. 22. 12, 13.

^{ap} 57. 4.

^{aq} Ac. 5. 33.

^{ar} 23. 10.

^{as} ch. 21. 23.

^{at} Mat. 24. 19.

^{au} Is. 2. 19.

^{av} Ho. 10. 8.

^{aw} Re. 6. 16.

^{ax} 9. 6.

^{ay} ch. 9. 9.

^{az} Pr. 11. 31.

^{ba} Je. 25. 29.

^{bb} Eze. 20. 47.

^{bc} 21. 34.

^{bd} 1 Pe. 4. 17.

^{be} 2 Ki. 5. 5, 6.

^{bf} 11.

^{bg} Is. 53. 12.

^{bh} Mat. 27. 33.

^{bi} Mar. 15. 22.

^{bj} Juno. 19. 17.

^{bk} 18.

^{bl} Ps. 38. 13, 14.

^{bm} 39. 1, 2, 9.

^{bn} Mat. 7. 6.

^{bo} Ac. 8. 32.

^{bp} 1 Pe. 2. 23.

^{bq} or, the place of a skull.

10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.

11 And ^a Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

12 ^b And the same day ^c Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

13 ^d And ^e Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

14 Said unto them, ^f Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, ^g have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

15 No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.

16 I ^h will therefore chastise him, and release him.

17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

18 And ⁱ they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:

19 (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)

20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them.

21 But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go.

23 And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

24 And ^j Pilate ^k gave sentence that it should be as they required.

25 And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

26 And ^l as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

27 ^m And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.

28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

29 For, ⁿ behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.

30 Then ^o shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.

31 For ^p if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

32 And ^q there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

33 And ^r when they were come to the place, which is called ^s Calvary, there they

CHAP. XXIII.—2. forbidding—tribute, a false accusation, as appears from Matt. xxii. 21. 7. Herod's jurisdiction, Herod Antipapa, governor of Galilee, who beheaded John. sent him, Pilate might have tried the offence himself, but he followed the regular practice of the Roman law. 11. men of war, guards.

15. unto, 'by.' 30. Fall, &c. expresses great calamity, Rev. vi. 19, &c. 31. green, &c. the Hebrews call holy and virtuous men green trees, and the wicked, dry ones: so Psalm i. 3; comp. Ezek. xx. 47, explained by xxi. 3; so 1 Pet. iv. 18.—Bloomfield. 32. malefactors, robbers of Romans only, being oppressed by them.

The crucifixion.

crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34 ^f Then said Jesus, Father, ^h forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

35 And ^e the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,

37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 ^g And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering ^g rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, ^h seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly; ^k for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, ^m Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

44 And ⁿ it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the [†] earth until the ninth hour.

45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

46 [†] And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, ^p Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

48 And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.

49 And [†] all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

50 [†] And, [†] behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just:

51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them; [†] he was of Arimathea, a city of the Jews: [†] who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.)

52 This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.

53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, [†] and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

54 And that day was [†] the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.

55 And the women also, [†] which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and [†] beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

CHAP. XXIV.

NOW [†] upon the first day of the week,

LUKE.

A. D. 33.

^a ch. 23. 56.

^b Mat. 5. 44.

Ac. 3. 17.

7. 60.

1 Co. 4. 12.

^c Ps. 22. 17.

Zec. 12. 10.

^d ver. 23.

^e Jno. 20. 12.

Ac. 1. 10.

[†] or, him

that liveth,

He. 7. 8.

Re. 1. 18.

^f ch. 9. 22.

Mat. 16. 21.

17. 23.

Mar. 8. 31.

9. 31.

^g Le. 19. 17.

Ep. 5. 11.

^h 2 Ch. 28. 22.

Je. 5. 3.

Re. 16. 11.

ⁱ Jno. 2. 22.

^k Le. 26. 40.

42.

Jos. 7. 19, 20.

2 Ch. 33. 12.

Ja. 4. 7.

1 Jno. 1. 8, 9.

[†] ch. 8. 3.

ⁿ Ro. 10. 9, 10.

ⁿ Mat. 27. 45.

Mar. 15. 33.

[†] or, land.

^o Mar. 16. 12.

13.

^p Pa. 31. 5.

1 Pe. 2. 23.

^q De. 6. 7.

Ps. 55. 14.

Mal. 3. 16.

^r Mat. 18. 20.

^s 2 Ki. 6. 15.

20.

Jno. 20. 14.

21. 4.

[†] Ps. 38. 11.

Jno. 19. 25.

^u Mat. 27. 57.

Mar. 15. 42.

Jno. 19. 38.

^v Jno. 19. 25.

^w ch. 2. 25, 38.

^x ch. 7. 16.

Mat. 21. 11.

Jno. 3. 2.

4. 19.

6. 14.

Ac. 2. 22.

^y Ac. 7. 22.

^z Is. 53. 9.

^a ch. 23. 1.

Ac. 13. 27, 28.

^b Mat. 27. 62.

^c ch. 1. 68.

2. 38.

Ac. 1. 6.

^d ch. 8. 2.

^e Mar. 15. 47.

^f Ex. 20. 10.

Is. 58. 13, 14.

^g Mar. 28. 1.

&c.

Mar. 16. 1.

&c.

Jno. 20. 1.

&c.

^h ver. 12.

Christ appeareth to his disciples

very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, ^a bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

3 And ^d they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, ^e behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye [†] the living among the dead?

6 He is not here, but is risen: ^f remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

8 And [†] they remembered his words,

9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, and [†] Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

13 [†] And, [†] behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

14 And [†] they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, [†] Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

16 But [†] their eyes were holden that they should not know him

17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

18 And the one of them, [†] whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, [†] which was a prophet [†] mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

20 And [†] how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

21 But we trusted [†] that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

24 And [†] certain of them which were

34. forgive, thus he fulfilled Isa. liii. 12, last clause.
43. paradise, a happy intermediate state before the glorification of the body: so many critics. Heaven

itself: paradise restored: so others.

CHAP. XXIV.—1. spices, to complete the embalming of the body: see Jno. xix. 39. 4. men, angels

with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said : but him they saw not.

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken :

26 Ought ^a not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory ?

27 And beginning at ^b Moses and ^c all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went : and ^f he made as though he would have gone further.

29 But ^h they constrained him, saying, Abide with us : for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, ⁱ he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him ; and he ^{*} vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures ?

33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and ^h hath appeared to Simon.

35 And they told what things *were done* in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

36 [†] And [‡] as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.

37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen ^u a spirit.

38 And he said unto them, Why are ye

A. D. 33.

^a Ac. 17. 3.

¹ Pe. 1. 11.

^b Ge. 3. 15.

49. 10.

De. 18. 15.

^c Ps. 16. 9, 10.

XXII.

132. 11.

Is. 7. 14.

9. 6.

LIII.

Je. 23. 5.

Da. 9. 24.

Mi. 7. 20.

Mal. 3. 1.

Jno. 1. 45.

^d Ge. 45. 26.

^e Jno. 21. 5.

Ac. 10. 41.

^f Mar. 6. 48.

^g Mat. 16. 21.

20. 18.

^h Ac. 16. 15.

ⁱ Mat. 14. 19.

^k Ac. 16. 14.

^l Is. 50. 6.

¹ Pe. 1. 3.

^{*} or, *ceased*

to be seen

of them.

ch. 4. 30.

Jno. 8. 59.

^m 1 Jno. 2. 12.

ⁿ Mal. 1. 11.

^o Is. 44. 3.

Joel 2. 28.

Ac. 2. 1. & c.

^p 1 Co. 15. 5.

^r Ac. 1. 12.

^s 2 Ki. 2. 11.

Ac. 1. 9.

Ep. 4. 8.

^t Jno. 20. 19.

^u Mar. 6. 49.

Ac. 12. 15.

^v Ac. 2. 46.

5. 42.

troubled ? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts ?

39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself : handle me, and see : for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet.

41 And while they yet believed not ^d for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ^e ye here any meat ?

42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

43 And he took it, and did eat before them.

44 And he said unto them, ^g These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me.

45 Then ^h opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46 And said unto them, ⁱ Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day :

47 And that repentance and ^m remission of sins should be preached in his name ⁿ among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 [†] And, [‡] behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you : but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

50 [†] And he led them out ^r as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And [†] it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy :

53 And were continually ^u in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

in human form, Matt. xxviii. 2. 25. *O fools*, literally, 'O void of understanding.' 26. *Ought not*, see predictions, Psa. ii. 7; Isa. liii. 8; 1x. 6; Dan. ix. 26; Zech. xii. 10; xiii. 7, &c. 29. *constrained*, 'importuned.' 31. *opened*, i. e. they recognised him. 37. *supposed that they had seen a spirit*, i. e. according to the vulgar notion of spirits being visible.—*Ed.* 40. *hands—feet*, the former were nailed in crucifixion, but the latter were tied with cords, the marks of which might continue.—*So G. Holden.* 42. *honeycomb*, a frequent food with the ancients. 43. *did*

eat, proving his resurrection, and the reality of his presence. 44. *law—prophets—psalms*, the Jewish division of the sacred books. 47. *beginning at Jerusalem*, making the first overtures of mercy to his murderers. 48. *witnesses*, of the resurrection as a matter of fact so supported. 50. *Bethany*, not the town, but the district so called, eight furlongs from Jerusalem. 51. *parted*, miraculously. 52. *worshipped him*, paid him Divine honours, for mere civil respect was out of the question after "he was parted from them." 53. *continually*, at the seasons of prayer.

The Gospel according to S. JOHN.

John was the brother of that James whom Herod beheaded, Acts xii. 2. He wrote about A. D. 97, having chiefly in view ^a to record such miracles and discourses as most clearly displayed the character, office, and Divine nature of the Saviour. His gospel supplies what the other Evangelists had omitted.

CHAP. I.

IN the beginning ^b was the Word, and the Word was with God, ^c and the Word was God.

2 The ^e same was in the beginning with God.

CHAP. I.—1. *In the beginning*, or from eternity, Gen. i. 1; Prov. viii. 22; Col. i. 17; 1 John i. 1; Rev. i. 8, 11; xxi. 6; xxii. 13. *The Word*, this was not a mere attribute, for the Word was "made flesh," was "the only begotten," "dwelt among us," ver. 14. *was with God*, therefore was distinct from the Father. *was God*, and therefore was truly Divine, and not a subordinate governor, for he existed before there

A. D. 30.

^a Re. 3. 14.

^b Pr. 8. 22, &c.

^c 1 Jno. 5. 7.

^d 1 Jno. 5. 11.

^e Ge. 1. 1.

3 All ^a things were made by him ; and without him *was* not any thing made that was made.

4 In ^d him was life ; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness :

was a creation to govern. 3. *all things were made*, all things in creation, 1 Cor. viii. 6; Eph. iii. 9; Col. i. 16, 17; Heb. i. 2, 10—12, xi. 3; Rev. iii. 14; xiv. 11. 4. *was life*, as the Author of life eternal, which he has revealed, 2 Tim. i. 10. *the life was the light*, the Giver of all good, as opposed to whatever is darkness; especially he was the light of truth. 5. *darkness*, of heathens—of Jews—of depraved nature, compre-

and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There ^a was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The ^b same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That ^c was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and ^d the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But ^e as many as received him, to them gave he ^f power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which ^g were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word ^h was made ⁱ flesh, and dwelt among us, (and ^j we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) ^k full of grace and truth.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, ^l He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his ^m fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace ⁿ and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the ^o only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou ^p that ^q prophet? And he answered, No.

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

23 He ^r said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as ^s said the prophet Esaias.

24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

A. D. 30.

a Mat. 3. 1.

b Ac. 19. 4.

c Mal. 3. 1.

d Ac. 19. 4.

e Is. 49. 6.

f Jno. 2. 8.

g ver. 3.

h Ps. 33. 6.

i Ep. 3. 9.

j Col. 1. 16.

k He. 1. 2.

l 11. 3.

m Ju. 7. 24.

n Ex. 12. 3.

o Is. 53. 7.

p Ac. 8. 32.

q 1 Pe. 1. 19.

r Re. 5. 6, &c.

s Ro. 8. 15.

t 1 Jno. 3. 1.

u Is. 53. 11.

v He. 1. 3.

w Re. 1. 5.

x or, beareth.

y or, the

z right, or,

aa privilege.

ab ch. 3. 5.

ac Ja. 1. 18.

ad Ro. 1. 3.

ae Ga. 4. 4.

af He. 2. 11. 17.

ag Lu. 1. 76. 77.

ah Is. 40. 5.

ai Mat. 17. 2.

aj 2 Pe. 1. 17.

ak ch. 5. 32.

al Col. 1. 19.

am 2. 3. 9.

an t Mat. 3. 11.

ao u ch. 3. 34.

ap Ep. 1. 6. 8.

aq Col. 2. 9. 10.

ar v Ac. 1. 5.

as Ex. 20. 1. &c.

at y Ro. 3. 24.

au z 1 Jno. 4. 9.

av or, a pro-

aw phet.

ax a De. 18. 15. 18.

ay or, abidest.

az b ch. 3. 28.

ba || That was

bb two hours

bc before night.

bd c Is. 40. 3.

be d Mat. 4. 18.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: ^e but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He ^f it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done ^g in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold ^h the Lamb of God, ⁱ which ^j taketh away the sin of the world.

30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not; but that he should be made manifest to Israel, ^k therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And ^l John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not; but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, ^m the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where ⁿ dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about ^o the tenth hour.

40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was ^p Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother

hended it not; 'admitted it not.'—Campbell. 6. sent, God's messenger, Mal. iii. 1. John, i. e. the Baptist.

7. all, who heard him. 8. to bear witness, to direct men's attention to that Light.

9. true Light, having light in himself. which lighteth, &c. 'who, coming into the world, enlighteneth every man.'—Camp. Dodd. every man, Jews and Gentiles.

10. in the world, in his assumed humanity, made, produced or brought into existence.—Pye Smith. knew him not, 'did not acknowledge him.'

A. Clarke. 11. his own, country, and his own, people, the Jews. 12. as many, Jews or Gentiles, as received him, as Messiah. power, 'dignity,' 'privilege,' 'honour,' 'authority,' to become the sons, &c. adopted them as the heirs of an eternal inheritance. believe, &c. true faith is the receiving of Christ.

13. not of blood, &c. denotes all the degrees of consanguinity and lines of descent.—Pye Smith.

14. made flesh, 'became incarnate.'—Camp. duell, 'tabernacled,' for a short time.—Wesley, Benson, beheld, 'contemplated' his glory, when transfigured, Matt. xvii. 1—5, and 2 Pet. i. 17. only begotten, darling or only one, an object of the highest and most unique affection.—Pye Smith. full of grace and truth, or full of true grace—most benignant and gracious.—G. Holden. 15. preferred, i. e. by God—as those who are placed in rank before others.—Beza. was before me, from eternity. 16. grace for grace,

i. e. grace upon grace—abundant grace. 17. by Moses, as the medium. by Jesus Christ, as the medium—both were messengers, but of different dispensations, and the latter of far greater dignity than the former.

18. seen God, i. e. the Father. in the bosom, the object of special love; an intimate and personal conjunction.—Pye Smith. declared him, unfolded and fully made known.—Pye Smith. fully revealed his nature and perfections. 19. the Jews, i. e. the Sanhedrim. 20. confessed, and denied not, means 'solemnly protested.'—Dodd. 21. Elias, Elijah returned. that prophet, promised in Deut. xviii. 15. 25. Why baptizest thou? The Jews baptized only by an order from the Sanhedrim, or before three magistrates who were present; besides, they only baptized strangers. 26. with water, introductory to a new dispensation. 28. Bethabara, a village near the fords of Jordan. 29. The next day, 'soon afterwards.'—Bloomfield. the Lamb, alluding to the lambs offered for the atonement of sin, and particularly in the morning and evening sacrifices, Exod. xii. 3; Numb. xxviii. 3—10. It means, Behold the substance of all those sacrifices. taketh away, or 'beareth,' 'is taking away,' a continued act. the sin, of every sort. world, Jews and Gentiles. 31. knew him not, i. e. as the Messiah; and though relations, they resided far apart, Luke i. 36, 80; ii. 51. 36. looking, signifies 'looking steadfastly.'—Dodd.

Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, * the Christ.

42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: * thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, † a stone.

43 ¶ The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now † Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip findeth † Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom † Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, † Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold † an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, † thou art the Son of God; thou art † the King of Israel.

50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, † Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

CHAP. II.

And the third day there was a marriage in † Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus saith unto her, † Woman, † what have I to do with thee? † mine hour is not yet come.

5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

6 And there were set there six water-pots of stone, † after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the water-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And he saith unto them, Draw out

A. D. 30.

* or, the anointed.

† or, Peter.

† or, Peter.

b ch. 12. 21.

c ch. 21. 2.

d ch. 1. 14.

e Ge. 3. 15.

49. 10.

De. 18. 18.

Lu. 24. 27.

f Is. 9. 6.

52. 2.

Mt. 5. 2.

Zec. 6. 12.

9. 9.

g Mat. 12. 46.

h ch. 7. 41, 42.

52.

Lu. 4. 28, 29.

i ch. 5. 1.

6. 4.

11. 55.

Ex. 12. 14.

De. 16. 1, 16.

k ch. 8. 39.

Ps. 32. 2.

73. 1.

Ro. 2. 28, 29.

9. 6.

l Mar. 11. 15.

m Mat. 14. 33.

n Jno. 4. 9.

o ch. 18. 37.

19. 3.

Mat. 21. 5.

27. 11, 42.

p Lu. 2. 49.

q Ps. 69. 9.

r Ge. 28. 12.

Mat. 4. 11.

Lu. 2. 9, 13.

Ac. 1. 10.

s ch. 6. 30.

Mat. 12. 38.

t Mat. 26. 61.

Mar. 15. 29.

u Jos. 19. 28.

v 1 Co. 3. 16.

6. 19.

2 Co. 6. 16.

Col. 2. 9.

He. 8. 2.

x Lu. 24. 8.

y ch. 19. 26.

z Sa. 16. 10.

19. 22.

a ch. 7. 6.

b Mar. 7. 3.

c ch. 6. 64.

16. 30.

1 Sa. 16. 7.

1 Ch. 28. 9.

Mat. 9. 4.

Ac. 1. 24.

Re. 2. 23.

now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

12 ¶ After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and † his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.

13 ¶ And † the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

14 And † found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not † my Father's house an house of merchandise.

17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, † The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

18 ¶ Then answered the Jews and said unto him, † What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

19 Jesus answered and said unto them, † Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

21 But he spake † of the temple of his body.

22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, † his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

23 ¶ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men,

25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for † he knew what was in man.

CHAP. III.

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

42. by interpretation. John wrote in Greek, and therefore interpreted Hebrew and Syriac words. 46. out of Nazareth, the Jews despised Galilee, especially Nazareth, on account of its meanness. 48. I saw thee, this at once convinced Nathanael. 50. greater things, greater proofs of his mission. 51. see heaven open, have proofs of intercourse between him and heaven, Mat. xvii. 5; John xii. 28, &c.

CHAP. II.—1. third day, after Christ's arriving in Galilee. marriage, nuptial feast. Cana, a town near Capernaum. mother—there, as a relation, inferred from her interference with the wine. 3. wanted wine, the Jews' marriages lasted a week, and perhaps there were more guests than were expected. saith unto him, it is thought that Mary looked for some miracle. 4. Woman, not then considered a disrespectful expression. what have I, &c. i. e. leave that to me. mine hour, to perform the miracle. 6.

waterpots, for the supplying water to be poured into smaller vessels for the various uses of the feast, Mark vii. 4; lustrations were frequent among the Jews. after the manner, &c. rather for the purpose of purifying according to the rites of the Jews. firkins, each containing nine gallons; some render it 'baths,' each containing seven gallons and a half, and some reduce them to four and a half. 8. governor, or 'ruler,' ver. 9, same word. He was a domestic, not a guest, and appointed to superintend all arrangements. 11. miracles, deeds of Divine power, to which the laws of nature must yield. 13. passover—at hand, when all the males attended, Exod. xiii. 17; Deut. xvi. 16. 20. this temple, it was rebuilt by Herod the Great, and commenced sixteen years before the birth of Christ. 24. not commit himself, not confide in them as true disciples.

CHAP. III.—1. ruler, &c. a member of the Sanha-

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for ^a no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except ^b God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, ^c Except a man be born ^d again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, ^e Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The ^f wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, ^g How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11 Verily, ^h verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13 And ⁱ no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, ^j even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 ^k And ^l as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so ^m must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but ⁿ have eternal life.

16 ^o For ^p God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For ^q God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 ^r He ^s that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not

A. D. 30.

^a ch. 9. 16, 33.

^b Ac. 2. 22.

^c ch. 1. 4, 9. 11

^d 8. 12.

^e Ac. 10. 38.

^f ch. 1. 13.

^g 1 Pe. 1. 23.

^h Job 24. 13, 17.

ⁱ Ep. 5. 13.

^j or, from above.

^k ver. 7.

^l or, discovered.

^m ver. 10.

ⁿ Ac. 2. 38.

^o ch. 4. 2.

^p 1 Sa. 9. 4.

^q Mat. 3. 5, 6.

^r Mat. 14. 3.

^s Ec. 11. 5.

^t 1 Co. 2. 11.

^u ch. 1. 7, 15, 27, 34.

^v ch. 6. 52, 60.

^w 1 Co. 4. 7.

^x He. 5. 4.

^y Ja. 1. 17.

^z or, take unto himself.

^{aa} Mat. 11. 27.

^{ab} ch. 1. 20, 27.

^{ac} Mal. 3. 1.

^{ad} 2 Co. 11. 2.

^{ae} Ep. 5. 25, 27.

^{af} Re. 21. 9.

^{ag} Ca. 5. 1.

^{ah} Pr. 30. 4.

^{ai} Ac. 2. 34.

^{aj} 1 Co. 15. 47.

^{ak} Ep. 4. 9, 10.

^{al} ch. 8. 23.

^{am} ch. 1. 15, 37.

^{an} Mat. 23. 18.

^{ao} Ro. 9. 5.

^{ap} Na. 21. 9.

^{aq} 1 Co. 15. 47.

^{ar} ch. 12. 32.

^{as} Phil. 2. 9.

^{at} ch. 6. 47.

^{au} Ro. 5. 8.

^{av} 1 Jno. 4. 9.

^{aw} Ro. 3. 4.

^{ax} Lu. 9. 56.

^{ay} 1 Jno. 4. 14.

^{az} ch. 1. 16.

^{ba} He. 2. 8.

^{bb} ch. 20. 31.

^{bc} Hab. 2. 4.

^{bd} 1 Jno. 5. 11.

believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, ^b that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

20 For ^c every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be ^d reproved.

21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

22 ^e After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judæa; and there he tarried with them, ^f and baptized.

23 ^g And John also was baptizing in Ænon near to ^h Salim, because there was much water there: ⁱ and they came, and were baptized.

24 For ^j John was not yet cast into prison.

25 ^k Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.

26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, ^l to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.

27 John answered and said, ^m A man can I receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ⁿ I am not the Christ, but ^o that I am sent before him.

29 He ^p that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but ^q the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

30 He must increase, but ^r I must decrease.

31 He ^s that cometh from above ^t is above all: ^u he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: ^v he that cometh from heaven is above all.

32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

33 He that hath received his testimony ^w hath set to his seal that God is true.

34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit ^x ^y ^z ^{aa} ^{ab} ^{ac} ^{ad} ^{ae} ^{af} ^{ag} ^{ah} ^{ai} ^{aj} ^{ak} ^{al} ^{am} ^{an} ^{ao} ^{ap} ^{aq} ^{ar} ^{as} ^{at} ^{au} ^{av} ^{aw} ^{ax} ^{ay} ^{az} ^{ba} ^{bb} ^{bc} ^{bd} ^{be} ^{bf} ^{bg} ^{bh} ^{bi} ^{bj} ^{bk} ^{bl} ^{bm} ^{bn} ^{bo} ^{bp} ^{bq} ^{br} ^{bs} ^{bt} ^{bu} ^{bv} ^{bw} ^{bx} ^{by} ^{bz} ^{ca} ^{cb} ^{cc} ^{cd} ^{ce} ^{cf} ^{cg} ^{ch} ^{ci} ^{cj} ^{ck} ^{cl} ^{cm} ^{cn} ^{co} ^{cp} ^{cq} ^{cr} ^{cs} ^{ct} ^{cu} ^{cv} ^{cw} ^{cx} ^{cy} ^{cz} ^{da} ^{db} ^{dc} ^{dd} ^{de} ^{df} ^{dg} ^{dh} ^{di} ^{dj} ^{dk} ^{dl} ^{dm} ^{dn} ^{do} ^{dp} ^{dq} ^{dr} ^{ds} ^{dt} ^{du} ^{dv} ^{dw} ^{dx} ^{dy} ^{dz} ^{ea} ^{eb} ^{ec} ^{ed} ^{ee} ^{ef} ^{eg} ^{eh} ^{ei} ^{ej} ^{ek} ^{el} ^{em} ^{en} ^{eo} ^{ep} ^{eq} ^{er} ^{es} ^{et} ^{eu} ^{ev} ^{ew} ^{ex} ^{ey} ^{ez} ^{fa} ^{fb} ^{fc} ^{fd} ^{fe} ^{ff} ^{fg} ^{fh} ^{fi} ^{fj} ^{fk} ^{fl} ^{fm} ^{fn} ^{fo} ^{fp} ^{fq} ^{fr} ^{fs} ^{ft} ^{fu} ^{fv} ^{fw} ^{fx} ^{fy} ^{fz} ^{ga} ^{gb} ^{gc} ^{gd} ^{ge} ^{gf} ^{gg} ^{gh} ^{gi} ^{gj} ^{gk} ^{gl} ^{gm} ^{gn} ^{go} ^{gp} ^{gq} ^{gr} ^{gs} ^{gt} ^{gu} ^{gv} ^{gw} ^{gx} ^{gy} ^{gz} ^{ha} ^{hb} ^{hc} ^{hd} ^{he} ^{hf} ^{hg} ^{hh} ^{hi} ^{hj} ^{hk} ^{hl} ^{hm} ^{hn} ^{ho} ^{hp} ^{hq} ^{hr} ^{hs} ^{ht} ^{hu} ^{hv} ^{hw} ^{hx} ^{hy} ^{hz} ^{ia} ^{ib} ^{ic} ^{id} ^{ie} ^{if} ^{ig} ^{ih} ⁱⁱ ^{ij} ^{ik} ^{il} ^{im} ⁱⁿ ^{io} ^{ip} ^{iq} ^{ir} ^{is} ^{it} ^{iu} ^{iv} ^{iw} ^{ix} ^{iy} ^{iz} ^{ja} ^{jb} ^{jc} ^{jd} ^{je} ^{jf} ^{jj} ^{jk} ^{jl} ^{jm} ^{jn} ^{jo} ^{jp} ^{jq} ^{jr} ^{js} ^{jt} ^{ju} ^{jv} ^{jw} ^{jx} ^{ky} ^{kz} ^{la} ^{lb} ^{lc} ^{ld} ^{le} ^{lf} ^{lg} ^{lh} ^{li} ^{lj} ^{lk} ^{ll} ^{lm} ^{ln} ^{lo} ^{lp} ^{lq} ^{lr} ^{ls} ^{lt} ^{lu} ^{lv} ^{lw} ^{lx} ^{ly} ^{lz} ^{ma} ^{mb} ^{mc} ^{md} ^{me} ^{mf} ^{mg} ^{mh} ^{mi} ^{mj} ^{mk} ^{ml} ^{mn} ^{mo} ^{mp} ^{mq} ^{mr} ^{ms} ^{mt} ^{mu} ^{mv} ^{mw} ^{mx} ^{my} ^{mz} ^{na} ^{nb} ^{nc} nd ^{ne} ^{nf} ^{ng} ^{nh} ⁿⁱ ^{nj} ^{nk} ^{nl} ^{nm} ⁿⁿ ^{no} ^{np} ^{nq} ^{nr} ^{ns} ^{nt} ^{nu} ^{nv} ^{nw} ^{nx} ^{ny} ^{nz} ^{oa} ^{ob} ^{oc} ^{od} ^{oe} ^{of} ^{og} ^{oh} ^{oi} ^{oj} ^{ok} ^{ol} ^{om} ^{on} ^{oo} ^{op} ^{oq} ^{or} ^{os} ^{ot} ^{ou} ^{ov} ^{ow} ^{ox} ^{oy} ^{oz} ^{pa} ^{pb} ^{pc} ^{pd} ^{pe} ^{pf} ^{pg} ^{ph} ^{pi} ^{pj} ^{pk} ^{pl} ^{pm} ^{pn} ^{po} ^{pp} ^{pq} ^{pr} ^{ps} ^{pt} ^{pu} ^{pv} ^{pw} ^{px} ^{py} ^{pz} ^{qa} ^{qb} ^{qc} ^{qd} ^{qe} ^{qf} ^{qg} ^{qh} ^{qi} ^{qj} ^{qk} ^{ql} ^{qm} ^{qn} ^{qo} ^{qp} ^{qq} ^{qr} ^{qs} ^{qt} ^{qu} ^{qv} ^{qw} ^{qx} ^{qy} ^{qz} ^{ra} ^{rb} ^{rc} rd ^{re} ^{rf} ^{rg} ^{rh} ^{ri} ^{rj} ^{rk} ^{rl} ^{rm} ^{rn} ^{ro} ^{rp} ^{rq} ^{rr} ^{rs} ^{rt} ^{ru} ^{rv} ^{rw} ^{rx} ^{ry} ^{rz} ^{sa} ^{sb} ^{sc} ^{sd} ^{se} ^{sf} ^{sg} ^{sh} ^{si} ^{sj} ^{sk} ^{sl} sm ^{sn} ^{so} ^{sp} ^{sq} ^{sr} ^{ss} st ^{su} ^{sv} ^{sw} ^{sx} ^{sy} ^{sz} ^{ta} ^{tb} ^{tc} ^{td} ^{te} ^{tf} ^{tg} th ^{ti} ^{tj} ^{tk} ^{tl} tm ^{tn} ^{to} ^{tp} ^{tq} ^{tr} ^{ts} ^{tu} ^{tv} ^{tw} ^{tx} ^{ty} ^{tz} ^{ua} ^{ub} ^{uc} ^{ud} ^{ue} ^{uf} ^{ug} ^{uh} ^{ui} ^{uj} ^{uk} ^{ul} ^{um} ^{un} ^{uo} ^{up} ^{uq} ^{ur} ^{us} ^{ut} ^{uu} ^{uv} ^{uw} ^{ux} ^{uy} ^{uz} ^{va} ^{vb} ^{vc} ^{vd} ^{ve} ^{vf} ^{vg} ^{vh} ^{vi} ^{vj} ^{vk} ^{vl} ^{vm} ^{vn} ^{vo} ^{vp} ^{vq} ^{vr} ^{vs} ^{vt} ^{vu} ^{vv} ^{vw} ^{vx} ^{vy} ^{vz} ^{wa} ^{wb} ^{wc} ^{wd} ^{we} ^{wf} ^{wg} ^{wh} ^{wi} ^{wj} ^{wk} ^{wl} ^{wm} ^{wn} ^{wo} ^{wp} ^{wq} ^{wr} ^{ws} ^{wt} ^{wu} ^{wv} ^{ww} ^{wx} ^{wy} ^{wz} ^{xa} ^{xb} ^{xc} ^{xd} ^{xe} ^{xf} ^{fg} ^{xh} ^{xi} ^{xj} ^{xk} ^{xl} ^{xm} ^{xn} ^{xo} ^{xp} ^{xq} ^{xr} ^{xs} ^{xt} ^{xu} ^{xv} ^{xw} ^{xy} ^{xz} ^{ya} ^{yb} ^{yc} ^{yd} ^{ye} ^{yf} ^{yg} ^{yh} ^{yi} ^{yj} ^{yk} ^{yl} ^{ym} ^{yn} ^{yo} ^{yp} ^{yq} ^{yr} ^{ys} ^{yt} ^{yu} ^{yv} ^{yw} ^{yx} ^{yy} ^{yz} ^{za} ^{zb} ^{zc} ^{zd} ^{ze} ^{zf} ^{zg} ^{zh} ^{zi} ^{zj} ^{zk} ^{zl} ^{zm} ^{zn} ^{zo} ^{zp} ^{zq} ^{zr} ^{zs} ^{zt} ^{zu} ^{zv} ^{zw} ^{zx} ^{zy} ^{zz}

35 The ⁱ Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

36 He ^j that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not

drim. 3. born again, proselytes were said to be born anew, which Nicodemus must have known, but more than proselytism must here be meant, or Nicodemus would not have been puzzled; a renewal in the spirit of the mind by the Spirit of God, is intended. see, understand and participate in. 5. of water and of the Spirit, not only of water by outward submission to the sign, but also of the Spirit, the mighty Author of grace in the heart. 6. born of the flesh, &c. natural birth, even to privileges, cannot make spiritual. 8. wind bloweth, &c. its operations are secret and mysterious, yet powerful and evident. — Ed. 10. master, 'teacher,' or 'doctor,' knowest not, when the Scriptures often mention a spiritual change, Deut. x. 16; Ps. li. 10; Ezek. xxxvi. 26, &c. 11. that we do know, I and my disciples teach not a religion we do not understand. 12. earthly things, things plainly illustrating the subject, relating to earth and before your eyes. heavenly things, things mysterious and Divine. 13. no man, &c. no one has been in heaven to gain a knowledge of celestial things, except the Son of man. 14. lifted up, by being crucified. 15. believeth, trusteth in him alone for pardon and holiness. 17. that the world, &c. that a door of salvation

might be opened, and whosoever would might enter in. — Henry. 18. believeth, with a living operative faith. not condemned, not subject to it, Rom. viii. 1. is condemned already, continues in his natural state, exposed to condemnation in which he must perish, if he wilfully rejects the remedy. 19. the condemnation, i. e. the cause of it. 20. light, the light of the gospel. 21. wrought in God, agreeably to his will. 22. baptized, by his disciples, for he did not himself baptize, chap. iv. 2. 23. Salim, a brook in the tribe of Issachar. they came, persons from various parts, Matt. iii. 6; xiv. 3. 26. all, i. e. many: see Mat. iii. 5, &c. 27. nothing, no authority. 29. bride, body of believers. friend, John Baptist. 30. I must decrease, the forerunner's office ceases when he comes. 31. above, Christ's origin was heavenly. 32. no man, i. e. few. 33. seal, &c. the name on the seal was generally accompanied by a motto or sacred symbol: 'God is true' is on the believer's signet. — W. C. Taylor, Ed. 34. sent, i. e. from heaven, ver. 31. words of God, his doctrine, the Spirit, i. e. his gifts and graces. by measure, i. e. sparingly. 35. given all, to him as Mediator. 36. hath, &c. i. e. in title: he hath the beginnings, securities, and foretastes of eternal life.

the Son shall not see life; but ^a the wrath of God abideth on him.

CHAP. IV.

WHEN therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and ^b baptized more disciples than John, ² (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples.)

³ He left Judæa, and departed again into Galilee.

⁴ And he must needs go through Samaria.

⁵ Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground ⁱ that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

⁶ Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well. and it was about the sixth hour.

⁷ There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

⁸ (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

⁹ Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for ⁱ the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee ^o living water.

¹¹ The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

¹² Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

¹³ Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

¹⁴ But ^o whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him ^v shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

¹⁵ The ^w woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

¹⁷ The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

¹⁸ For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

¹⁹ The woman saith unto him, Sir, ^a I perceive that thou art a prophet.

²⁰ Our fathers worshipped in ^{this} mountain; and ye say, that in ^d Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

A. D. 30.

^a Ps. 2. 12.

Ro. 2. 5.

1 Th. 1. 10.

He. 10. 29.

^b Mal. 1. 11.

1 Ti. 2. 8.

^c 2 Ki. 17. 29.^d Is. 2. 3.

Ro. 9. 4, 5.

^e ch. 3. 22, 26.^f Phi. 3. 3.^g ch. 1. 17.^h 2 Co. 3. 17.ⁱ Ge. 33. 19.

48. 22.

Jos. 24. 32.

^j ch. 9. 37.

Is. 65. 1.

Mat. 26. 63.

64.

Mar. 14. 61.

62.

^k ver. 25.

ch. 1. 47, 49.

2 Ki. 17. 24.

Lu. 9. 52, 53.

Ac. 10. 28.

^m Is. 60. 8.ⁿ Is. 53. 11.

Je. 15. 16.

Ac. 20. 35.

^o Is. 12. 3.

44. 3.

Je. 2. 13.

Zec. 13. 1.

14. 8.

^p ch. 6. 38.

17. 4.

19. 30.

Job 23. 12.

^r He. 12. 2.^s Mat. 9. 37.

Lu. 10. 2.

^t ch. 6. 35, 58.^u Da. 12. 3.

1 Co. 9. 19.

23.

Phi. 2. 15, 16.

1 Th. 2. 19.

1 Ti. 4. 16.

2 Ti. 4. 7, 8.

^v ch. 7. 38.^w ch. 6. 34.

17. 2, 3.

Ro. 6. 23.

1 Jno. 5. 20.

^y Ac. 10. 33.

13. 42.

28. 28.

Ro. 5. 20.

^z ver. 29.^a ch. 6. 14.

7. 40.

Lu. 7. 16.

24. 19.

^b 1 Co. 2. 4, 5.

He. 4. 12.

^c Ju. 9. 7.^d De. 12. 5, 11.

1 Ki. 9. 3.

2 Ch. 7. 12.

^e ch. 17. 8.

1 Jno. 4. 14.

²¹ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, ^b when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

²² Ye worship ^c ye know not what: we know what we worship: for ^d salvation is of the Jews.

²³ But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in ^f spirit ^e and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

²⁴ God ^h is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

²⁵ The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

²⁶ Jesus saith unto her, ^j I that speak unto thee am he.

²⁷ ^u And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

²⁸ The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

²⁹ Come, see a man, ^z which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

³⁰ Then ^u they went out of the city, and came unto him.

³¹ ^u In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

³² But he said unto them, ^u I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

³³ Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?

³⁴ Jesus saith unto them, ^p My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to ^r finish his work.

³⁵ Say not ye, There are yet four months, and ^{then} cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; ^u for they are white already to harvest.

³⁶ And ^u he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

³⁷ And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

³⁸ I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

³⁹ ^u And ^u many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him ^z for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

⁴¹ And ^u many more believed because of his own word;

⁴² And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: ^u for

CHAP. IV. — 4. *needs*, the way to Galilee was through Samaria. 5. *Sychar*, thought to be Shechem, Josh. xxiv. 32. 6. *thus*, 'immediately.' — *Doddr*, sixth hour, mid-day, therefore very hot. 9. *no dealings*, no friendly dealings, but they had in trade, ver. 8. The Samaritans were of foreign origin, superstitious, and idolatrous: see 2 Kings xvii. 24, &c.; Ezra iv.; Neh. vi. 10. *gift of God*, what God can bestow. *living water*, 'life-giving water.' — *Being*; his Spirit and truth. — *Boothroyd*. 12. *greater*, wiser than Jacob, who could find no

better well? 14. *never thirst*, enjoy a never-failing source of true happiness. 20. *mountain*, Gerizim, not far off, where once was a temple built by Sannballat, and the spot was yet used. 21. *neither*, worship, the Levitical worship should cease. 22. *know not what*, mingling truth and superstition: 2 Kings xvii. *salvation*, the Saviour. 23. *in spirit*, &c. not in ceremonial observances. 27. *marvelled*, the Jewish doctors considered it indecorous to talk publicly with a woman. 28. *waterpot*, 'bucket.' 29. *all*, &c. the most secret passages of my life.

we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

43 ¶ Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee.

44 For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.

45 Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judæa into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.

52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

54 This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judæa into Galilee.

CHAP. V.

AFTER this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

A. D. 30.

a Mat. 9. 6, 7.

Mar. 2. 11, 12.

Lu. 5. 24. 26

b ch. 9. 14.

c Mat. 13. 57.

Mar. 6. 4.

Lu. 4. 24.

d Ex. 20. 10.

Ne. 13. 19.

Je. 17. 21.

&c.

Mat. 12. 2.

Mar. 3. 4.

Lu. 13. 14.

e ch. 2. 23.

3. 2.

f De. 16. 16.

g ch. 2. 1, 11.

* or, courtier,

or, ruler.

† or, from

the multitude

that was.

i ch. 8. 11.

Mat. 12. 45.

k Nu. 14. 11.

Mat. 16. 1.

Ac. 2. 22.

l Co. 1. 22.

Ps. 40. 17.

88. 10. 12.

m Ac. 14. 9. 10.

Ro. 4. 20. 21.

He. 11. 19.

n ch. 9. 4.

14. 10.

o ch. 7. 19.

p ch. 10. 30. 33.

Phi. 2. 6.

r ver. 30.

ch. 12. 49.

14. 10.

s ch. 3. 35.

Mat. 3. 17.

2 Pe. 1. 17.

ch. 2. 13.

Le. 23. 2.

De. 16. 1.

u ch. 11. 25. 43.

Lu. 7. 14.

8. 54.

v Ne. 3. 1.

12. 39.

† or, gate.

x ch. 3. 35.

17. 2.

Mat. 11. 27.

28. 18.

Ac. 17. 31.

1 Pe. 4. 5.

y 1 Jno. 2. 23.

z ch. 3. 16. 18.

6. 40. 47.

8. 51.

20. 31.

a 1 Jno. 3. 14.

b Ep. 2. 1, 5.

5. 14.

Col. 2. 13.

c Ac. 10. 42.

8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

10 ¶ The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

17 ¶ But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath given him authority to

43. into Galilee, but not to Nazareth, so Boothroyd adds.

CHAP. V.—1. feast, probably the passover. 2.

market, some supply 'gate,' as Neh. iii. 1; xii. 39.

porches, porticoes. 3. withered, probably from the catalepsy, a sudden contraction of muscles. 4.

angel, according to the Jewish way of speaking, every

thing that had a Divine effect was said to be done by

angels. 2 Kings xix. 35, &c. 4. made whole, the

cure was for the first that stepped in—it was at a

particular time—it was instantaneous—it was an

universal remedy; hence this was not a common

mineral spring, but miraculous. 5. infirmity,

'weakness.' 13. conveyed, &c. modestly slipped

away. — Dodd. 14. sin no more, guard against

sin. 17. My Father, &c. we work together. 18.

his Father, 'his own Father,' so the Greek. 19. of

himself, as Mediator, it would be inconsistent with

his office; as God, one could not act without the

other. 20. sheweth, &c. this refers to the ample

and comprehensive knowledge which the Son has

of the Father's counsels. 21. whom he will, by an

essential power and independent agency. 22. all

judgment, 'the power of judging.' — Campbell. 24.

heareth, obediently. on him, who sent the Saviour.

passed, that is, from condemnation to justification.

25. now is, is just at hand. dead, in sins. voice, in

the gospel. live, quickened by Divine grace. 26. For

as, &c. whatever property belongs to the Father

execute judgment also, ^a because he is the Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

29 And ^b shall come forth; ^c they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because ^d I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

31 If ^e I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

32 ^f There ^g is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

33 Ye sent unto John, ^h and he bare witness unto the truth.

34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.

35 He was a burning and ⁱ a shining light: and ^j ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

36 ^k But ^l I have greater witness than that of John: for ^m the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, ⁿ hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor ^o seen his shape.

38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

39 ^p Search ^q the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and ^r they are they which testify of me.

40 And ^s ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

41 I ^t receive not honour from men.

42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, ^u which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: ^v there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: ^w for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

CHAP. VI.

AFTER these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

4 And ^x the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5 ^y When Jesus then lifted up his eyes,

A. D. 31.

^a Da. 7. 13, 14.
Phi. 2. 7, 11.

^b Is. 26. 19.
1 Th. 4. 16.

^c 1 Co. 15. 52.
Da. 12. 2.

^d Mat. 25. 32.
33, 46.

^e Nu. 11. 21, 22.
ch. 4. 34.

^f 6. 38.
Mat. 26. 39.

^g 2 Ki. 4. 43.
ch. 8. 14.

^h Re. 3. 14.
Mat. 3. 17.

ⁱ 17. 5.
1 Jno. 5. 6, 7, 9.

^j ch. 1. 15, 18.
27. 32.

^k 2 Pe. 1. 19.
Mat. 13. 20.

^l 21. 26.
Mar. 6. 20.

^m 1 Jno. 5. 9.
ch. 3. 2.

ⁿ 10. 25.
15. 24.

^o ch. 6. 27.
8. 18.

^p Mat. 3. 17.
17. 5.

^q ch. 1. 21.
4. 19, 25.

^r 7. 40.
Ge. 49. 10.

^s Mat. 11. 3.
ch. 1. 18.

^t De. 4. 12.
1 Ti. 1. 17.

^u 1 Jno. 4. 12.
Is. 8. 20.

^v 34. 16.
Lu. 16. 29.

^w Ac. 17. 11.
ch. 1. 45.

^x De. 18. 15, 18.
Lu. 24. 27.

^y Mat. 14. 23.
&c.

^z Mar. 6. 47.
&c.

^a ch. 1. 11.
3. 19.

^b 1 Th. 2. 6.
y ch. 12. 43.

^c Ro. 2. 23.
Ps. 35. 3.

^d Is. 43. 2, 3.
a Ro. 2. 12.

^e b ch. 1. 45.
Ge. 3. 15.

^f 12. 3.
18. 18.

^g 22. 18.
49. 10.

^h Ac. 26. 22.
c Mat. 14. 15,

ⁱ &c.
Mar. 6. 35,

^j &c.
Lu. 9. 10,

^k &c.
d ch. 2. 13.

^l 5. 1.
Le. 23. 5, 7.

^m De. 16. 1.

and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, ⁿ Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: / but what are they among so many?

10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth ^p that prophet that should come into the world.

15 ^q When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

16 And ^r when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea,

17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.

18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.

19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.

20 But he saith unto them, ^s It is I; be not afraid.

21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

22 ^t The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone;

23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)

24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

belongs equally to the Son. 27. execute judgment, at the last day, being Mediator. the Son of man, Messiah. 31. not true, two witnesses being required by law. 32. another, John Baptist. 33. unto the truth, of me as Messiah. 34. I receive not, &c. for I need it not. that ye, &c. for your conviction and benefit. 35. light, an enlightened teacher. 36. works, miracles. 37. borne witness, by enabling

him to work—by prophets speaking from heaven—by John. voice, audibly. shape, visible form. 41. from men, I seek not their praises. 43. in my Father's name, with authority and credentials from him. another, a pretender. 44. How, &c. eager for applause, you cannot humbly receive the Messiah. 46. wrote of me, by prediction and type.

CHAP. VI.—23. Tiberias, a city of Galilee, on the

25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

46 Not that any man hath seen the

A. D. 32.

a ch. 7. 29.
8. 19.
Mat. 11. 27.
b ch. 3. 16, 18.
36.

* or, Work not.

c ch. 4. 14.
d Mat. 3. 17.
Lu. 9. 35.
Ac. 2. 22.
2 Pe. 1. 17.
e ch. 3. 13.
f He. 10. 5, 10.
g 1 Jno. 3. 23.
h ch. 3. 9.
i Mat. 12. 38.
Mar. 8. 11.
1 Co. 1. 22.
k Mat. 26. 26.
28.

l Ex. 16. 15.
Nu. 11. 7.
Ne. 9. 15.
1 Co. 10. 3.
m Ps. 78. 24, 25.
n ver. 63.
Pr. 9. 4. 6.
o 1 Jno. 3. 24.
4. 15, 16.

p ch. 4. 15.
r ver. 48, 58.
1 Co. 10. 16.
18.

s ch. 7. 37.
Is. 49. 10.
t ver. 26. 64.
u Mat. 11. 6.
ch. 10. 28, 29.
Mat. 24. 24.
2 Ti. 2. 19.
1 Jno. 2. 19.
v Mat. 26. 39.
w ch. 4. 34.
x Mar. 16. 19.
Ac. 1. 9.
Ep. 4. 8.

a ch. 10. 28.
17. 12.
18. 9.
b 2 Co. 3. 6.
c ch. 3. 15, 16.
Ro. 5. 21.
1 Jno. 2. 25.
5. 11. 13.

d ch. 2. 24, 25.
13. 11.
e ver. 44, 45.
f Mat. 13. 55.
Mar. 6. 3.
Lu. 4. 22.

g ver. 65.
Ca. 1. 4.
h Ac. 5. 20.
i Is. 54. 13.
Je. 31. 34.
Mi. 4. 2.

He. 8. 10.
10. 16.
k ch. 1. 49.
11. 27.
Mat. 16. 16.
Ro. 1. 3.

l Lu. 6. 13.
m ch. 13. 27.
n ch. 1. 18.

Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

48 I am that bread of life.

49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

western shore of the lake. 27. Labour not, i. e. not so much. him—sealed, authorized by proper credentials.—G. Holden; the heathen sealed the victims for sacrifice; so perhaps the Jews, who were to have them without blemish. Hence probably this allusion.—So T. H. Horne. 30. sign, miracle. 33. life, eternal. 35. never hunger—thirst, be satisfied and happy for ever. 36. seen me, seen him work his miracles. 37. I will in no wise, I will not, no, I

will not.—Henry. 44. draw, allure by moral means. 52. strove, debated violently. 53. flesh, of many sacrifices the priest and offerer mutually partook. 56. dwelleth, expressing close and intimate communion. 60 hard, difficult to understand. 63. the spirit, given to believers. quickeneth, imparteth spiritual life. flesh profiteth nothing, to this end. are spirit, &c. i. e. the means of obtaining this spirit, and this spiritual life. 70. a devil, or 'adversary.'

71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

CHAP. VII.

AFTER these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because ⁶ the Jews sought to kill him.

2 Now ^c the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.

3 His ^d brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judæa, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.

4 For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world.

5 For ^e neither did his brethren believe in him.

6 Then Jesus said unto them, ^k My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.

7 The ^l world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, ^p because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.

8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come.

9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee.

10 ^q But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

11 Then ^r the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?

12 And ^s there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for ^v some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.

13 Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.

14 ^t Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.

15 And ^u the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man [†] letters, having never learned?

16 Jesus answered them, and said, ^a My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

18 He ^d that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

19 Did ^f not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?

20 The people answered and said, ^g Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?

21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel.

22 Moses ^m therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, ^o but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.

23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, [†] that the law of Moses

A. D. 32.

^a De. 1. 16, 17.

^b Pr. 24. 23.

^c Ja. 2. 1.

^d ch. 5. 16, 18.

^e Le. 23. 34.

^f Mat. 12. 46.

^g Ac. 1. 14.

^h ch. 8. 14.

ⁱ Ro. 3. 4.

^j ch. 1. 18.

^k Mar. 3. 21.

^l ch. 10. 15.

^m Mat. 11. 27.

ⁿ ch. 2. 4.

^o Mar. 11. 18.

^p Lu. 19. 47.

^q 20. 19.

^r Ps. 76. 10.

^s ch. 15. 19.

^t ch. 3. 2.

^u Mat. 12. 23.

^v ch. 3. 19.

^w ch. 13. 33.

^x 16. 16.

^y ch. 11. 56.

^z Ho. 5. 6.

^{aa} ch. 9. 16.

^{ab} 10. 19.

^{ac} Mat. 21. 46.

^{ad} Lu. 7. 16.

^{ae} Is. 11. 12.

^{af} Ja. 1. 1.

^{ag} 1 Pe. 1. 1.

^{ah} or, Greeks.

^{ai} Mat. 13. 54.

^{aj} Ac. 2. 7.

^{ak} or, learning.

^{al} Le. 23. 36.

^{am} ch. 3. 11.

^{an} ch. 6. 35.

^{ao} Is. 55. 1.

^{ap} Re. 22. 17.

^{aq} ch. 4. 14.

^{ar} Pr. 18. 4.

^{as} Is. 12. 3.

^{at} ch. 5. 41.

^{au} 8. 50.

^{av} ch. 16. 7.

^{aw} Is. 44. 3.

^{ax} Joel 2. 23.

^{ay} Ac. 2. 17, 33.

^{az} 35.

^{ba} Ex. 24. 3.

^{bb} De. 33. 4.

^{bc} Ac. 7. 38.

^{bd} ch. 12. 16.

^{be} ch. 10. 20.

^{bf} ch. 1. 21.

^{bg} 6. 14.

^{bh} De. 18. 15, 18.

^{bi} ch. 4. 42.

^{bj} 6. 69.

^{bk} ch. 1. 46.

^{bl} Le. 12. 3.

^{bm} Ps. 132. 11.

^{bn} Je. 23. 5.

^{bo} Mi. 5. 2.

^{bp} Ge. 17. 10.

^{bq} 1 Sa. 16. 1, 4.

^{br} ch. 9. 16.

^{bs} 10. 19.

^{bt} or, without breaking the law of Moses.

should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?

24 Judge ^a not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

25 Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill?

26 But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?

27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.

28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, ^c Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me ^f is true, ^g whom ye know not.

29 But ^h I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

30 Then ⁱ they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.

31 And ^o many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done?

32 [†] The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.

33 Then said Jesus unto them, ^r Yet a little while am I with you, and ^{then} I go unto him that sent me.

34 Ye ^t shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, ^{thither} ye cannot come.

35 Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto ^u the dispersed among the ^{*} Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?

36 What manner of saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, ^{thither} ye cannot come?

37 In ^z the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, ^b If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, ^c out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But ^d this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

40 [†] Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is ^e the Prophet.

41 Others said, ^k This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come [†] out of Galilee?

42 Hath not the scripture said, [†] That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, ^p where David was?

43 So ^r there was a division among the people because of him.

CHAP. VII.—1. walked, travelled. Jewry, Judea.

6. time, to go to the feast. your time, &c. any time will suit you. 7. cannot hate you, intimated they were of the world.—Boothroyd. 12. murmuring, 'whispering.' 15. letters, or the Scriptures. 16.

not mine, &c. by a Hebrew idiom here means, not only mine. 18. unrighteousness, 'imposture.' 20. hast a devil, art mad—no one has any design upon thy life. 34. where I am, shall be, and where my Divine nature now is, in heaven. 35. the dispersed,

i. e. the dispersed Jews: see James i. 1: 1 Pet. i. 1. 37. last, i. e. the eighth of the feast. If any man thirst, on this day water from Siloah was poured before the Lord in the temple, and during this act our Lord probably spoke these words. 38. belly, i. e. mind or heart. 39. not yet given, the effusion of the Spirit's gifts, afterwards occurred at Pentecost. 40. the Prophet, predicted Deut. xviii. 18.

41. out of Galilee, this question was founded on a mistake, supposing Christ was born there. 43. division,

Of the woman taken in adultery.

44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

45 ¶ Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?

46 The officers answered, ^c Never man spake like this man.

47 Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?

48 Have ^f any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?

49 But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.

50 Nicodemus saith unto them, (^h he that came * to Jesus by night, being one of them.)

51 Doth ⁱ our law judge *any* man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?

52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for ⁿ out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.

53 And every man went unto his own house.

CHAP. VIII.

JESUS went unto the mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning he came again unto the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now ^t Moses in the law commanded us, that ^u such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with ^v his finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not.*

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, ^w He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard *it*, ^x being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, ^y Neither do I condemn thee: go, and ^z sin no more.

12 ¶ Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, ^a I am the light of the world: ^b he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, ^c Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.

14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, ^d yet my record is true: for I know whence I came,

JOHN.

A. D. 32.

a ch. 7. 28.
9. 29.
b ch. 18. 36.
c Mat. 7. 29.
d ch. 16. 32.
e De. 17. 6.
19. 15.
Mat. 18. 16.
2 Co. 13. 1.
He. 10. 28.
f ch. 12. 42.
Ac. 6. 7.
1 Co. 120. 26.
2. 8.
g ch. 5. 37.
h ch. 3. 2.
i ver. 55.
ch. 16. 3.

* to him.

k ch. 14. 7.
l De. 1. 17.
17. 8. & c.
19. 15.
m Mar. 12. 41.
n ch. 1. 46.
Is. 9. 1, 2.
Mat. 4. 15.
o ch. 13. 33.
p ch. 3. 31.
r ch. 15. 19.
17. 16.

1 Jno. 4. 5.
s Mar. 16. 16.
t Le. 20. 10.
De. 22. 22.
u ch. 15. 15.
v De. 17. 7.
Ro. 2. 1.
x ch. 3. 14.
12. 32.

y Ro. 1. 4.
z ch. 5. 19, 30.
a ch. 3. 11.
b Ps. 50. 21.
Ec. 7. 22.
Ro. 2. 22.
1 Jno. 3. 20.
c ch. 14. 10, 11.
d ch. 4. 34.
5. 30.
6. 38.

e ch. 10. 42.
11. 45.
Ep. 1. 13.
f ch. 3. 17.
Lu. 9. 56.
12. 14.
1 Co. 5. 12.
g Ro. 6. 14, 18.
22.

8. 2.
Ja. 1. 25.
2. 12.
h ch. 5. 14.
i Le. 25. 42.
Mat. 3. 9.
k ch. 1. 4, 5, 9.
3. 19.
12. 35, 36.
48.

l Ro. 6. 16, 20.
2 Pe. 2. 19.
m ch. 5. 31.
n Ga. 4. 30.
o Ro. 8. 2.
Ga. 5. 1.

Christ the light of the world.

and whither I go; but ^a ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

15 Ye judge after the flesh; ^b I judge no man.

16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for ^c I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

17 It ^d is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and ^e the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, ^f Ye neither know me, nor my Father: ^g if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

20 These words spake Jesus in ^h the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ⁱ ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.

23 And he said unto them, ^j Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ^k ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: ^l for if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins.

25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, *Even the same* that I said unto you from the beginning.

26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and ^m I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have ⁿ lifted up the Son of man, ^o then shall ye know that I am *he*, and ^p that I do nothing of myself; but ^q as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

29 And ^r he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; ^s for I do always those things that please him.

30 As he spake these words, ^t many believed on him.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, ^u then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the ^v truth shall make you free.

33 ¶ They answered him, ^w We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, ^x Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

35 And ^y the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

36 If ^z the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

'schism.' 49. people, 'rabble.' cursed, as being ignorant, Deut. xxvii. 26. 52. of Galilee, of the Galilean party.

CHAP. VIII.—7. without sin, enormous sin, such as adultery, &c. for the Pharisees were grossly immoral.—Bloomfield. first cast, the principal accuser always did so, Deut. xiii. 9, &c. 9. midst, of the people. 11. condemn, pass sentence. 15. after the flesh, by humble appearance, or worldly prejudices. I judge no man, in that manner, or I teach now, not judge.

21. sins, 'sin,' i. e. unbelief. 24. I am he, Messiah. 25. Who art thou? spoken in derision. beginning, of this discourse, or 'before.' 28. lifted up, on the cross. know, by various miracles, then and after. 33. never in bondage, their fathers had been, therefore they must mean their own generation. 34. committeth, 'worketh,' habitually practises. servant, 'slave.' 36. make you free, thought to allude to a custom in some places, by which the heir could admit a slave to family privileges. free, from the

37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

38 I ^e speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, ^d If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, ^f which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; ^h we have one Father, even God.

42 Jesus said unto them, ^k If God were your Father, ye would love me: ⁱ for I proceeded forth and came from God; ^m neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

44 Ye ^p are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and ^o abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

47 He ^r that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and ^t hast a devil?

49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.

50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man ^u keep my saying, he shall never see death.

52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. ^v Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

54 Jesus answered, ^w If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: ^x it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:

55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

56 Your father Abraham ^y rejoiced to see my day: ^z and he saw it, and was glad.

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, ^{aa} I am.

A. D. 32.

a ch. 10. 31. 39.

b Lu. 4. 30.

c ch. 3. 32.

d Ro. 2. 23.

e Ga. 3. 29.

f ver. 26.

g ch. 11. 4.

h Is. 63. 16.

i Mal. 1. 6.

k ch. 4. 34.

l Jno. 5. 1.

m ch. 5. 43.

n ch. 1. 5, 9.

o Mar. 7. 33.

p Mat. 13. 38.

q Jno. 3. 8.

r Ne. 3. 15.

s Jude 6.

t Ki. 5. 14.

u ch. 10. 26, 27.

v Jno. 4. 6.

w ch. 7. 20.

x Lu. 13. 10.

y ch. 5. 24.

z Ro. 10. 12. 14.

aa Zec. 1. 5.

a ver. 33.

b ch. 3. 2.

c ch. 5. 31.

d ch. 7. 12, 43.

e Ac. 14. 4.

f ch. 5. 41.

g ch. 16. 14.

h Ac. 3. 13.

i ch. 4. 19.

j Ge. 19. 14.

k Is. 26. 11.

l He. 3. 16. 19.

m ch. 4. 11.

n Lu. 10. 21.

o Ga. 3. 7. 9.

p 1Pe. 1. 10. 12.

q He. 11. 13.

r ch. 17. 5, 24.

s Ex. 3. 14.

t Is. 43. 13.

u Col. 1. 17.

v Re. 1. 8.

59 Then ^a took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, ^b going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

CHAP. IX.

AND as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, ^c who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents. ^d but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I ^e must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, ^f I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, ^g he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he ^h anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash ⁱ in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) ^j He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

8 ^k The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.

13 ^l They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.

14 And ^m it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a ⁿ man that is a sinner do such miracles? And ^o there was a division among them.

17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, ^p He is a prophet.

18 But ^q the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.

19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:

dominion of sin and Satan. 43. speech, mode of speaking. ye cannot, &c. there was a perverse indisposition of their hearts. hear, bear. 44. of his own, according to his own disposition. 46. convinceth, 'convicteth.' sin, falsehood. 48. Samaritan—devil, expressions the most reproachful. 50. mine own, like a false prophet. 51. keep, &c. shall believe and obey my doctrine. death, eternal. 56. my day, of coming into the world. saw, by faith.

58. I am, denotes priority and continuance of being. 59. cast at him, for blasphemy, zealots often taking the law into their own hands.

CHAP. IX. — 1. passed by, 'was passing along.' 2. who did sin, thinking the blindness was the effect of sin. 3. Neither, &c. his blindness was not so occasioned. 5. light, a double meaning here, improving the miracle. 7. Siloam, without the city walls. Sent, reminding you of SHILOH the Sent.

Wickedness of the Pharisees.

21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.

22 These words spake his parents, because ^b they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he ^c should be put out of the synagogue.

23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.

24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, ^d Give God the praise: ^e we know that this man is a sinner.

25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?

28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.

29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, ^f we know not from whence he is.

30 The man answered and said unto them, ^g Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.

31 Now we know that ^h God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

34 They answered and said unto him, "Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they ⁱ cast him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on ^j the Son of God?

36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and ^k it is he that talketh with thee.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

39 ^l And Jesus said, ^m For judgment I am come into this world, ⁿ that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, ^o and said unto him, Are we blind also?

41 Jesus said unto them, ^p If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

CHAP. X.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, ^q He

JOHN.

A. D. 32.

^a Ro. 10. 15.

^b 1 Pe. 1. 10.

^c ch. 12. 42.

^d 19. 38.

^e Ac. 5. 13.

^f ch. 16. 2.

^g Jos. 7. 19.

^h 1 Sa. 6. 5.

ⁱ ver. 16.

^j ch. 14. 6.

^k Ep. 2. 18.

^l ch. 8. 14.

^m ch. 3. 10.

ⁿ Is. 40. 11.

^o Eze. 34. 12.

^p 37. 24.

^q He. 13. 20.

^r 1 Pe. 2. 25.

^s 5. 4.

^t Job 27. 9.

^u Ps. 18. 41.

^v 66. 18.

^w Pr. 1. 28.

^x 28. 9.

^y Is. 1. 15.

^z Je. 14. 12.

^{aa} Eze. 8. 18.

^{ab} Mi. 3. 4.

^{ac} Zec. 7. 13.

^{ad} Zec. 11. 16.

^{ae} 17.

^{af} ² Ti. 2. 19.

^{ag} ver. 2.

^{ah} Mat. 11. 27.

^{ai} ^{or, excommunicated him.}

^{aj} ver. 22.

^{ak} ch. 15. 13.

^{al} Is. 56. 8.

^{am} ch. 10. 36.

^{an} Mat. 14. 33.

^{ao} 16. 16.

^{ap} Mar. 1. 1.

^{aq} 1 Jno. 5. 13.

^{ar} Eze. 37. 22.

^{as} Ep. 2. 14.

^{at} Is. 53. 7, 8, 12.

^{au} He. 2. 9.

^{av} ch. 4. 26.

^{aw} ch. 2. 19.

^{ax} ch. 3. 17.

^{ay} 5, 22, 27.

^{az} 12. 47.

^{ba} ch. 15. 10.

^{bb} Ac. 2. 24, 32.

^{bc} Mat. 13. 13.

^{bd} ch. 7. 43.

^{be} ch. 7. 20.

^{bf} 8, 48, 52.

^{bg} Ro. 2. 19.

^{bh} ch. 15, 22, 24.

^{bi} Ex. 4. 11.

^{bj} Ps. 94. 9.

^{bk} 146. 8.

^{bl} ch. 9. 6, 7, 32.

^{bm} 33.

^{bn} Ac. 3. 11.

^{bo} 5. 12.

^{bp} Je. 29. 31, 32.

^{bq} Eze. 13. 2, 6.

^{br} 2 Pe. 2. 1.

^{bs} 1 Jno. 4. 1.

Christ the good shepherd.

that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But ^a he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I ^b am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

11 I ^c am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and ^d leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and ^e know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15 As ^f the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: ^g and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And ^h other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; ⁱ and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, ^j because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I ^k have power to take it again.

^l This commandment have I received of my Father.

19 ^m There ⁿ is a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.

20 And many of them said, ^o He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?

21 Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. ^p Can a devil open ^q the eyes of the blind?

22 ^r And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

23 And Jesus walked in the temple ^s in Solomon's porch.

22. put out, &c. a fearful excommunication. 24. sinner, impostor. — Kuinoel. 27. hear, regard. 34. cast him out, called "Cherem," devoting him to destruction. 35. Son, &c. i. e. Messiah. 39. For judgment, &c. to discriminate justly between good and bad. which see not, &c. are in ignorance of God. might see, be enlightened by the word and Spirit. which see, Jews, who have much light and strong evidence of the Messiah's mission. made blind, punished with blindness of mind. 41. no sin, i. e. comparatively.

CHAP. X. — 1. door, Christ. sheepfold, church. 3. by name, eastern shepherds name their sheep, as we do other animals. 4. follow, eastern sheep follow, as our dogs often do. 8. before me, rather, for me. 10. thief, false teacher. 11. good shepherd, predicted Isa. xl. 11, &c. 12. hireling, working merely for hire. 16. other sheep, Gentiles. this fold, Jewish race. 18. commandment, commission. 22. feast of dedication, probably the feast instituted by Judas Maccabeus, on his having purified the temple profaned by Antiochus. 23. porch, or piazza.

24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou ^a make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: ^b the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

26 But ^c ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

27 My ^d sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and ^e they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

29 My ^f Father, ^g which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

30 I ^h and my Father are one.

31 Then ⁱ the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, ^j makest thyself God.

34 Jesus answered them, ^k Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

35 If he called them gods, ^l unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

36 Say ye of him, ^m whom the Father hath sanctified, and ⁿ sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the ^o Son of God?

37 If ^p I do not the works of my Father, believe ye not.

38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe ^q the works: that ye may know, and believe, ^r that the Father is in me, and I in him.

39 Therefore ^s they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand.

40 And went away again beyond Jordan into the place ^t where John at first baptized; and there he abode.

41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: ^u but all things that John spake of this man were true.

42 And ^v many believed on him there.

CHAP. XI.

NOW a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of ^w Mary and her sister Martha.

2 (It ^x was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, ^y but for the glory of God, ^z that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

5 Now Jesus ^{aa} loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

6 When he had heard therefore that he

A. D. 33.

^a ch. 10. 40.^a or, hold us in suspense.^b ch. 3. 2.^c ch. 10. 31.^d ch. 8. 47.^e 1 Jno. 4. 6.^f ch. 9. 4.^g ver. 4. 14.^h ch. 12. 35.ⁱ 1 Jno. 2. 10.^j ch. 6. 37.^k ch. 14. 28.^l ch. 17. 2, 6, &c.^m De. 31. 16.ⁿ Da. 12. 2.^o Mat. 9. 24.^p Ac. 7. 60.^q 1 Co. 15. 18.^r ch. 17. 11, 22.^s ch. 8. 59.^t ch. 5. 18.^u Ps. 82. 6.^v Ro. 13. 1.^w ch. 6. 27.^x That is, about two miles.^y ch. 3. 17.^z 5. 36, 37.^{aa} ch. 9. 35, 37.^{ab} Lu. 1. 35.^{ac} ch. 15. 24.^{ad} ch. 5. 36.^{ae} ch. 17. 21.^{af} ch. 7. 30, 44.^{ag} ch. 9. 31.^{ah} ch. 1. 28.^{ai} ch. 5. 29.^{aj} Lu. 14. 14.^{ak} ch. 3. 30.^{al} ch. 8. 30.^{am} ch. 11. 45.^{an} ch. 5. 21.^{ao} ch. 6. 34, 40, 44.^{ap} ch. 1. 4.^{aq} ch. 6. 35.^{ar} ch. 14. 6.^{as} Col. 3. 4.^{at} 1 Jno. 1. 1, 2.^{au} ch. 3. 36.^{av} 1 Jno. 5. 10.^{aw} &c.^{ax} Lu. 10. 38, 39.^{ay} ch. 12. 3.^{az} Mat. 26. 7.^{ba} Mar. 14. 3.^{bb} ch. 4. 42.^{bc} 6. 14, 69.^{bd} Mat. 16. 16.^{be} 1 Th. 5. 11.^{bf} He. 12. 12.^{bg} Ps. 27. 8.^{bh} 119. 39, 60.^{bi} ver. 40.^{bj} ch. 9. 3.^{bk} Phi. 1. 20.^{bl} 1 Pe. 1. 21.^{bm} 1 Jno. 4. 7, 8.^{bn} &c.^{bo} Ro. 12. 15.

was sick, ^c he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

7 Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.

8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? ^d If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

10 But ^e if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus ^f sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had ^g lain in the grave four days already.

18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, ^h about fifteen furlongs off:

19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat ⁱ still in the house.

21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, ^j whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha saith unto him, ^k I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am ^l the resurrection, and ^m the life: ⁿ he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: ^o I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

28 And when she had so said, she went her way, ^p and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

29 As ^q soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

31 The ^r Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when

24. make us to doubt, keep us in suspense. 26. of my sheep, simple, teachable. 31. to stone, the punishment for blasphemy, understanding him by one, ver. 30, to make himself equal with God. 34. gods, Psalm lxxxii. 6. If Jewish rulers were so called, much more the Son. 35. broken, i. e. rendered of none effect.

CHAP. XI.—2. that Mary, ch. xii. 3; Matt. xxvi. 6;

Mark xiv. 3: Luke x. 38, 39. 4. not unto death, ^a will not prove fatal. 9. twelve hours, the Jews throughout the year made equal day and night, from sunrise to sunset. 10. in him, ^b it, i. e. the world. 11. sleepeth, so the Hebrews speak of death, Deut. xxxi. 16; 2 Sam. vii. 12; Dan. xii. 2, &c. 25. I am the resurrection and the life, i. e. I am their author. 26. whosoever liveth, whosoever among the living. never die, not

Lazarus raised from the dead.

they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, ^a he groaned in the spirit, and ^a was troubled,

34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Jesus ^a wept.

36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

37 And some of them said, Could not this man, ^a which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest ^a see the glory of God?

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up ^a his eyes, and said, ^m Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but ^a because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, ^a Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes; and ^a his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, ^a and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

46 But ^a some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

47 ^a Then ^a gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, ^a What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

48 If we let him thus alone, all ^a men will believe on him: and ^a the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

49 And one of them, named ^b Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, ^a Ye know nothing at all,

50 Nor consider ^a that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, ^a he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

52 And ^a not for that nation only, ^a but that also he should gather together in one

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A. D. 33.

^a ch. 4. 1, 3.

^b 2 Ch. 13. 19.

^c He. 4. 15.

5. 7, 8.

^d ch. 2. 13.

5. 1.

6. 4.

^a he troubled himself.

Job 30. 25.

Ps. 119. 136.

Is. 53. 3.

63. 9.

Je. 9. 1.

Lu. 19. 41.

He. 2. 16.

^f ch. 11. 7.

^g ch. 9. 6.

^h ch. 11. 1, 43.

ⁱ Mat. 26. 6.

&c.

Mar. 14. 3,

&c.

^k ver. 4. 23.

2 Co. 3. 18.

4. 6.

^l ch. 11. 2.

Lu. 10. 38, 39.

^m Phi. 4. 6.

ⁿ ch. 12. 30.

^a Ac. 3. 6, 12.

9. 34.

^p ch. 13. 29.

^r ch. 20. 7.

^s ch. 2. 23.

10. 42.

12. 11, 18.

^t Ac. 5. 25.

^u ch. 11. 43, 45.

&c.

Ps. 2. 2.

Mat. 26. 3.

Mar. 14. 1.

Lu. 22. 2.

^x Lu. 16. 31.

^y ch. 12. 19.

Ac. 4. 16.

De. 28. 49, 68.

Da. 9. 26, 27.

Zec. 13. 7, 8.

^a Mat. 21. 8,

&c.

Mar. 11. 8,

&c.

Lu. 19. 35,

&c.

^b Lu. 3. 2.

Ac. 4. 6.

^c Pr. 26. 12.

Is. 5. 20, 21.

1 Co. 1. 20.

^d Ps. 118. 25, 26.

^e ch. 18. 14.

Ro. 3. 8.

^f Mat. 21. 7.

^g Nu. 24. 2.

1 Co. 13. 2.

^h Zec. 9. 9.

ⁱ Is. 49. 6.

1 Jno. 2. 2.

^k ch. 10. 16.

Ep. 2. 14, 17.

Col. 1. 20, 22.

^l Lu. 18. 34.

^m ch. 7. 39.

Mary anointeth the feet of Jesus.

the children of God that were scattered abroad.

53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

54 Jesus ^a therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called ^b Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.

55 ^a And ^a the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.

56 Then ^a sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast?

57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew ^a it, that they might take him.

CHAP. XII.

THEN Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, ^a where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There ^a they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

3 Then took ^a Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and ^a had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, ^a whom he had raised from the dead.

10 ^a But ^a the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;

11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

12 ^a On ^a the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, ^a Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

14 And ^a Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

15 Fear ^a not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

16 These things ^a understood not his disciples at the first: ^a but when Jesus was

high priesthood properly continued for life, but the Romans changed the high priest at pleasure. *prophesied*, being moved by a secret impulse, as high priest, through which office God gave answers to the people. 52. *And not for that nation only*, &c. but for all whom he should redeem throughout the world.

CHAP. XII.—6. *the bag*, the common purse supplied by Christ's friends to support him and the disciples

die for ever. 33. *groaned*, being deeply affected. 39. *stinketh*, smelleth—bodies soon corrupt in a hot climate. 41. *Father, I thank thee*, hence Jesus had secretly offered prayer. 44. *bound*, swathed about. *Loose him*, loosen the bandages. Our Lord could have done so, but he would never work an unnecessary miracle.—Ed. 50. *die for the people*, in the sense intended this was wicked, but he was made to utter a prophecy. 51. *high priest that year*, the

glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

17 The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.

18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.

19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?

35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake,

A. D. 33.

a ch. 14. 26.

b Is. 53. 1.

c Ro. 10. 16.

d Is. 6. 9, 10.

e Mat. 13. 14.

f ch. 11. 47, 48.

g Is. 6. 1.

h Ac. 17. 4.

i Ki. 8. 41, 42.

j Ac. 8. 27.

k ch. 7. 13.

l 9. 22.

m ch. 1. 44.

n ch. 5. 44.

o Mar. 9. 37.

p 1 Pe. 1. 21.

q ch. 14. 9.

r 1 Co. 15. 36.

s o ch. 3. 19.

t 9. 5, 39.

u Mar. 8. 35.

v ch. 5. 45.

w 8. 15, 26.

x ch. 3. 17.

y Lu. 10. 16.

z ch. 14. 3.

aa 1 Th. 4. 17.

ab De. 18. 19.

ac Mat. 26. 33.

ad 39.

ae Lu. 12. 50.

af ch. 14. 10.

ag ch. 18. 37.

ah Lu. 22. 53.

ai Mat. 3. 17.

aj b Mat. 26. 2.

ak ch. 11. 42.

al d ch. 12. 23.

am 17. 1, 11.

an e Ac. 26. 18.

ao 2 Co. 4. 4.

ap Ep. 2. 2.

aq 6. 12.

ar f Lu. 22. 3.

as Ro. 5. 18.

at He. 2. 9.

au ch. 18. 32.

av i ch. 3. 35.

aw Mat. 11. 27.

ax 28. 18.

ay Ac. 2. 36.

az 1 Co. 15. 27.

ba He. 2. 8.

bb k Ps. 89. 36, 37.

bc 110. 4.

bd Is. 9. 7.

be 53. 8.

bf Da. 7. 14, 27.

bg Mi. 4. 7.

bh l ch. 16. 28.

bi m Lu. 22. 27.

bj Phi. 2. 7, 8.

bk n Je. 13. 16.

bl Ep. 5. 8.

bm o ch. 11. 10.

bn 1 Jno. 2. 11.

bo * he.

bp p Mat. 3. 14.

bq r Lu. 16. 8.

br 1 Th. 5. 5.

bs 1 Jno. 2. 9.

bt 11.

bu s ch. 8. 59.

bv 11. 54.

bw t 1 Co. 6. 11.

bx Ep. 5. 26.

by Tit. 3. 5.

bz He. 10. 22.

b Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,

40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

CHAP. XIII.

Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord,

prophets concerning Jesus. arm, Divine power. 44. not on me, i. e. not on me only. 47. I judge him not, chap. viii. 15, note.

CHAP. XIII.—1. his own, his disciples. 2. devil—put, Judas having yielded to him. 4. girded himself, with his garments, as one who served. 5. wash, &c. a menial service, 1 Sam. xxv. 41. 8. wash

21. die, decay. 25. loveth life, more than Christ. 30. for your sakes, to convince and confirm you. 31. Now is the judgment of this world, which I am going to conquer and condemn. prince, Satan, chap. xiv. 30; xvi. 11, &c. 32. if, when. 33. lifted up, crucified, chap. iii. 14; viii. 28. 36. children of light, Luke xvi. 8, rote. 38. report, testimony of the

not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

19 Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.

23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.

25 He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?

26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a kiss, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

28 Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him.

29 For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

30 He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man

A. D. 33.

ch. 14. 13.

1 Pe. 4. 11.

ch. 17. 1. 4. 6.

ch. 15. 3.

ch. 7. 34.

8. 21.

ch. 6. 64.

Ep. 5. 2.

1 Th. 4. 9.

Ja. 2. 8.

1 Pe. 1. 22.

1 Jno. 2. 7. 8.

Mat. 23. 8.

10.

Lu. 6. 46.

1 Co. 8. 6.

12. 3.

Phi. 2. 11.

h. Lu. 22. 27.

i. Ro. 12. 10.

Gal. 6. 1. 2.

1 Pe. 5. 5.

k. ch. 21. 18.

2 Pe. 1. 14.

l. Mat. 11. 29.

Phi. 2. 5.

1 Pe. 2. 21.

1 Jno. 2. 6.

m. Mat. 26. 33.

35.

n. Ja. 1. 25.

Ps. 41. 9.

Mat. 26. 23.

p. ch. 16. 33.

or, From

henceforth.

r. ch. 16. 4.

s. ch. 13. 33. 36.

t. Mat. 25. 40.

u. Lu. 10. 16.

v. Ac. 1. 11.

w. ch. 12. 26.

17. 24.

x. 1 Th. 4. 17.

y. ch. 12. 27.

z. Ac. 1. 17.

1 Jno. 2. 19.

a. He. 9. 8.

b. ch. 1. 17.

8. 32.

c. ch. 1. 4.

11. 25.

d. ch. 10. 9.

e. ch. 8. 19.

f. or, morsel.

g. ch. 12. 45.

Col. 1. 15.

He. 1. 3.

f. ch. 6. 70.

Lu. 22. 3.

g. ch. 10. 36.

17. 21. 23.

h. ch. 12. 6.

i. ch. 5. 36.

10. 38.

k. Mat. 21. 21.

l. ch. 12. 23.

m. Mat. 7. 7.

21. 22.

Ja. 1. 5.

1 Jno. 3. 22.

5. 14.

glorified, and God is glorified in him.

32 If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightaway glorify him.

33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

36 Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.

37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.

38 Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

CHAP. XIV.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my

thee not, &c. meaning, without purity of mind, he could be no disciple. part, fellowship. 10. save—his feet, the disciples had washed their face and hands, but not their feet. These were washed by servants before sitting down to table, and Christ now performed the act: see Gen. xlviii. 4, &c. is clean, he who receives the gospel will not again need an entire change. 14. ye—ought, &c. by which he taught a lesson of humble love. 19. I am he, i. e. the Messiah. 23. leaning, reclining next to Jesus on the couch: see Luke xvi. 22, note. 27. entered, more forcibly. 31. Now, &c. alludes to what would immediately occur in his death and resurrection. 32.

in himself, by his own Divine power and glory, Rom. vi. 4. 33. Little children, a term of affection. 34. new, not absolutely, for it existed before, Lev. xix. 18, but was now enforced by new motives. 35. It is common in the east to mark time by the cock crowing.

CHAP. XIV.—1. troubled, at my departure. in me, as Mediator. 2. house, heaven. many mansions, as in royal palaces. prepare, &c. by virtue of his sacrifice and intercession. 5. ye know not, they understood not his return to glory. 6. I am the way, &c. I am the true and living way. unto the Father, i. e. to his house, mentioned ver. 2, 3. 12. greater works, see Acts ii. 33.

name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

15 If^a ye love me, keep my commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and^d he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even^e the Spirit of truth; *f* whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, andⁱ shall be in you.

18 I *j* will not leave you [†] comfortless: I will come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: [‡] because I live, ye shall live also.

20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21 He[†] that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22 Judas[†] saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and^o the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26 But[‡] the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name,[‡] he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

27 Peace[†] I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said,[‡] I go unto the Father: for[‡] my Father is greater than I.

29 And[†] now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: [†] for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and[‡] as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

CHAP. XV.

I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every[†] branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch*

A. D. 33.

a ch. 13. 10.

17. 17.

Ep. 5. 26.

1 Pe. 1. 22.

b ch. 15. 10, 14.

1 Jno. 5. 3.

c Col. 1. 23.

1 Jno. 2. 6.

d ch. 16. 7.

Ro. 8. 15, 26.

e 1 Jno. 4. 6.

f 1 Co. 2. 14.

g Ho. 14. 8.

Phi. 1. 11.

4. 13.

• or, severed

from me,

Ac. 4. 12.

h Mat. 3. 10.

7. 19.

i 1 Jno. 2. 27.

j Mat. 28. 20.

† or, orphans.

k 1 Co. 15. 20.

l ch. 14. 13, 14.

16. 23.

m Mat. 5. 16.

n 1 Jno. 2. 5.

5. 3.

o Lu. 6. 16.

p 1 Jno. 1. 4.

q 1 Th. 4. 9.

1 Pe. 4. 8.

1 Jno. 3. 11.

4. 21.

r 1 Jno. 2. 24.

Re. 3. 20.

s Ro. 5. 7, 8.

Ep. 5. 2.

t 1 Jno. 3. 16.

u Mat. 12. 50.

v Ge. 5. 19, 33.

w ch. 18. 17.

x Ac. 20. 27.

y Lu. 24. 49.

z ch. 2. 22.

12. 16.

16. 13.

1 Jno. 2. 20.

27.

a 1 Jno. 4. 10.

19.

b Col. 1. 6.

c Phi. 4. 7.

Col. 3. 15.

d 1 Jno. 3. 1, 13.

e ch. 16. 16.

f ch. 5. 18.

10. 30.

Phi. 2. 6, 8.

g 1 Jno. 4. 5.

h ch. 17. 14.

i ch. 13. 19.

k Mat. 10. 24.

Lu. 6. 40.

l ch. 12. 31.

m Eze. 3. 7.

n He. 5. 8.

o Mat. 10. 22.

21. 9.

p Ro. 1. 20.

Ja. 4. 17.

† or, excuse.

r Mat. 15. 13.

s 1 Jno. 2. 23.

that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now^a ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide^c in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him,^e the same bringeth forth much fruit: for[†] without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, [‡] he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, [†] ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein^m is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and^p that your joy might be full.

12 This^r is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater^t love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye[†] are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; [‡] for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye^a have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and^b ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

18 If^d the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If[‡] ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but[‡] because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, [‡] The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; [‡] if they have kept my saying, they will keep your's also.

21 But^o all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin. [†] But now they have no: cloke for their sin.

23 He[†] that hateth me hateth my Father also.

14. name, 'cause.'—Tittman. 18. comfortless, or orphans. 23. keep my words, observe my precepts. 28. greater, &c. this comparison would not have been made but for an equality. 30. nothing in me, no sin to work upon.

CHAP. XV.—1. true vine, perhaps said while drinking the last cup. 2. branch in me, shows the union of Christ and his church. fruit, of holiness. purgeth, prunes by afflictions, &c. 3. through the word, i. e. through the sanctifying influence of his doctrine. 4. Abide, steadfast in profession. I in

you, i. e. I will abide in you, by my Spirit, ch. vi. 56; Rom. viii. 9; 1 John iii. 24; iv. 13. 5. without me, severed from Christ. 7. ask, seems chiefly to refer to miracles. 9. in my love, in love towards me, chap. xiv. 23, 24; Luke xi. 42, &c. 11. that my joy, &c. rather, 'that my joy in you may remain.' 15. Henceforth, &c. the sense is, I will no longer treat you as servants, but as friends. 16. chosen you, as my apostles.—Dodr. bring forth fruit, convert sinners. remain, to remote generations. 19. not of the world, not influenced by its motives and practice.

Jesus comforteth his disciples

24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause."

26 But ^b when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, ^c he shall testify of me:

27 And ^d ye also shall bear witness, because ^e ye have been with me from the beginning.

CHAP. XVI.

THESE things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

2 They ^f shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, ^g that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

3 And ^h these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.

4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And ⁱ these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

6 But because I have said these things unto you, ^j sorrow hath filled your heart.

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, ^k the Comforter will not come unto you; but ^l if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will ^m reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness; and of judgment:

9 Of ⁿ sin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, ^o because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of ^p judgment, because ^q the prince of this world is judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, ^r but ye cannot bear them now.

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, ^s he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, ^t that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

15 All ^u things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

16 A ^v little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, ^w because I go to the Father.

17 Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall

JOHN.

A. D. 33.

^a Ps. 35. 19.

69. 4.

^b Lu. 24. 49.

Ac. 2. 33.

^c 1 Jno. 5. 6.

^d Ac. 1. 8, 21.

^e 1 Pe. 5. 1.

^f 2 Pe. 1. 16.

^g Lu. 1. 2.

^h 1 Jno. 1. 1, 2.

ⁱ Is. 26. 17.

^j ch. 9. 22, 34.

^k Ac. 26. 9. 11.

^l ch. 14. 1, 27.

20. 20.

Ac. 2. 46.

13. 52.

1 Pe. 1. 8.

Ro. 10. 2.

1 Co. 2. 8.

1 Ti. 1. 13.

ch. 14. 13.

15. 16.

Mat. 7. 7.

^m Mat. 9. 15.

ⁿ ch. 15. 11.

^o ch. 14. 1.

^p or, parab-

les.

^q ch. 7. 39.

^r Ac. 2. 33.

Ep. 4. 8.

^s ch. 14. 21, 23.

^t or, con-

vince.

^u ch. 3. 13.

17. 8.

^v ch. 13. 3.

^w Ac. 2. 22. 37.

^x ch. 3. 14.

5. 32.

^y Ac. 26. 18.

Lu. 10. 18.

Ep. 2. 2.

Col. 2. 15.

He. 2. 14.

^z or, parable.

^a ch. 21. 17.

^b Mar. 4. 33.

1 Co. 3. 2.

He. 5. 12.

^c ch. 14. 26.

1 Jno. 2. 20.

27.

^s or, his own

home.

^d ch. 3. 35.

13. 3.

17. 10.

Mat. 11. 27.

^e ch. 7. 33.

13. 33.

14. 19.

^f Is. 9. 6.

Ro. 5. 1.

Ep. 2. 14.

Col. 1. 20.

^g 2 Ti. 3. 12.

^h ch. 13. 3.

ⁱ Ro. 8. 37.

1 Jno. 4. 4.

by a promise of the Holy Ghost.

see me: and, Because I go to the Father? 18 They said therefore, What is this that he said, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.

19 Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

21 As woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and ^h your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. ⁱ Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, ^j that your joy may be full.

25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in ^k proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.

26 At that day ye shall ask in my name. And I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

27 For ^l the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and ^m have believed that I came out from God.

28 I ⁿ came forth from the Father, and I am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

29 His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no ^o proverb.

30 Now are we sure that ^p thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to ^q his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that ^r in me ye might have peace. ^s In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer: ^t I have overcome the world.

CHAP. XVII.

THESE words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father,

24. not had sin, comparatively, or the sin of rejecting the Messiah.

CHAP. XVI.—1. things, i. e. sufferings, &c. offered, stumbled. 2. put you out, see chap. ix. 34. note. 4. with you, to support you in presence. 5. asketh, i. e. now, they had before. 7. expedient, that the Spirit might shew his abundant influence. 8. reprove, ^h convince. 9. Of sin, its heinous nature, and especially in rejecting Christ. 10. Of righteousness, Christ's innocence and perfect obedience, and justification through his death. 11. Of judgment, God's unerring justice. 12. Many things, more explanatory of the gospel. cannot bear—now, having

Jewish prejudices. 13. all truth, such as justification by his blood, &c. not yet plainly revealed. not speak, &c. i. e. any doctrine distinct from mine. 14. glorify me, by enabling you to work miracles, &c. 15. All, &c. i. e. stores of grace. 16. not see me, when taken away by death—see me, when risen. 23. in that day, your day of joy. ask, put questions. nothing, the Spirit shall enlighten, ver. 13. 24. in my name, through me as Mediator. 25. in proverbs, obscurely. 26. I say not, &c. There is no need of saying this, as you know I will plead for you, and with success. 30. thou knowest, Christ had anticipated their questions, hence he knew their hearts:

the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

2 As ⁶ thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

3 And ⁶ this is life eternal, that they might know thee ⁶ the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work ⁶ which thou gavest me to do.

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory ⁶ which I had with thee before the world was.

6 I ⁶ have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

9 I pray for them: ⁶ I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

11 And ⁶ now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee, Holy Father, ⁶ keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, ⁶ as we are.

12 While I was with them in the world, ⁶ I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and ⁶ none of them is lost, ⁶ but the son of perdition; that ⁶ the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; ⁶ and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but ⁶ that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify ⁶ them through thy truth: thy ⁶ word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And ⁶ for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be ⁶ sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through thy word;

21 That ⁶ they all may be one; as ⁶ thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; ⁶ that they may be one, even as we are one:

A. D. 33.

^a Col. 3. 14.

^b Da. 7. 14.

^c 1 Co. 15. 25.

^d 27.

^e Phi. 2. 10.

^f He. 2. 8.

^g Is. 53. 11.

^h Je. 9. 24.

ⁱ 1 Th. 4. 17.

^j 1 Co. 8. 4.

^k 1 Th. 1. 9.

^l var. 5.

^m ch. 19. 30.

ⁿ ch. 15. 21.

^o ch. 1. 1, 2.

^p Phi. 2. 6.

^q Col. 1. 15, 17.

^r He. 1. 3, 10.

^s ch. 16. 27.

^t Ps. 22. 22.

^u ch. 15. 15.

^v ch. 15. 9.

^w 2 Sa. 15. 23.

^x 1 Jno. 5. 19.

^y Lu. 21. 37.

^z Mat. 26. 47.

^{aa} &c.

^{ab} Mar. 14. 43.

^{ac} &c.

^{ad} Ac. 1. 16.

^{ae} ch. 13. 1.

^{af} 1 Pe. 1. 5.

^{ag} Jude 24.

^{ah} Ps. 3. 6.

^{ai} 27. 3.

^{aj} Pr. 28. 1.

^{ak} ch. 10. 30.

^{al} He. 2. 13.

^{am} 1 Jno. 2. 19.

^{an} Is. 3. 9.

^{ao} Je. 8. 12.

^{ap} ch. 6. 70.

^{aq} Ps. 109. 8.

^{ar} Ac. 1. 20.

^{as} 1 Jno. 3. 13.

^{at} 1 Pe. 5. 7.

^{au} ch. 17. 12.

^{av} Ga. 1. 4.

^{aw} 2 Th. 3. 3.

^{ax} 1 Jno. 5. 18.

^{ay} Lu. 22. 49, 50.

^{az} Ep. 5. 26.

^{ba} 1 Pe. 1. 22.

^{bb} 2 Sa. 7. 28.

^{bc} Mat. 20. 22.

^{bd} 1 Co. 1. 2, 30.

^{be} 1 Th. 4. 7.

^{bf} He. 10. 10.

^{bg} • or, truly sanctified.

^{bh} Mat. 26. 57.

^{bi} Lu. 3. 2.

^{bj} Ro. 12. 5.

^{bk} Ga. 3. 28.

^{bl} ch. 10. 38.

^{bm} † And Annas sent Christ bound unto Caiaphas the high priest, ver. 24.

^{bn} ch. 11. 50.

^{bo} 1 Jno. 1. 3.

^{bp} 3. 24.

23 I in them, and thou in me, ⁶ that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24 Father, ⁶ I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: ⁶ for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, ⁶ the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and ⁶ these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And ⁶ I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love ⁶ wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

CHAP. XVIII.

WHEN Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over ⁶ the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.

2 And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: ⁶ for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.

3 Judas ⁶ then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, ⁶ went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood ⁶ with them.

6 As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

7 Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.

8 Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, ⁶ let these go their way:

9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, ⁶ Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

10 Then ⁶ Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: ⁶ the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

12 Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him,

13 And ⁶ led him away to ⁶ Annas first; for he was Father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. †

14 Now ⁶ Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

15 ⁶ And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went

CHAP. XVII.—2. power, as Mediator. over all flesh, the government of the whole world. Psalm xxii. 28; lxxii. 8; Matt. xviii. 18, &c. 3. sent, into the world as Saviour. 6. name, i. e. nature, perfections, &c. 9. not for the world, world here, refers to wicked men, but this prayer was for the friends of God. 11. through, 'in.' thy name, by his mighty power. one, united. as we are, by unchanging love. 12. son of perdition, meaning one who deservedly perishes, and is descriptive of character. 17. Sanc-

tify, purify them, prepare them for office. 19. sanctify, set himself apart for the work of redemption. 21. one, ver. 11, note. 22. the glory, eternal happiness. 23. made perfect, have a complete union. 24. I will, a claim because of his purchase.

CHAP. XVIII.—1. went, &c. from the guest chamber, say some; but it probably means the city, having left the chamber before, chap. xiv. 31. 3. band, the cohort allowed the Jewish Sanhedrim to keep the peace at the passover. 15. another, probably John

in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.

16 But ^a Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter.

17 Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not.

18 And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: ^d and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.

19 ^e The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

20 Jesus answered him, ^f I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing.

21 Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.

22 And when he had thus spoken, *one* of the officers which stood by ^g struck Jesus ^{*} with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?

23 Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?

24 Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

25 And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not.

26 *One* of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?

27 Peter then denied again: and ^h immediately the cock crew.

28 ⁱ Then ^{*} led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto [†] the hall of judgment: and it was early; [‡] and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.

29 Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?

30 They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

31 Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, [§] It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

32 That [¶] the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? ^a Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?

36 Jesus ^g answered, ^f My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight,

A. D. 33.

^a Mat. 26. 69, &c.

Mar. 14. 66, &c.

Lu. 22. 54, &c.

b ch. 8. 47.

1 Jno. 3. 19.

4. 6.

c ch. 19. 4, 6.

2 Co. 5. 21.

He. 7. 26.

1 Pe. 3. 18.

1 Jno. 3. 5.

d Ps. 26. 4. 10.

Pr. 13. 20.

1 Co. 15. 33.

Ep. 5. 11, 12.

e Mat. 27. 15.

Mar. 15. 6.

Lu. 23. 17.

f ch. 7. 14, 26, 28.

8. 2.

Lu. 4. 15.

g Ac. 3. 14.

h Lu. 23. 19.

i Mat. 20. 19.

27. 26, &c.

Mar. 15. 15, &c.

Lu. 18. 33.

k Je. 20. 2.

Ac. 23. 2.

* or, with a rod.

l 1 Pe. 1. 19.

2. 22.

m He. 12. 2.

n Ac. 3. 13.

o Le. 24. 16.

p De. 18. 20.

q ch. 13. 38.

r ch. 5. 18.

10. 33.

Mat. 26. 65.

Ro. 1. 4.

s Mat. 27. 2, &c.

Mar. 15. 1, &c.

Lu. 23. 1, &c.

Ac. 3. 13.

† or, Pilate's house.

Mat. 27. 27.

t Ac. 10. 28.

11. 3.

u Is. 53. 7.

Mat. 27. 12.

14.

Ac. 8. 32, 33.

v ch. 7. 30.

Lu. 22. 53.

Ro. 11. 36.

x He. 6. 4. 8.

Ja. 4. 17.

y Ho. 3. 4, 5.

z ch. 12. 32, 33.

Mat. 20. 19.

a Lu. 23. 2.

b Ac. 17. 7.

c Mat. 27. 62.

d Ac. 3. 13.

e 1 Ti. 6. 13.

f ch. 6. 15.

8. 15.

Da. 2. 44.

7. 14.

Lu. 12. 14.

g Ge. 49. 10.

that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that ^h is of the truth heareth my voice.

38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, ⁱ I find in him no fault at all.

39 But ^g ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

40 Then ^h cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. ^a Now Barabbas was a robber.

CHAP. XIX.

THEN ⁱ Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.

2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe,

3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, ^j that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, ^k Behold the man!

6 When ^l the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

7 The Jews answered him, ^m We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because ⁿ he made himself the Son of God.

8 ^o When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;

9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? ^p But Jesus gave him no answer.

10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

11 Jesus answered, ^q Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: ^r therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, ^s If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: ^t whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

13 ^u When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14 And ^v it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

15 But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, ^w We have no king but Caesar.

himself. 28. hall, &c. see Matt. xxvii. 27, note.

37. Thou sayest, i. e. thou sayest true.

CHAP. XIX.—7. law, probably refers to Lev. xxiv.

16. 13. Pavement, an area or room of the judgment hall, whose floor was made of small square stones of various colours. Gabbatha, means elevated; the

16 Then ^a delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.

17 And he bearing his cross ^c went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

18 Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

19 ¶ And ^e Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20 This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.

21 Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

22 Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

23 ¶ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, ^a woven from the top throughout.

24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, ^m They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

25 ¶ Now ^p there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of [†] Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and ^q the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, ^u Woman, behold thy son!

27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her ^r unto his own home.

28 ¶ After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, ^s that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and ^b they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, ^c It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

31 The Jews therefore, ^e because it was the preparation, ^f that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

32 Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.

33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

34 But one of the soldiers with a spear

A. D. 33.

^a Lu. 23. 24.

^b 1 Jno. 5. 6, 8.

^c Nu. 15. 36.

^d Ac. 7. 58.

^e He. 13. 12.

^f Ex. 12. 46.

^g Nu. 9. 12.

^h Ps. 31. 20.

ⁱ Mat. 27. 37.

^j Mar. 15. 26.

^k Lu. 23. 38.

^l Ps. 22. 16, 17.

^m Zec. 12. 10.

ⁿ Re. 1. 7.

^o Mat. 27. 57.

^p Mar. 15. 42.

^q Lu. 23. 50.

^r ch. 9. 22.

^s ch. 3. 1. 2.

^t 7. 50.

^u Ac. 5. 6.

^v or, wrought

^w Is. 53. 9.

^x Ac. 13. 29.

^y 1 Co. 15. 4.

^z Col. 2. 12.

^{aa} Ps. 22. 18.

^{ab} Ac. 20. 7.

^{ac} 1 Co. 16. 2.

^{ad} Re. 1. 10.

^{ae} Mat. 28. 1.

^{af} &c.

^{ag} Mar. 16. 1.

^{ah} &c.

^{ai} Lu. 24. 1.

^{aj} &c.

^{ak} Mat. 27. 55.

^{al} Mar. 15. 40.

^{am} Lu. 23. 49.

^{an} or, Clopas.

^{ao} Lu. 24. 18.

^{ap} ch. 13. 23.

^{aq} 19. 26.

^{ar} ch. 20. 2.

^{as} 21. 7, 20, 24.

^{at} ch. 2. 4.

^{au} Lu. 24. 12.

^{av} ch. 1. 11.

^{aw} 16. 32.

^{ax} 2 Sa. 18. 23.

^{ay} 1 Co. 9. 24.

^{az} 2 Co. 8. 12.

^{ba} Ps. 69. 21.

^{bb} ch. 19. 40.

^{bc} Mat. 27. 48.

^{bd} ch. 17. 4.

^{be} Is. 53. 10. 12.

^{bf} Da. 9. 24. 26.

^{bg} Zec. 13. 7.

^{bh} Col. 2. 14. 15.

^{bi} ch. 11. 44.

^{bj} ver. 42.

^{bk} Mar. 15. 42.

^{bl} De. 21. 23.

^{bm} Ps. 16. 10.

^{bn} Is. 26. 19.

^{bo} He. 13. 14.

^{bp} Ac. 2. 25. 31.

^{bq} 13. 34. 35.

^{br} Mar. 16. 5.

pierced his side, and forthwith ^b came thereout blood and water.

35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

36 For these things were done, ^d that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

37 And again another scripture saith, ^f They shall look on him whom they pierced.

38 ¶ And ^e after this Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly ^h for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.

39 And there came also ⁱ Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight.

40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and ^k wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid.

42 There ^l laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

CHAP. XX.

THE ^a first day of the week ^c cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the ^e other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

3 Peter ^f therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

4 So they ran both together: and the other disciple ^g did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

5 And he stooping down, and looking in, saw ^h the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,

7 And ⁱ the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

11 ¶ But ^k Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the

place of the tribunal being so. 23. without seam, the Arabs now have a cloak of one square piece, without seam, with holes for the arms. 30. *It*, i. e. redemption. 31. *an high day*, the first sabbath after the passover was an extraordinary festival. 34. *blood and water*, proving the death, and typifying the atonement as pardoning and purifying. 35. *he that saw*, i. e. John himself. 39. *myrrh*, a gummy liquid from an Arabian tree. *aloes*, an oriental aromatic shrub. *an hundred*, &c. shows great wealth and great affection on the part of Nicodemus. Prodigious quantities of spices were used in embalming. The Jews sprinkled the body with pulverized spices, and wrapped it up in linen. 41. *garden*, particular families had gardens for burying places: see 2 Kin. xxi. 18. 26. 42. *preparation*, i. e. for the sabbath: this was Friday, and the sabbath began at sun-set; they had therefore no time to go far with the body.

The incredulity of Thomas.

feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 And they say unto her, Woman, ^b why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and ^d knew not that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to ^g my brethren, and say unto them, ^h I ascend unto my Father, and ⁱ your Father; and to ^j my God, and your God.

18 Mary ^k Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and ^l that he had spoken these things unto her.

19 ^m Then ⁿ the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace ^o be unto you.

20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them ^p his hands and his side. ^q Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace ^r be unto you: ^s as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on ^t them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

23 Whose ^u soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever ^v sins ye retain, they are retained.

24 ^w But Thomas, one of the twelve, ^x called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, ^y We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, ^z Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 ^{aa} And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: ^{ab} then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, ^{ac} Peace ^{ad} be unto you.

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach ^{ae} / hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, ^{af} My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: ^{ag} blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

30 ^{ah} And ^{ai} many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

JOHN.

A. D. 33.

^a Lu. 1. 4.

^b Ps. 42. 3, 5, 11.

Je. 31. 16.

^c ch. 3. 15, 16. 5. 24.

1 Pe. 1. 9.

^d ch. 21. 4.

Lu. 24. 16, 31

^e ch. 1. 45.

^f Mat. 4. 21.

^g Ps. 22. 22.

Mat. 28. 10.

Ro. 8. 29.

He. 2. 11.

^h ch. 16. 28.

Ps. 68. 18.

Ep. 4. 8, 10.

1 Pe. 1. 3.

ⁱ Ro. 8. 14, 17.

2 Co. 6. 18.

Gal. 3. 26.

4. 6, 7.

1 Jno. 3. 1, 2.

^k ch. 20. 14.

^l Ep. 1. 17, 23

^m Lu. 24. 41.

ⁿ or, Sirs.

^o Lu. 24. 10.

^p Lu. 5. 4, 6, 7.

^q Mar. 16. 14.

Lu. 24. 36.

^r ch. 13. 23.

20. 2.

^s ch. 16. 22.

^t 2 Co. 5. 14.

^u ch. 17. 18, 19.

Mat. 28. 18.

He. 3. 1.

2 Ti. 2. 2.

^v Mat. 16. 19.

18. 18.

^w ch. 11. 16.

^x 1 Co. 9. 1.

15. 5.

^z Ac. 10. 41.

^a Job 9. 16.

Ps. 78. 11, 32.

95. 8, 10.

106. 21, 24.

^b Ge. 32. 29, 30

Mar. 9. 32.

^c ch. 20. 19, 26.

^d Is. 54. 10.

^e 1 Co. 16. 22.

2 Co. 5. 14, 15.

1 Pe. 1. 8.

1 Jno. 4. 19.

^f 1 Jno. 1. 1.

^g Je. 3. 15.

1 Ti. 4. 15, 16.

^h 1 Ti. 3. 16.

Re. 5. 9, 14.

ⁱ 2 Co. 5. 7.

1 Pe. 1. 8.

^k Ac. 20. 28.

He. 13. 20.

1 Pe. 2. 25.

5. 24.

^l ch. 21. 25.

1 Jno. 5. 13.

^m 2 Co. 2. 4, 7.

7. 8, 11.

Christ appeareth to his disciples.

31 But ^a these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; ^b and that believing ye might have life through his name.

CHAP. XXI.

AFTER these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he ^c himself.

2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and ^d Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and ^e the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.

3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew ^f ^g not that it was Jesus.

5 Then ^h Jesus saith unto them, ⁱ Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

6 And he said unto them, ^j Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

7 Therefore ^k that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, ^l he girt ^m his fisher's coat ⁿ unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.

8 And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.

9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

12 Jesus saith unto them, ^o Come and dine. And ^p none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

14 This is now ^q the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

15 ^r So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, ^s lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, ^t Feed my lambs.

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. ^u He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter ^v was grieved because he said unto him

mere exclamation, Thomas would have been reproved.

CHAP. XXI. — 1. sea, &c. see the promise. Matt. xxviii. 10. — 7. fisher's coat, a short linen garment worn by the common people over the interior tunic, naked, eastern fishermen are generally merely girt about the loins. 11. full, &c. this sea still abounds with fish. 12. dine, Homer uses the word for a morning's meal. durst, not from austerity in him.

CHAP. XX. — 15. gardener, 'farming-man' or bailiff. 16. Rabboni, a title of the highest respect. 17. Touch, means to embrace or clasp as she would his feet—Make no delay now. I am not yet ascended, 'I am not yet immediately going to ascend.'—Bloomfield. 22. breathed, a symbol of their receiving of the Spirit. 25. thrust, &c. 'put my hand upon.'—Dodd. 28. my God, a proof of Christ's divinity: had it been a

the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, ^a thou knowest all things; ^b thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

18 Verily, ^d verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest; but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.

19 This spake he, signifying ^e by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple ^k whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

A. D. 33.

- a ch. 2. 24, 25.
- b 16. 30.
- c 2 Co. 1. 12.
- d Mat. 16. 27.
- e 25. 31.
- f 1 Co. 4. 5.
- g 11. 26.
- h Re. 3. 11.
- i 22. 7, 20.
- j ch. 13. 36.
- k Ac. 12. 3, 4.
- l 2 Pe. 1. 14.
- m ch. 19. 35.
- n 3 Jno. 12.
- o ch. 20. 30.
- p Job 26. 14.
- q ch. 13. 23, 25.
- r Am. 7. 10.

21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry ^c till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

25 And ^s there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, ⁱ I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

but their own backwardness. 18. stretch forth, &c. a prediction of Peter's crucifixion. 21. what, &c. literally, 'and this man, what?' i. e. what will become of him? 22. till I come, i. e. to destroy the

Jewish church and polity. John survived the destruction of Jerusalem thirty years. 25. the world, &c. hyperbolically describing the great number of Christ's miracles.

The ACTS of the APOSTLES.

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CHAP. I.

THE former treatise have I made, O ^a Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 Until ^b the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost ^d had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To ^f whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, ^e being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ⁱ ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time ^m restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, ^o It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive ^t power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

A. D. 33.

- a Lu. 1. 3.
- b 1 Ti. 3. 16.
- c ch. 10. 3, 30.
- d Jno. 20. 21.
- e ch. 2. 7.
- f 13. 31.
- g Jno. 20. 19.
- h 26.
- i 21, 14.
- j 1 Co. 15. 5.
- k Da. 7. 13.
- l 1 Th. 1. 10.
- m 4. 16.
- n 2 Th. 1. 10.
- o Re. 1. 7.
- p or, eating together with them.
- q Mat. 10. 2, 4.
- r ch. 2. 4.
- s Joel 3. 18.
- t Lu. 6. 15.
- u Jude 1.
- v Is. 1. 26.
- w Da. 7. 27.
- x Am. 9. 11.
- y Mat. 13. 55.
- z 1 Th. 5. 1.
- aa Re. 3. 4.
- ab or, the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you.
- ac Ps. 41. 9.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them ^e in white apparel;

11 Which also said, ^e Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, ^s shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both ^a Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and ^k Simon Zelotes, and ^l Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with ^m his brethren.

15 ⁿ And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number ^p of the names together were about an hundred and twenty.)

16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, ^r which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

CHAP. I.—1. treatise, or history, alluding to Luke. 2. taken up, i. e. into heaven. through the Holy Ghost, to whose peculiar influence and direction every good work relating to the church is ascribed after Christ's atonement had been made. had given commandments, ^c had solemnly charged. ^d chosen, to be the prime ministers of his kingdom. proofs, walking, eating, talking, &c. forty days, during which there were thirteen different appearances. 4. And being assembled, &c. and having assembled them together. ^e promise of the Father, respecting the Spirit, chap. ii. 33. 6. restore, rescue the kingdom

from the Romans. 7. times, means a period indefinite. seasons, a fixed, definite time. 8. power, high spiritual endowments for the apostolic office. uttermost, it is a curious fact that the Chinese, Mexicans, and Peruvians, have traditions of Christianity once made known to them. 11. come, i. e. to judge the world. 12. sabbath day's journey, about half a mile, the distance between the ark and the camp, Josh. iii. 4. 13. upper room, was usually large. 15. an hundred and twenty, there were many more disciples elsewhere: see 1 Cor. xv. 6. 16. must needs, the enemies and murderers of Messiah

17 For^a he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of ^b this ministry.

18 Now^c this man purchased a field with^d the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Acedama, that is to say, The field of blood.

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and ^e his bishoprick let another take.

21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 Beginning^f from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained^g to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

23 And they appointed two, Joseph called^h Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

CHAP. II.

AND whenⁱ the day of Pentecost was fully come, ^j they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and ^k it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And ^l they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began^m to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now whenⁿ this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were

must inherit the curses entailed upon the enemies of his type, David. 17. numbered, with the chosen, as an apostle, Luke vi. 13—16. 18. purchased, the priests actually did so, (Matt. xxvii. 7.) but he was the occasion of it. reward, price for betraying Christ. falling, &c. he first hanged himself, and then fell and burst, Matt. xxvii. 5. 20. Let, &c. expressing utter desolation and destruction. bishoprick, rather, 'his office.' 23. appointed, i. e. nominated. 26. lots, a method of Divine institution, Numb. xxvi. 55; Lev. xvi. 8, 9; Josh. xiii. 6, &c.

CHAP. II.—1. Pentecost, the Greek word for the fiftieth part of a thing: it was applied to one of the three great feasts of the Jews, which began on the fiftieth day after the passover. It was also called the feast of weeks, Exod. xxxiv. 22; Numb. xxviii. 26; Deut. xvi. 10; and the feast of harvest; two loaves of new meal were then offered as first fruits, Lev. xxiii. 18, 20; Numb. xxviii. 27, 31. 3. cloven tongues, pointed flames divided. sat, rested in the form of a gentle flame on each. Fire in Scripture is often the emblem of the Divinity: see Exod. iii. 2, 3; xix. 16—20; Deut. iv. 24, &c. Here was fulfilled Matt. iii. 11. 4. filled with the Holy Ghost, under His sacred influence: see Luke i. 46, 47. 5. dwelling,

A. D. 33.

^a Mat. 10. 4.

Ln. 6. 16.

^b or, troubled

in mind.

^c ch. 12. 25.

20. 24.

21. 19.

^d Mat. 27. 5, 7, 8

Mat. 26. 15.

^e 2 Pe. 2. 15.^f ch. 1. 11.^g Ps. 69. 25.^h Ps. 109. 8.ⁱ or, office,

or, charge.

^j Mar. 1. 1.^k ch. 4. 33.^l Jno. 15. 27.^m Ep. 5. 18.ⁿ ch. 15. 22.^o ch. 15. 8.^p 1 Sa. 16. 7.^q Ch. 28. 9.

29. 17.

Je. 11. 20.

17. 10.

Re. 2. 23.

^r 1 Th. 5. 7.^s Is. 44. 3.

Eze. 11. 19.

36. 27.

Joel 2. 28, 32.

Zec. 12. 10.

^t Jno. 7. 38.^u ch. 10. 45.^v ch. 20. 16.

Le. 23. 15.

De. 16. 9.

^w ch. 1. 14.^x ch. 21. 4, 9, 10^y ch. 4. 31.^z Mar. 13. 24.

Lu. 21. 25.

^{aa} ch. 1. 5.^{ab} Ro. 10. 13.

He. 4. 16.

^{ac} ch. 10. 46.

19. 6.

Mar. 16. 17.

1 Co. 12. 10.

28, 30.

13. 1.

14. 2, &c.

^{ad} ch. 10. 38.^{ae} Jno. 3. 2.

14. 10, 11.

He. 2. 4.

^{af} this voice

was made.

^{ag} ch. 3. 18.

4. 28.

* confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak^a Galileans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judæa, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, ^b seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And ^c it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, ^d I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; ^e and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The ^f sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21 And it shall come to pass, that ^g whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you^h by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, ⁱ being delivered by the deter-

'sojourning.' every nation, i. e. from various nations. 9. Parthians, from a part of Persia. Medes, inhabitants of Media. Elamites, Persians: see Gen. xiv. 1. Mesopotamia, Syria 'between the two rivers,' as the word signifies,—the Tigris and Euphrates. Cappadocia, a region of Asia Minor. Pontus, another province of Asia Minor. Asia, so called, embraced Ionia. The capital of this region was Ephesus. It was afterwards the seat of the seven churches. 10. Phrygia and Pamphylia, two other provinces of Asia Minor. Libya, a general name for Africa. Cyrene, a region called Pentapolis, having five cities. It now belongs to Tripoli. 11. Crete, of Crete, now called Candia, an island in the Mediterranean. Arabians, south of Palestine. 11. speak in our tongues, not being less than seven or eight, besides different dialects of the same languages. wonderful works, in the life and death of Jesus. 13. Others, natives of Judea not understanding them. new wine, rather, 'sweet wine,' very intoxicating. 15. third hour, answering to our nine o'clock in the morning, before which the Jews did not usually eat. 21. saved, Heb. 'delivered' from impending calamities: see also Rom. x. 13, &c. note. 22. approved of God, demonstrated to have His approbation

minate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ^b ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom ^d God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I ^e foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

29 Men and brethren, ^{*} let me freely speak unto you ^a of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, ⁱ and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, ^v that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore ^e being by the right hand of God exalted, and ^v having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he ^e hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, ^z The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 ^u Now when they heard this, ^b they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, ^e Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

23. wicked hands, God's counsel and foreknowledge do not interfere with man's free agency and responsibility—these hands were wicked. It was decreed that Christ should suffer, but the Jews acted freely in crucifying him. 24. loosed, opposed to bind. pains of death, the Hebrews expressed any extreme agony under the idea of 'bands' or 'cords,' constricting the limbs, and causing severe pain—thus they represented death. 25. before my face, i. e. present to help. on my right hand, i. e. near to afford help. It is a forensic term, alluding to the friends who stood at the right hand of any one, when he was called to judgment. 27. not leave, resign me to the power of. my soul in hell, means here simply, leave me among the dead. 28. made known, &c. in relation to the Messiah, it means, thou wilt restore me to life. 33. this, i. e. this power of speaking languages. 34. The Lord said, &c. ^e Jehovah said to him, whom I David acknowledge to be my Superior and Sovereign. 36. made—both Lord and Christ, i. e. Sovereign or King, and Messiah. 38. in the name, for him and his service. 39. the promise, of the Spirit's influences. afar off, in other lands. 40. Save yourselves, i. e. from dan-

A. D. 33.

a ch. 3. 25.
Joel 2. 28.
b ch. 5. 30.
c ch. 15. 3, 8, 14
Ep. 2. 13, 17.
d ch. 17. 31.
Ro. 4. 24.
8. 11.
1 Co. 15. 15.
Ep. 1. 20.
Col. 2. 12.
1 Th. 1. 10.
He. 13. 20.
1 Pe. 1. 21.
e Ps. 16. 8.
f Ro. 12. 12.
Ep. 6. 13.
Col. 4. 2.
He. 10. 25.
g ch. 4. 32, 34.
* or, I may.
h ch. 13. 36.
1 Ki. 2. 10.
i Is. 58. 7.
k ch. 1. 14.
l 2Sa. 7. 12, 13.
Ps. 132. 11.
Ro. 1. 3.
2 Ti. 2. 8.
m ch. 20. 7.
† or, at home.
n ch. 4. 33.
Lu. 2. 52.
Ro. 14. 18.
o ch. 5. 14.
11. 24.
p ch. 13. 35.
Ps. 16. 10.
r ch. 2. 46.
s Ps. 55. 17.
t Phi. 2. 9.
He. 10. 12.
u ch. 14. 8.
v Jno. 14. 26.
15. 26.
16. 7, 13.
x ch. 10. 45.
Ep. 4. 8.
y Jno. 9. 8.
z Ps. 110. 1.
Mat. 22. 44.
1 Co. 15. 25.
Ep. 1. 20.
He. 1. 13.
a ch. 4. 10.
b ch. 9. 6.
16. 30.
Zec. 12. 10.
Lu. 3. 10.
c ch. 3. 19.
d Is. 58. 6.

39 For the promise is unto you, and ^a to your children, and ^c to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 ^u Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And ^f they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and ^g had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and ^h parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And ^k they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and ^m breaking bread [†] from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and ⁿ having favour with all the people. And ^o the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

CHAP. III.

NOW Peter and John went up together ^r into the temple at the hour of prayer, being ^s the ninth hour.

2 And ^t a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, ^u to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: ^a In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, ^d and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

gerous influence. 41. souls, i. e. persons. 42. doctrine, or 'instruction.' fellowship, participation, having things in common. breaking of bread, Hebrew bread consisted of thin, hard, and brittle cakes; these were broken by the head of the family after asking a blessing. The act here probably only denotes intimacy and friendship, so some; but others think it means the eucharist. 43. fear came, there was great awe. 44. believed, that Jesus was Messiah. together, i. e. united. all things common, all their property or possessions: see chap. iv. 32—37; v. 1—10. 45. possessions, real estates. goods, personal property. 46. continuing, &c. means at the hours of prayer. eat their meat, i. e. their common meals. 47. favour with all, i. e. with the great mass, as these disciples lived humble and devoted lives among them. added, caused to be joined. church, assembly of followers. should be saved, this merely expresses the fact, and not the purpose.

CHAP. III.—2. Beautiful, the Beautiful gate of the temple was erected by Herod the Great: it was above fifteen yards high, and eight yards wide: being formed of Corinthian brass, with the most exquisite workmanship.

10 And they knew that it was he which ^a sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man which was healed ^d held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch ^e that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 And when Peter saw *it*, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, ⁱ hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and ^k denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

14 But ye denied ^l the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the [†] Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17 And now, brethren, I wot ^f that through ignorance ye did *it*, as *did* also your rulers.

18 But ^g those things, which God before had shewed ^h by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

19 [†] Repent ^g ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 Whom ^h the heaven must receive until the times of ⁱ restitution of all things, ^j which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, ^k A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

23 And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

25 Ye ^g are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, ^k And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

26 Unto ^g you first, God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, ^m in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

A. D. 33.

a Jno. 9. 8.

or, ruler,

ch. 5. 24.

Lu. 22. 4.

b ch. 23. 8.

c 1 Co. 15. 3, 4.

&c.

d Mar. 5. 18.

e ch. 5. 12.

f 2 Co. 2. 14.

g Se. 49. 10.

h Is. 45. 24.

i Lu. 3. 2.

j Jno. 11. 49.

k 18. 13.

l Jno. 7. 39.

m 12. 16.

n 17. 1.

o ch. 13. 28.

p Mat. 27. 20.

q Jno. 18. 40.

r 19. 15.

s ch. 4. 27.

t Ps. 16. 10.

u Mar. 1. 24.

v Lu. 1. 35.

w Ex. 2. 14.

x Lu. 12. 11, 12.

† or, Author.

He. 2. 10.

5. 9.

1 Jno. 5. 11.

o ch. 3. 6. 16.

p ch. 13. 27.

q Jno. 16. 3.

r 1 Co. 2. 8.

s 1 Ti. 1. 13.

t ch. 2. 24.

u Ro. 1. 4.

v ch. 26. 22.

w Lu. 24. 44.

x Ps. 118. 22.

y Is. 28. 16.

z Mat. 21. 42.

aa Ps. XXII.

Is. 50. 6.

53. 5, &c.

Da. 9. 26.

1 Pe. 1. 10, 11.

x ch. 10. 43.

Mat. 1. 21.

1 Ti. 2. 5, 6.

y ch. 2. 38.

z Mat. 11. 25.

1 Co. 1. 27.

a ch. 1. 11.

b Mat. 17. 11.

c Lu. 1. 70.

d ch. 7. 37.

e De. 18. 15, 18.

f Jno. 11. 47.

g ch. 3. 9, 10.

h ch. 2. 33.

Ro. 9. 4, 8.

15. 8.

h Ga. 3. 26.

i Ge. 12. 3.

Ja. 3. 8.

j ch. 5. 40.

k Mat. 10. 5.

15. 24.

l ch. 5. 29.

m Mat. 1. 21.

AND as they spake unto the people, [†] priests, and the [†] captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, ² Being ^g grieved that they taught the people, ^c and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

4 Howbeit ⁱ many of them which heard the word believed; and ^h the number of the men was about five thousand.

5 [†] And it came to pass on the morrow that their rulers, and elders, and scribe

6 And ^k Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, ^m By what power, and by what name, have ye done this?

8 Then ⁿ Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, ^o that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, ^r whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This ⁱ is the stone which was set a nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither ^s is there salvation in another: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 [†] Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, ^z and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16 Saying, [†] What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them ⁱ is manifest in all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.

17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

18 And ⁱ they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, ⁱ Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

11. held, in joyful surprise at such a miracle. 16. his name, a Hebraism for Christ himself, verse 6; chap. x. 43; iv. 10; Matt. vii. 22; Jno. xx. 31, &c. through faith, the faith the apostles exercised in Christ. 17. I wot, i. e. I know. through ignorance, see Luke xxiii. 34; see also 1 Tim. i. 13. 19. be converted, i. e. 'turn.' when the times, rather, 'in order that times,' &c. refreshing, when God would largely bestow his refreshing grace. 20. he shall send Jesus Christ, refers to the time of Christ's second coming, 2 Thess. i. 6-8. 21. restitution, &c.

'consummation of all things.' 26. you, Jews. first as directed, Luke xxiv. 47. in turning, &c. rather 'on your turning every one of you,' &c.—G. Holden.

CHAP. IV.—1. captain, see Matt. xxvi. 47: Luke xxii. 4, notes. 3. in hold, i. e. custody, probably of the guard. 4. five thousand, probably means these were the whole of the converts up to this time.—Barnes. 7. midst, of the Sanhedrim. name, i. e. authority. The Jewish exorcists used the names of the patriarchs, &c. 13. ignorant, rather, 'private persons,' plebeians.

20 For ^c we cannot but speak the things which ^e we have seen and heard.

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, ^f because of the people: for all *men* glorified God for ^g that which was done.

22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

23 ^h And being let go, ⁱ they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, ^j thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, ^k Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

27 For ^l of a truth against ^m thy holy child Jesus, ⁿ whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

28 For ^o to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, ^p that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and ^q that signs and wonders may be done by ^r the name of thy holy child Jesus.

31 ^s And when they had prayed, ^t the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 And the multitude of them that believed ^u were of one heart and of one soul: ^v neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33 And with ^w great power gave the apostles ^x witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35 And ^y laid them down at the apostles' feet: ^z and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

36 And Jesus, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

CHAP. V.

BUT a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

2 And kept back *part* of the price, his

A. D. 33.

a ch. 1. 8.
2. 32.
Job 32. 18..
20.

b ch. 4. 37.
c ch. 22. 15.

d 1 Jno. 1. 1, 3.
Nu. 30. 2.

e De. 23. 21.
Ec. 5. 4.

f Lu. 22. 3.
* or, deceive,
ver. 9.

g Mat. 21. 26.
Lu. 20. 6, 19.

h ch. 3. 7, 8.
i ch. 12. 12.

j Jno. 19. 40.
k 2 Ki. 19. 15.

l Ps. 2. 1..4.
m Mat. 4. 7.

n Mar. 26. 3.
o Lu. 23. 1, 8.

p Lu. 1. 35.
q Lu. 4. 18.

r Jno. 10. 36.
s ch. 2. 23.

t ch. 3. 18.
u ch. 25. 31.

v Ep. 6. 19.
w ch. 2. 43.

x ch. 2. 43.
y ch. 2. 43.

z Ro. 15. 19.
2 Co. 12. 12.

aa He. 2. 4.
ab ch. 3. 6, 16.

ac ch. 2. 2, 4.
ad 16. 26.

ae ch. 3. 11.
af 4. 32.

ag Jno. 9. 22.
ah 12. 42.

ai 19. 38.
aj ch. 2. 47.

ak 4. 21.
al ch. 5. 12.

am Ro. 15. 5, 6.
an 2 Co. 13. 11.

ao Phil. 1. 27.
ap 2. 2.

aq 1 Pe. 3. 8.
ar ch. 2. 41.

as * or, in every
street.

at ch. 1. 8.
au ch. 19. 12.

av Mat. 9. 21.
aw 14. 36.

ax ch. 1. 22.
ay Mar. 16. 17,

az 18.
ba Jno. 14. 12.

bb ch. 4. 1, 2, 6.
bc ch. 5. 2.

bd ch. 2. 45.
be 6. 1.

bf * or, envy.
bg Lu. 21. 12.

bh ch. 12. 7.
bi 16. 26.

bj Jno. 6. 68.
bk 17. 3.

bl 1 Jno. 5. 11.
bm ch. 4. 5, 6.

wife also being privy to it, ^b and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But ^c Peter said, Ananias, why hath ^d Satan filled thine heart to ^e lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?

4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 And Ananias bearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

6 And the young men arose, ^f wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together ^g to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband *are* at the door, and shall carry thee out.

10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

11 And ^h great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

12 ⁱ And ^j by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; ^k and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13 And ^l of the rest durst no man join himself to them: ^m but the people magnified them.

14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

15 Inasmuch that they brought forth the sick ⁿ into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, ^o that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing ^p sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

17 ^q Then ^r the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and they were filled with ^s indignation,

18 And ^t laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19 But ^u the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people ^v all the words of this life.

21 And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. ^w But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and

33. power, force and efficacy. 37. Having land, which a Levite might lawfully possess by purchase, gift, or in right of his wife.

CHAP. V. — 2. a certain part, pretending it was the whole. laid it, &c. professedly devoting it to God. 3. filled, that is, emboldened. 6. buried, in hot climates the burial is often on the day of death. 9. tempt the Spirit, try if He could detect

you. shall carry, 'will carry.' 12. and they, the company of believers. 13. the rest, those that were not sincere converts. By the rest, some understand the rich, of which Ananias was one, and in contrast with the people, i. e. the common people. magnified, regarded with reverence. 15. beds, mean the soft and valuable ones of the rich. couches, the coarse and hard ones of the poor. the shadow, the people

called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

24 Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.

25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,

28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31 Him ye hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

33 When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay him.

34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;

35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

36 For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

37 After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for

A. D. 33.

a Lu. 21. 15.

1 Co. 1. 25.

b ch. 7. 51.

9. 5.

23. 9.

c ch. 4. 18.

d Mat. 10. 17.

23. 34.

Mar. 13. 9.

e Mat. 5. 12.

Ro. 5. 3.

2 Co. 12. 10.

Phi. 1. 29.

He. 10. 34.

Ja. 1. 2.

1 Pe. 4. 13, 16.

f Mat. 21. 26.

g ch. 9. 29.

h ch. 4. 35.

i Ex. 18. 17.

k ch. 4. 18.

l ch. 1. 21.

16. 2.

De. 1. 13.

m Ti. 3. 7.

n Mat. 23. 35.

27. 25.

o ch. 2. 42.

p ch. 22. 14.

q ch. 13. 29.

r Ga. 3. 13.

s 1 Pe. 2. 24.

t ch. 11. 24.

u Phi. 2. 9.

v He. 2. 10.

12. 2.

w Mat. 1. 21.

x ch. 8. 5. 26.

y 21. 8.

z ch. 3. 26.

13. 38.

Lu. 24. 47.

Ep. 1. 7.

Col. 1. 14.

a Jno. 15. 26.

27.

b ch. 1. 24.

c 1 Th. 5. 17.

d 1 Ti. 4. 14.

5. 22.

e a. ch. 19. 20.

Ps. 110. 3.

f Col. 1. 6.

g ch. 22. 3.

h Jno. 12. 42.

i The Third

Year be-

fore the

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Anno

Domini.

j ch. 5. 39.

k Ex. 4. 12.

l Is. 54. 17.

m Lu. 21. 15.

n or, believed.

o 1 Ki. 21. 10, 13.

p Mat. 26. 59, 60.

q Pro. 21. 30.

r Is. 6. 10.

s Mat. 15. 13.

if this counsel or this work be of men, will come to nought:

39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

CHAP. VI.

AND in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased: and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

9 Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,

13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blas-

supposing that this might cure. 28. to bring this man's blood, &c. to accuse them of murdering the innocent. 30. raised, from the grave. 31. exalted, to pre-eminent power and glory. 33. cut, means, as with a saw, i. e. agitated with rage. 40. beaten, or whipped with thirty-nine lashes, a common punishment for minor offences among the Jews; predicted in this case, Matt. x. 17.

CHAP. VI.—1. *Grecians*, Gr. 'Hellenists,' i. e. Jews who lived out of Palestine, and spoke Greek; some had become Christians. *daily ministration*, distribution made for their wants: see 1 Tim. v. 3, 9, 10, 16; James i. 27. 2. *the word*, i. e. hear the preaching of it. *serve tables*, superintend the providing for the

poor. 5. *a proselyte*, formerly a heathen converted to Judaism. 6. *laid*, &c. among the Jews it was customary to lay hands on the head of a person set apart to any particular office, Numb. xxvii. 17; compare Acts viii. 19. 7. *word*—increased, the gospel was more and more successful. *priests*, four thousand returned from captivity—their number in Jerusalem was great, and this was a great triumph of the truth. 9. *Libertines*, liberated men, probably, formerly captured by the Romans. *Cyrenians*, Cyrene stood on the African coast. *Alexandrians*, Alexandria was a noted port in Egypt. *Cilicia*, a province at the north-east corner of the Mediterranean.

phemous words against this holy place, and the law :

14 For ^b we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall ^c destroy this place, and shall change the * customs which Moses delivered us.

15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

CHAP. VII.

THEN said the high priest, Are these things so ?

2 And he said, ^a Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken : The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,

3 And said unto him, ⁱ Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.

4 Then ^m came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Charran : and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

5 And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on : ⁿ yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as ^{yet} he had no child.

6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strangeland ; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat ^{them} evil ^p four hundred years.

7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God : and after that shall they come forth, and ^q serve me in this place.

8 And ^w he gave him the covenant of circumcision : ^v and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day ; ^w and Isaac begat Jacob ; and Jacob begat ^x the twelve patriarchs.

9 And ^y the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt : ^z but God was with him,

10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, ^b and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt ; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

11 Now ^a there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction : and our fathers found no sustenance.

12 But ^c when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

13 And ^f at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren ; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

14 Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and ^g all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.

15 So ^h Jacob went down into Egypt, ⁱ and died, he, and our fathers,

16 And ^m were carried over into Sychem, and laid in ⁿ the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor the father of Sychem.

17 But when ^o the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to

A. D. 33.

^a Ex. 1. 7. 9.

^b Ps. 105. 24, 25.

^c ch. 25. 8.

^d Da. 9. 26.

^e or, rites.

^f Ex. 1. 22.

^g Ps. 74. 20.

^h Ex. 2. 2.

ⁱ He. 11. 23.

^j or, fair to God.

^k Ex. 2. 3. 10.

^l ch. 22. 1.

^m Lu. 24. 19.

ⁿ Ex. 2. 11, &c.

^o Ge. 12. 1.

^p Ge. 11. 31.

^q 12. 4, 5.

^r or, Now.

^s Ge. 12. 7.

^t 13. 15.

^u 15. 3, 18.

^v 17. 8.

^w 26. 3.

^x 2 Co. 1. 20.

^y ch. 4. 7.

^z Lu. 12. 14.

^a Ga. 3. 17.

^b Ex. 4. 20.

^c 18. 3, 4.

^d Ex. 3. 12.

^e Ex. 3. 2, &c.

^f Ge. 17. 9. 11.

^g Ge. 21. 2. 4.

^h Ge. 25. 26.

ⁱ Ge. 29. 31.

^j &c.

^k 30. 5, &c.

^l 35. 18, 23.

^m Ge. 37. 4, 11.

ⁿ 28.

^o Ps. 105. 17.

^p Ge. 39. 2, 21.

^q 23.

^r Mat. 22. 32.

^s He. 11. 16.

^t Ge. 41. 37.

^u 42. 6.

^v Pr. 21. 1.

^w Jos. 5. 15.

^x Ge. 41. 54.

^y Ge. 42. 1.

^z Ge. 45. 4, 16.

^a Ge. 46. 27.

^b De. 10. 22.

^c Ex. VII.

^d XI.

^e XIV.

^f Ps. 105. 27.

^g Ex. 16. 1, 35.

^h Ge. 46. 5.

ⁱ Ge. 49. 33.

^j Ex. 1. 6.

^k Ex. 13. 19.

^l Jos. 24. 32.

^m ch. 3. 22.

ⁿ De. 12. 15, 18.

^o Ge. 23. 16.

^p 35. 19.

^q or, as myself.

^r Mat. 17. 5.

^s Jno. 5. 24.

^t 27.

^u ver. 6.

^v Ge. 15. 13.

^w Is. 63. 9.

^x Ga. 3. 19.

^y He. 2. 2.

Abraham, ^a the people grew and multiplied in Egypt.

18 Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.

19 The same dealt subtly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, ^a so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

20 In ^a which time Moses was born, and ^f was [†] exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months :

21 And ^g when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty ⁱ in words and in deeds.

23 And ^h when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian :

25 ⁱ For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them : but they understood not.

26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren ; why do ye wrong one to another ?

27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, ^j Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us ?

28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday ?

29 Then ^k fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

30 And ^l when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

31 When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight : and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

32 Saying, ^m I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

33 Then ⁿ said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet : for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge ? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

36 He brought them out, after that he had ^o shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, ⁱ and in the wilderness forty years.

37 ^p This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, ^q A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, ^r like unto me ; ^s him shall ye hear.

38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with ^t the angel which

CHAP. VII. — 2. Charran, called 'Haran,' Gen. xi. 31. 6. four hundred, Stephen uses the round number, instead of four hundred and thirty, Exod. xii. 40. 7. judge, 'punish.' 14. threescore and

fifteen, the Hebrew has seventy, Gen. xiv. 27 ; so the Septuagint, quoted by Stephen, adding as is thought five sons of Ephraim and Manasseh, born in Egypt : see i Chron. vii.

spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: ^e who received the lively ^a oracles to give unto us:

39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

40 Saying ^a unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for ^a for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

41 And ^e they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

42 Then ^m God turned, and gave them up to worship ^a the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, ^e O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness?

43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, ^a speaking unto Moses, ^t that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

45 Which ^a also our fathers [†] that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, ^y whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

46 Who ^a found favour before God, and ^a desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 But ^e Solomon built him an house.

48 Howbeit ^a the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven ^a is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

51 ^a Ye ⁱ stiffnecked and [†] uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers [†] did, so do ye.

52 Which ^m of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

53 Who ^e have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

54 [†] When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with [†] their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, [†] I see the heavens opened, and the ^a Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

A. D. 33.

^a He. 13. 12.

^b Le. 24. 16.

^c Ex. 21. 1.

^d Jno. 1. 17.

^e ch. 22. 20.

^f De. 13. 9, 10.

^g Ro. 3. 2.

^h ch. 9. 14.

ⁱ Ps. 31. 5.

^j Lu. 23. 46.

^k Ex. 32. 1.

^l Mat. 5. 44.

^m Lu. 6. 28.

ⁿ 23. 34.

^o De. 9. 16.

^p ch. 22. 20.

^q Ps. 81. 12.

^r Ro. 1. 24.

^s 2 Th. 2. 11.

^t Je. 19. 13.

^u Am. 5. 25, 26.

^v ch. 11. 19.

^w Ge. 50. 10.

^x 1 Co. 15. 9.

^y Ga. 1. 13.

^z Phi. 3. 6.

^{aa} 1 Ti. 1. 13.

^{ab} or, who spake.

^{ac} Ex. 26. 30.

^{ad} He. 8. 5.

^{ae} Mat. 10. 23.

^{af} Jos. 3. 14.

^{ag} or, having received.

^{ah} ch. 6. 5.

^{ai} Ne. 9. 24.

^{aj} Ps. 44. 2.

^{ak} 78. 55.

^{al} 1 Sa. 16. 1.

^{am} 2 Sa. 7. 1.

^{an} Ps. 89. 19.

^{ao} 1 Ki. 8. 17.

^{ap} Ps. 132. 4, 5.

^{aq} Mar. 16. 17.

^{ar} 2 Ch. 3. 1.

^{as} 2 Ch. 6. 18.

^{at} Is. 66. 1, 2.

^{au} Mat. 5. 34, 35.

^{av} Le. 20. 6.

^{aw} ch. 5. 36.

^{ax} 2 Pe. 2. 2.

^{ay} Is. 48. 4.

^{az} k Le. 26. 41.

^{ba} Je. 4. 4.

^{bb} Ga. 3. 1.

^{bc} 2 Ch. 36. 16.

^{bd} Mat. 23. 34.

^{be} 37.

^{bf} 1 Th. 2. 15.

^{bg} ch. 1. 3.

^{bh} Ex. 20. 1.

^{bi} Ga. 3. 19.

^{bj} He. 2. 2.

^{bk} [†] signs and great miracles.

^{bl} P ch. 10. 11.

^{bm} Eze. 1. 1.

^{bn} Mat. 3. 16.

^{bo} Da. 7. 13.

^{bp} ch. 19. 2.

^{bq} Mat. 28. 19.

^{br} ch. 10. 48.

^{bs} He. 6. 2.

58 And ^a cast him out of the city, ^b and stoned him: and ^d the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, ^f calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, ^e receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, ⁱ Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

CHAP. VIII.

AND ⁱ Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and [†] they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen [†] to his burial, and [†] made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, ^a he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4 Therefore ^a they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

5 Then ^a Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For ^b unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city ^f used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, ^e giving out that himself was some great one:

10 To ^a whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

11 And to him they had regard, ⁱ because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things ^a concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the [†] miracles and signs which were done.

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For ^a as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only [†] they were baptized in ^a the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then ^v laid they [†] their hands on

43. took up, to carry about. tabernacle, repository or shrine. of Moloch, having the idol's image within. the star, by which the idol Remphan was represented.

44. of witness, that is, of the testimony, containing the ark of the testimony. 45. Jesus, i. e. Joshua, regularly translated Jesus in Greek. 51. uncircumcised, &c. obdurate, not willing to hearken to instruction. 53. disposition, 'ministration.' 55. the glory, the Shekinah, or symbol of the Divine presence. 58. witnesses, Deut. xiii. 9, 10; xvii. 7.

59. God, is not in the original; it is, 'invoking and saying, Lord Jesus,' &c.

CHAP. VIII. — 1. consenting unto, expressed his pleasure at. a great persecution, this was the first all, i. e. very many. 3. haling, 'dragging before the magistracy.' to prison, the Sanhedrim could not inflict death, John xviii. 31. 5. Philip, one of the seven deacons, chap. vi. 5. 9. sorcery, magical arts bewitched, or confounded. 10. great power, i. e. was invested with it.—Barnes.

them, and they received the Holy Ghost. 18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, 19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because ^a thou hast thought that ^a the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23 For I perceive that thou art in ^a the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

26 And ^a the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27 And he arose and went: and, behold, ^a a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and ^a had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

28 Was returning, ^a and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, ^a He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, ^a and

A. D. 34.

^a ch. 10. 47.

^b Mat. 28. 19.

^c Mar. 16. 16.

^d 2 Ki. 5. 16.

^e Mat. 10. 8.

^f ch. 9. 20.

^g Mat. 16. 15.

^h Jno. 6. 69.

ⁱ 9. 35, 38.

^j 11. 27.

^k 1 Jno. 4. 15.

^l 5. 5, 13.

^m ch. 10. 45.

ⁿ 11. 17.

^o Da. 4. 27.

^p 2 Ti. 2. 25.

^q 1 Ki. 18. 12.

^r 2 Ki. 2. 16.

^s Eze. 3. 12, 14.

^t He. 12. 15.

^u Ge. 20. 7, 17.

^v Ex. 8. 8.

^w Nu. 21. 7.

^x 1 Ki. 13. 6.

^y Job 42. 8.

^z Ja. 5. 16.

^{aa} ch. 8. 3.

^{ab} Ga. 1. 13.

^{ac} 1 Ti. 1. 13.

^{ad} 1 Jno. 15. 27.

^{ae} ^a of the way;

^{af} ch. 19. 9, 23.

^{ag} He. 1. 14.

^{ah} ch. 22. 6.

^{ai} 26. 12.

^{aj} 1 Co. 15. 8.

^{ak} Ps. 68. 31.

^{al} 87. 4.

^{am} Is. 43. 6.

^{an} 60. 3, 6.

^{ao} Zep. 3. 10.

^{ap} Mat. 25. 40.

^{aq} &c.

^{ar} 1 Jno. 12. 20.

^{as} De. 6. 6, 7.

^{at} Jos. 1. 8.

^{au} Ps. 1. 2, 3.

^{av} Ep. 5. 16.

^{aw} Col. 3. 16.

^{ax} ^a ch. 5. 39.

^{ay} ^a ch. 2. 37.

^{az} 16. 30.

^{ba} Lu. 3. 10.

^{bb} Ro. 7. 9.

^{bc} 10. 3.

^{bd} Ja. 4. 6.

^{be} 1 Jno. 5. 39.

^{bf} 1 Co. 14. 19.

^{bg} Ep. 5. 17.

^{bh} ^a ch. 22. 9.

^{bi} 25. 13.

^{bj} Da. 10. 7.

^{bk} Is. 3. 7, 8.

^{bl} ^a ch. 22. 12.

^{bm} ^a ch. 21. 39.

^{bn} 22. 3.

^{bo} ^a ch. 18. 24.

^{bp} Lu. 24. 27.

^{bq} Ro. 10. 12, 13.

began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here* is water; ^a what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37 And Philip said, ^b If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, ^c I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39 And when they were come up out of the water, ^d the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Cæsarea.

CHAP. IX.

AND ^a Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any ^a of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And ^a as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, ^a why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: ^a it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, ^a what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And ^a the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him unto Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

10 ^a And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, ^a named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, ^a of Tarsus: for, behold, ^a he prayeth,

17. received the Holy Ghost, i. e. his miraculous gifts. 18. offered them money, from this act originated the term Simony, or the purchasing of spiritual offices. 19. perish, &c. considered as a declaration rather than an imprecation. Simon here ascribed these gifts to superior magic. 22. perhaps, some think Peter feared Simon had committed the unpardonable sin. 23. gall, &c. expresses the vilest wickedness: see Deut. xxix. 18; Heb. xii. 15. 26. Gaza, this was one of the cities of the Philistines, sixty miles south-west of Jerusalem. 27. Ethiopian, African Ethiopia. eunuch, or chamberlain. to worship, probably as a proselyte. 29. said, by secret suggestion. 32. place, section. 39. caught away, means nothing miraculous, but a powerful impulse on his mind to break away from his new and interesting companion. —So Barnes. Many divines consider this as a mi-

racle, but there is much fancy in their interpretation. 40. was found, i. e. was not heard of till he came to Azotus, called Ashdod in the Old Testament. Cæsarea, sixty-two miles north-west of Jerusalem, now inhabited by jackals, &c.

CHAP. IX.—3. a light, the re-appearance of the Shekinah, the Son of God invested with glory, calling up a new witness of his resurrection. 5. Who art thou, Lord? an address of respect. the Lord said, here Lord denotes the Saviour. kick, &c. proverbial,—derived from the action of a stubborn ox kicking against the goads. 7. speechless, astonished and stupefied. 9. without sight, occasioned by the effect of the sudden light on the optic nerve. 11. Straight, this street still exists at Damascus, extending across the whole city three miles. Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia, a province of Asia Minor. prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

21 But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

23 And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

30 Which when the brethren knew, they

A. D. 35.

a ch. 8. 1.

b ver. 1.

c ch. 7. 59.

d 22. 16.

1 Co. 1. 2.

2 Ti. 2. 22.

e ch. 8. 14.

f ch. 13. 2.

22. 21.

26. 17.

Ro. 1. 1.

1 Co. 15. 10.

Gal. 1. 15.

Ep. 3. 7, 8.

1 Ti. 2. 7.

2 Ti. 1. 11.

f Ro. 1. 5.

11. 13.

Gal. 2. 7, 8.

g ch. 25. 22, 23.

25. 1, &c.

h ch. 20. 23.

21. 11.

2 Co. 11. 23.

i ch. 3. 6, 16.

4. 10.

Mar. 16. 18.

k ch. 22. 12, 13.

l ch. 8. 17.

m 1 Ch. 5. 16.

n ch. 11. 21.

o or, Doe, or,

Roe.

p ch. 2. 4.

4. 31.

13. 52.

q 1 Ti. 2. 10.

Tit. 3. 8.

r Ja. 2. 20.

s ch. 1. 13.

t ch. 26. 20.

u ch. 8. 37.

† or, be

grieved.

v ch. 8. 3.

Gal. 1. 13, 23.

w Mat. 9. 25.

x ch. 7. 60.

y ch. 18. 28.

z Mar. 5. 41, 42

Jno. 11. 43.

a ch. 23. 12.

25. 3.

b 2 Co. 11. 32.

c Jno. 11. 45.

12. 11.

d Jos. 2. 15.

1 Sa. 19. 12.

e ch. 10. 6.

f ch. 22. 17.

g ch. 4. 36.

13. 2.

h ch. 8. 2.

22. 12.

i Job 1. 1.

j ver. 35.

k Lu. 18. 1.

l ver. 30.

m ch. 11. 13.

Ps. 25. 12.

n Ga. 1. 18.

o ch. 6. 1.

11. 20.

p 2 Co. 11. 26.

He. 6. 10.

brought him down to Cæsarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judæa and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

32 And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

33 And there he found a certain man named Æneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

34 And Peter said unto him, Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lydda marvelled, and said, What thing is this that is done by Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds, which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

CHAP. X.

THERE was a certain man in Cæsarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always.

3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

instead of persecuting. 15. chosen, selected. vessel, denotes any cup or basin; it signifies a fit instrument for the purpose. 17. putting his hands, the usual mode of imparting or communicating blessings: see Matt. xix. 13. Brother, recognising him as a fellow-Christian. 22. strength, moral strength, or boldness. confounded, i. e. confuted. this, i. e. this Jesus. very Christ, i. e. the true Messiah. 23. took counsel, or laid a scheme. 25. basket, the word means one used to carry food, Matt. xv. 37; Mark viii. 8, 20. 26. assayed, attempted. 29. spake, &c.

declaring Christ to be the Messiah. Grecians, see chap. vi. 1, note. 31. rest, the first persecution ended. walking, here denotes Christian conduct. comfort, which the Holy Ghost produced. 32. Lydda, a town on the road from Jerusalem to Cæsarea Philippi, now a miserable village. 35. Saron, the Sharon of the Old Testament: a fertile country. 36. Joppa, a sea-port of the Mediterranean, now Jaffa.

CHAP. X.—2. always, i. e. constantly and regularly. 3. ninth hour, three o'clock in the afternoon. 4. for a memorial, i. e. are had in remembrance.

5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:
6 He lodgeth with one * Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: ^b he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, ^d he sent them to Joppa.

9 ^e On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, ^f Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

11 And ^g saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter: kill, and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord: ^h for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, ⁱ What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

19 ^j While Peter thought on the vision, ^k the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

20 Arise ^l therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and ^m of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

23 Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, ⁿ and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

24 And the morrow after they entered into Cæsarea. And Cornelius waited for

A. D. 41.

^a ch. 9. 43.

^b ch. 11. 14.

Ro. 10. 14.

17.

^c ch. 14. 14, 15.

Re. 19. 10.

22. 9.

^d Ps. 119. 59, 60.

^e ch. 11. 3.

Jno. 4. 9.

18. 28.

^f Ga. 2. 12, 14.

^g ch. 11. 5, &c.

^h ch. 15. 8, 9.

Ep. 3. 6.

ⁱ ch. 7. 56.

Lu. 3. 21.

Jno. 1. 51.

Re. 19. 11.

^j ch. 1. 10.

^k ver. 4. &c.

^l Da. 10. 12.

^m He. 13. 16.

ⁿ Le. 11. 4.

20. 25.

^o De. 14. 3, 7.

Eze. 4. 14.

^p ver. 28.

Mat. 15. 11.

Ro. 14. 14, 17.

20.

1 Co. 10. 25.

1 Ti. 4. 4.

^q Tit. 1. 15.

^r De. 10. 17.

2 Ch. 19. 7.

Job 34. 19.

Ro. 2. 11.

^s Ga. 2. 6.

Ep. 6. 9.

Col. 3. 25.

^t 1 Pe. 1. 17.

^u ch. 15. 9.

Ro. 2. 13, 27.

3. 22, 29.

10. 12, 13.

1 Co. 12. 13.

Ga. 3. 28.

Ep. 2. 13, 18.

3. 6.

^v ch. 11. 12.

^w Is. 57. 19.

Ep. 2. 14, 16.

17.

^x Col. 1. 20.

^y 1 Co. 15. 27.

Ep. 1. 20, 22.

1 Pe. 3. 22.

Re. 17. 14.

19. 16.

^z ch. 15. 7.

^{aa} ch. 2. 22.

4. 27.

He. 1. 9.

^{ab} Jno. 3. 2.

^{ac} ch. 22. 12.

^{ad} ver. 45.

ch. 11. 12.

^{ae} ch. 13. 31.

Jno. 14. 17.

22.

^{af} Lu. 24. 30, 43.

them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

28 And he said unto them, Ye know how ^g that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but ^h God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

29 Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, ⁱ a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, Cornelius, ^j thy prayer is heard, ^k and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

34 ^l Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, ^m Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But ⁿ in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, ^o preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (^p he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judæa, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How ^q God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; ^r for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

41 Not ^s to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, ^t who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

9. went up, &c. the small room in the second story or on the roof, was the usual place for retired devotions. sixth hour, noon. 10. trance, or ecstasy, the soul being unconscious of exterior objects. 11. vessel, all sorts of household goods were so called. knit, or tied. 14. common, here means forbidden to the Jews by the law of Moses, Levit. xi. 4, &c. 15. cleansed, or declared pure. 16. done thrice, to impress the apostle's mind. 17. gate, porch or principal entrance to an eastern house. 22. hear words, i. e. be instructed. 23. accompanied, the early Christians often went with the apostles: see Acts xv. 3; Rom. xv. 24; 1 Cor. xvi. 6, 11; 3 John 6. 25. fell down, in oriental countries it was usual to

prostrate themselves at length, before men of rank and honour. worshipped, i. e. showed civil respect. —So Barnes; but G. Holden infers that more than civil respect was here intended, as the Romans never used prostration, and from the terms in which Peter reproved him. 28. unlawful, not indeed explicitly enjoined, but implied in the laws of Moses: see Lev. xviii. 24—30; Deut. xviii. 3—12; compare Ezra ix. 11, 12. 29. gainsaying, or hesitation. 34. no respecter, not influenced by external circumstances or advantages. 35. worketh righteousness, refers to his upright conduct towards men. 36. word, or doctrine. 41. Not to all, a few competent witnesses are always deemed enough.

42 And ^a he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge ^a of quick and dead.

43 To ^a him give all the prophets witness, that through his name ^a whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 ¶ While Peter yet spake these words, the ^f Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, ⁱ because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And ^o he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

CHAP. XI.

AND the apostles and brethren that were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, ⁱ they that were of the circumcision contended with him,

3 Saying, ^a Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, ^a and didst eat with them.

4 But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it ^a by order unto them, saying,

5 I ^a was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat.

8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

10 And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Cæsarea unto me.

12 And ^a the spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover ^a these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

13 And ^a he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

14 Who shall tell thee these words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy

A D. 41.

^a ch. 1. 8.
Mat. 28. 19, 20.

^b ch. 2. 4.
^c Ro. 14. 9, 10.
2 Co. 5. 10.
2 Ti. 4. 1.

^d 1 Pe. 4. 5.
ch. 1. 5.
19. 4.

Mat. 3. 11.
Jno. 1. 26, 33.
^e ch. 26. 22.

Is. 53. 11.
Je. 31. 34.
Da. 9. 24.
Mi. 7. 18.

Zec. 13. 1.
Mal. 4. 2.
^f Is. 44. 3.

Joel 2. 28.
3. 18.
^g ch. 15. 9.

26. 18.
Ro. 10. 11.
Ga. 3. 22.

^h ch. 15. 8, 9.
ⁱ ch. 10. 47.
^j ch. 4. 31.

8. 15, 17.
11. 15.
Ro. 10. 14, 15.

^k Ro. 10. 12, 13.
15. 9, 16.
^l ch. 11. 18.

Ga. 3. 14.
^m ch. 8. 1.
ⁿ ch. 6. 1.

9. 29.
^o 1 Co. 1. 17.
^p ch. 2. 47.

Lu. 1. 66.
^r ch. 9. 35.
^s ch. 9. 27.

^t ch. 10. 45.
^u ch. 13. 43.
14. 22.

^v ch. 10. 28.
^w Ga. 2. 12.
^x ch. 6. 5.

^y ch. 5. 14.
^z Lu. 1. 3.
^a ch. 9. 30.

^b ch. 10. 9, &c.
^c or, in the church.

^d ch. 2. 17.
13. 1.
15. 32.

21. 9.
1 Co. 12. 28.
Ep. 4. 11.

^e ch. 21. 10.
^f Ro. 15. 26.
1 Co. 16. 1.

2 Co. 9. 1.
^g ch. 12. 25.
^h ch. 10. 19.

Jno. 16. 13.
ⁱ ch. 10. 23.
^j or, began.

^k Mat. 4. 21.
20. 23.
^l ch. 10. 30.

^m Ex. 12. 14, 15.
23. 15.
ⁿ Jno. 21. 18.

Ghost fell on them, ^b as on us at the beginning.

16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, ^d John indeed baptized with water; but ^f ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

17 Forasmuch ^a then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; ⁱ what was I, that I could withstand God?

18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, ^k Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

19 ¶ Now ^m they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

20 And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto ⁿ the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And ^p the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and ^r turned unto the Lord.

22 ¶ Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth ^s Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and ^t exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and ^v full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: ^a and much people was added unto the Lord.

25 Then departed Barnabas to ^b Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves ^c with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

27 ¶ And in these days came ^d prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

28 And there stood up one of them named ^e Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Cæsar.

29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send ^f relief unto the brethren which dwell in Judea:

30 Which ^g also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

CHAP. XII.

NOW about that time Herod the king ^h stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

2 And he killed James ⁱ the brother of John with the sword.

3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were ^j the days of unleavened bread.)

4 And ^k when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to

42. quick, living—all that live or shall live; and all dead, John v. 22, 27. 44. the Holy Ghost, i. e. His extraordinary gift of tongues, &c. ver. 46.

CHAP. XI.—2. the circumcision, Jews become Christians. 1. hand, &c. exercising power in the conversion of their hearers. 23. see the grace, by its happy sanctifying effects. 26. Christians, probably at first not a reproachful name, but an ap-

pellation. 27. prophets, these were 'teachers,' Divinely inspired to instruct, and foretell events. 28. the world, is limited here to Judea, so Bp. Pearce; but Scott includes the whole Roman empire.

CHAP. XII.—1. Herod, styled Agrippa, grandson of Herod the Great. stretched forth, denotes violent efforts against the Christians. vex, i. e. injure. 2. with the sword, by beheading or piercing through.

four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but ^a prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7 And, behold, ^a the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

9 And he went out, and followed him; and ^a wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought ^a he saw a vision.

10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; ^a which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that ^a the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath ^a delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And when he had considered the thing, ^a he came to the house of Mary the mother of ^a John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together ^a praying.

13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to ^a hearken, named Rhoda.

14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, ^a It is his angel.

16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

17 But he, ^a beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

A. D. 44.

• or, instant and earnest prayer was made.
2 Co. 1. 11.
Ep. 6. 18.
1 Th. 5. 17.

† or, bare an hostile mind, intending war.

^a ch. 5. 19.
† that was over the king's bed-chamber.

^b 1 Ki. 5. 9, 11.
Eze. 27. 17.

^c Ps. 126. 1.
^d 1 Sa. 25. 33.
2 Sa. 24. 17.
^e Ps. 115. 1.
^f ch. 10. 3, 17.

11. 5.
^g Is. 55. 11.
Col. 1. 6.
^h ch. 15. 26.

ⁱ or, charge.
ch. 11. 29, 30.

^j ch. 14. 26.
15. 35.

^k Ps. 34. 7.
Da. 3. 28.
6. 22.

He. 1. 14.
^l Job 5. 19.
Ps. 34. 22.

2 Co. 1. 10.
2 Pe. 2. 9.
^m ch. 11. 22, 26.

ⁿ Ro. 16. 21.
^o or, Herod's foster-brother.

^p ch. 4. 23.
^q ch. 15. 37.

^r Nu. 8. 14.
Ro. 1. 1.
Ga. 1. 15.

2. 9.
^s Ro. 10. 15.
Ep. 3. 7, 8.

He. 5. 4.
^t ver. 5.
^u ch. 6. 6.

• or, ask who was there.

^v ch. 4. 36.
^w Ge. 48. 16.

Mat. 18. 10.
^x ch. 12. 25.
^y ch. 8. 9.

^z ch. 21. 40.
^{aa} Ex. 7. 11.
2 Ti. 3. 8.

18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.

19 And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that ^a they should be put to death. And he went down from Judæa to Cæsarea, and there abode.

20 ^a And Herod ^a was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus ^a the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because ^a their country was nourished by the king's country.

21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

23 And immediately the angel of the Lord ^a smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

24 ^a But ^a the word of God grew and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled ^a their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

CHAP. XIII.

NOW there were ^a in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as ^a Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and ^a Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, ^a which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, ^a Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work ^a whereunto I have called them.

3 And ^a when they had fasted and prayed, and laid ^a their hands on them, they sent ^a them away.

4 ^a So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to ^a Cyprus.

5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also ^a John to their minister.

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found ^a a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus:

7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But ^a Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood

4. quaternions, a quaternion was four, hence here were sixteen. after Easter, the original is *μετὰ τὴν πάσχα*, 'after the passover,' and has no reference whatever to the resurrection of Christ. to bring him forth, &c. for trial and punishment. 5. without ceasing, signifies intense and fervent. 6. two chains, the Romans chained each hand to a soldier employed as guards. 8. garment, the loose upper cloak. 9. wist not, knew not. 10. ward, seems here to denote certain guards. iron gate probably a strong outward gate between the prison and the city. 11. come to himself, had overcome his amazement. expectation, of his execution. 13. gate, vestibule or principal entrance. 20. highly displeased, bare an hostile mind, intending war. nourished, they were dependent for provisions and articles of commerce on Herod's country, (see their position on the map.) 23. angel, diseases and

death are in Scripture often attributed to an angel: see 2 Sam. xxiv. 16; 1 Chron. xxi. 12, 15, 20, 27; 2 Chron. xxxii. 21. eaten of worms, this was probably the disease called *morbus pedicularis*, loathsome, offensive, painful; Antiochus Epiphanes died of something similar, 2 Macc. ix. 5. gave up the ghost, not then, but five days after. 24. grew, i.e. it had great success. 25. their ministry, the purpose of their mission: see chap. xi. 30.

CHAP. XIII.—4. Seleucia, Seleucia Pieria, a maritime city of Syria. 5. Salamis, a city on the eastern coast of Cyprus. minister, officiating as travelling companion. 6. Paphos, a city of Cyprus, west of the island. 7. deputy, or pro-consul, i.e. chief governor. prudent, the word means 'intelligent,' 'wise,' 'learned.' 8. by interpretation, this means, Bar-jesus was also called 'Elymas,' from an Arabic word, signifying a sorcerer.

them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.

17 The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.

18 And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness.

19 And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot.

20 And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.

21 And afterward they desired a king; and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years.

22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

23 Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

24 When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one

A. D. 45.

a ch. 4. 8.

b Lu. 24. 47.

c 1 Jno. 3. 8.

d 1 Co. 2. 8.

e 1 Sa. 5. 6.

f ch. 2. 24.

g 1 Co. 15. 5. 7.

h ch. 15. 38.

i Ge. 3. 15.

k Ro. 4. 13.

l Lu. 4. 16.

m Ps. 2. 7.

n He. 13. 22.

o ch. 12. 17.

p Is. 55. 3.

q τα σκια,

holy, or,

just things:

which word

the LXX.

both in the

place of Is.

55. 3, and

in many

others, use

for that

which is in

the Hebrew,

mercies.

r De. 7. 6, 7.

s Ps. 16. 10.

t Ex. 1. 1.

† or, in his

own age

served the

will of God.

u Ps. 78. 72.

v Ex. 16. 35.

z τροφοφορη

ον, per-

haps for

τροφοφορη

ον, βοτρε,

or, fed

them, as a

nurse bear-

eth, or,

feedeth her

child,

De. 1. 31,

according to

the

LXX. and

so Chrys-

ostom.

a De. 7. 1

b os. 14. 1, &c

c Je. 31. 34.

d Da. 9. 24.

e Is. 53. 11.

f Ro. 3. 28.

g 1 Sa. 8. 5.

h Is. 29. 14.

i Hab. 1. 5.

j 1 Sa. 16. 13.

k § in the week

between,

or, in the

sabbath

between.

d Is. 11. 1.

e Ro. 1. 3.

f Mat. 1. 21.

g He. 12. 15.

h Jno. 1. 20, 27.

after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.

26 Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

27 For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.

28 And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.

29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre.

30 But God raised him from the dead:

31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

35 Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;

41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multi-

9. Paul, this name seems to have been given to him by the Greeks for the sake of sound. Nations thus changed many names; hence the Hebrew Johanan was changed by the Latins into Johannes, &c. 10. enemy, &c. practising deceit. right ways, straight paths, denoting integrity and truth. 11. the hand, &c. i. e. the punishment, Exod. ix. 3; Job xix. 21. mist, the word may denote an extinction of sight by the drying up or disturbance of the humours of the eye. 12. astonished at the doctrine, at the effects accompanying it in the miracle. 13. Perga, the

metropolis of Pamphylia, a province of Asia Minor. 16. ye that fear God, probably proselytes of the gate, who had not yet been circumcised, but had renounced idolatry. 34. the sure mercies, these merciful promises were, that of David's seed God would raise unto Israel a Saviour, ver. 23; and the apostle argues that they have been proved to be sure and true, by the resurrection of Jesus. 39. all things, the guilt of all offences. 41. ye shall in no wise, i. e. you will not. 43. continue in the grace, that is, in the belief of the gospel of the grace of God.

udes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, ^bIt was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but ^d seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, ^e we turn to the Gentiles.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, ^fI have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: ^g and as many as were obtained to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and ^h raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

51 But ⁱ they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

52 And the disciples ^j were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

CHAP. XIV.

AND it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.

3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, ^k which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the ^l apostles.

5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, ^m to use them despitefully, and to stone them,

6 They were ware of it, and ⁿ fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about:

7 And there they preached the gospel.

8 ^o And ^p there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and ^q perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice, ^r Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, ^s The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

A. D. 45.

a 1 Pe. 4. 4.

b Jude 10.

c Mat. 10. 6.

d Ro. 1. 16.

e Da. 2. 46.

f Ex. 32. 10.

g Ex. 32. 21.

h Is. 55. 5.

i Mat. 21. 43.

j Ro. 10. 19.

k ch. 28. 28.

l Is. 42. 6.

m Lu. 2. 32.

n Ja. 5. 17.

o Re. 19. 10.

p 1 Sa. 12. 21.

q Je. 14. 22.

r Am. 2. 4.

s 1 Co. 8. 4.

t 1 Th. 1. 9.

u Ge. 1. 1.

v Ps. 33. 6.

w 146. 6.

x Re. 14. 7.

y ch. 2. 47.

z Ps. 81. 12.

aa 1 Pe. 4. 3.

ab ch. 17. 27.

ac Ro. 1. 20.

ad 2 Ti. 3. 11.

ae P. Le. 26. 4.

af Ps. 147. 8.

ag Je. 14. 22.

ah Mat. 5. 45.

ai Mar. 6. 11.

aj Jno. 16. 22.

ak ch. 13. 45.

al 2 Co. 11. 25.

am 2 Ti. 3. 11.

an * mademany disciples.

ao P. Mar. 16. 20.

ap He. 2. 4.

aq ch. 11. 23.

ar 13. 43.

as y Mat. 10. 38.

at Lu. 22. 28, 29.

au Ro. 8. 17.

av 2 Ti. 2. 11, 12.

aw 3. 12.

ax z Tit. 1. 5.

ay a ch. 13. 3.

az b 2 Ti. 3. 11.

ba c Mat. 10. 23.

bb d ch. 13. 1, 3.

bc e ch. 15. 40.

bd f ch. 3. 2.

be g Mat. 8. 10.

bf 9, 28, 29.

bg h 1 Co. 16. 9.

bh 2 Co. 2. 12.

bi c Col. 4. 3.

bj Re. 3. 8.

bk i Is. 35. 6.

bl c Ga. 2. 12.

bm i ch. 8. 10.

bn 28. 6.

bo m Jno. 7. 22.

bp Ga. 5. 2.

bq Phi. 3. 2.

br Col. 2. 8, 16.

bs Ge. 17. 10.

bt Le. 12. 3.

12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and ^c would have done sacrifice with the people.

14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? ^d We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from ^e these vanities unto the living God, ^f which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

16 Who ^g in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 Nevertheless ^h he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and ⁱ gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

19 ^j And ^k there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, ^l and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had ^m taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and ⁿ exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that ^o we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And when they had ^p ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

24 And after they had passed through-out Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:

26 And thence sailed to Antioch, ^q from whence they had been ^r recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had ^s opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.

CHAP. XV.

AND ^t certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and ^u said, ^v Except ye be circumcised ^w after

17. for salvation, to save sinners. 48. glorified the word, honoured it as a Divine message. ordained, i.e. the original properly signifies to arrange in military order. Barnes explains it thus:—those who were then disposed, and in good earnest determined to embrace eternal life, by the operation of the grace of God on their hearts, believed. 50. devout and honourable women, women of rank, prophetales of Judaism. 51. Iconium, the capital of Lycaonia.

CHAP. XIV.—4. divided, into parties. 6. Lystra, a city south of Iconium. Derbe, near Lystra. Ly-

caonia, a province of Asia Minor. 11. The gods, this was an idolatrous region. 12. Jupiter, considered the father of the gods. Mercurius, or, Mercury, their messenger. 13. Jupiter, which was before, i. e. his image was in front or near the gates. oxen, to be sacrificed to each. garlands, to decorate the victims. 19. persuaded the people, that Paul and Barnabas were impostors. 25. Attalia, a city of Pamphylia.

CHAP. XV.—1. And certain men, &c. this records the first division in the Christian church. brethren, converted from the heathen. Except, &c. i. e. they

the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that ^c Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

3 And ^f being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, ^g declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and ^h they declared all things that God had done with them.

5 But there ⁱ rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That ^j it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

6 ^k And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, ^l Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, ^m which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, ⁿ giving them the Holy Ghost, even as ^o he did unto us;

9 And ^p put no difference between us and them, ^q purifying their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, ^r to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But ^s we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

12 ^t ¶ Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

13 ^u ¶ And after they had held their peace, ^v James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15 And to this agree the words of the prophets: as it is written,

16 After ^w this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

19 Wherefore ^x my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles ^y are turned to God:

A. D. 52.

^a Ge. 35. 2.
^b Ex. 30. 23.
^c Ex. 20. 30.
^d 1 Co. 8. 1.
^e Re. 2. 14, 20.
^f 10. 20, 28.

^g 1 Co. 6. 9, 18.
^h Ga. 5. 19.
ⁱ Ep. 5. 3.
^j Col. 3. 5.
^k 1 Th. 4. 3.

^l Ga. 2. 1.
^m Ge. 9. 4.
ⁿ Le. 3. 17.
^o De. 12. 16, 23.
^p ch. 13. 15, 27.
^q Ro. 15. 24.
^r 1 Co. 16. 6, 11.

^s ch. 14. 27.
^t ch. 1. 23.
^u 2 Co. 1. 19.
^v 2 Th. 1. 1.
^w 1 Pe. 5. 12,
^x Silevanus.
^y ch. 21. 19.

^z or, rose up, said they, certain.
^a 1 Co. 13. 11, 12.

^b Ga. 2. 4.
^c 5. 12.
^d Tit. 1. 10, 11.
^e ch. 10. 20.
^f 11. 12.

^g ch. 13. 50.
^h 14. 19.
ⁱ 1 Co. 15. 30.
^j 2 Co. 11. 23, 26.

^k ch. 1. 24.
^l 1 Ch. 28. 9.
^m Ps. 139. 2.
ⁿ ch. 10. 44.
^o word.

^p Ro. 10. 11.
^q ch. 10. 15, 28, 43.
^r 1 Co. 1. 2.
^s 1 Pe. 1. 22.

^t Mat. 23. 4.
^u Ga. 5. 1.
^v ch. 21. 25.
^w Re. 2. 14, 20.

^x Le. 17. 14.
^y Ro. 3. 24.
^z Ep. 2. 8.
^a Tit. 2. 11.
^b 3. 4, 5.

^c or, exhortation.
^d ch. 12. 17.
^e ch. 14. 22.
^f 18. 23.

^g 1 Co. 16. 11.
^h He. 11. 31.
ⁱ Am. 9. 11, 12.
^j ch. 13. 1.
^k ver. 28.

^l ch. 12. 12, 25.
^m Col. 4. 10.
ⁿ 2 Ti. 4. 11.
^o Phil. 24.
^p 1 Th. 1. 9.

20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain ^a from pollutions of idols, and ^b from fornication, and from things strangled, ^c and from blood.

21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, ^d being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed ^e Barsabas, and ^f Silas, chief men among the brethren:

23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner: The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that ^g certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law:* to whom we gave no such commandment:

25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 Men ^h that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell ⁱ you the same things by ^j mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 That ^k ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and ^l from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

31 Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

32 And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, ^m exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.

33 And after they had tarried ⁿ there a space, they were let ^o go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.

34 Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still.

35 Paul ^p also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 ^q ¶ And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

37 And Barnabas determined to take with them ^r John, whose surname was Mark.

38 But Paul thought not good to take

must be engrafted into the Jewish, preparatory to entrance into the Christian church. 3. brought, &c. it was customary in eastern parts to show respect to parting guests by going part of their way with them. Phenice, a province of Syria. 5. which believed, converted Pharisees, retaining some old prejudices. 10. tempt—God, provoke him to displeasure. 11. saved, even as they, the Gentiles; by mercy, and not by ceremonies. 14. Simeon, the Hebrew name of the Greek Simon. 16. build again, predicting future blessings for the Jews. 18. Known, &c. God foresees, and therefore arranges,

all events of his church. 19. sentence, opinion. 20. pollutions, verse 29, "meats offered to idols," and afterwards sold in the markets. As the eating of these might offend the Jews and seem to countenance idolatry, they were prohibited. fornication, reputed harmless among the Gentiles, and connected with idolatry. things strangled, killed without blood shedding, contrary to the law, Lev. iii. 17; xvii. 10—14, &c. blood, i. e. separately used. These prohibitions were given to meet Jewish prejudices, not as essential. 32. prophets, here mean, teachers divinely inspired.

him with them,^a who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;

40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, ^d being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, ^f confirming the churches.

CHAP. XVI.

THEN came he to ^e Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, ^h named Timotheus, ⁱ the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:

2 Which ^k was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and ^l took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, ^m that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5 And ⁿ so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and ^o were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mysia ^p came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a ^q man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go ^r into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;

12 And from thence to ^s Philippi, which is: the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the ^t sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, ^u and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14 ^v And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose ^w heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

A. D. 53.

^a ch. 13. 13.^b Ge. 19. 3.^c 33. 11.^d Ju. 19. 21.^e Lu. 24. 29.^f He. 13. 2.^g 1 Sa. 28. 7.^h ⁱ or, of Pythion.^j ch. 14. 26.^k ch. 19. 24.^l ch. 16. 5.^m ch. 14. 6.ⁿ Mar. 1. 25, 34.^o ch. 19. 22.^p Ro. 16. 21.^q 1 Co. 4. 17.^r 1 Ti. 1. 2.^s 2 Ti. 1. 2.^t 2 Ti. 1. 5.^u Mar. 16. 17.^v ch. 19. 25, 26.^w ch. 6. 3.^x 1 Ti. 3. 7.^y He. 11. 2.^z 2 Co. 6. 5.^{aa} Mat. 10. 18.^{ab} ^{ac} or, court.^{ad} 1 Co. 9. 20.^{ae} Ga. 2. 3.^{af} ch. 17. 6.^{ag} 1 Ki. 18. 17.^{ah} ch. 15. 28, 29.^{ai} ch. 15. 41.^{aj} 1 Co. 15. 58.^{ak} Ep. 4. 13, 16.^{al} He. 13. 9, 20.^{am} 2 Co. 6. 5.^{an} 1 Th. 2. 2.^{ao} Is. 30. 21.^{ap} 1 Co. 12. 11.^{aq} 2 Co. 2. 12.^{ar} 2 Ti. 4. 13.^{as} Ps. 50. 15.^{at} 91. 15.^{au} Ja. 5. 13.^{av} ch. 4. 31.^{aw} ch. 10. 30.^{ax} ch. 5. 19.^{ay} 12. 7, 10.^{az} 2 Co. 2. 13.^{ba} ^{bb} Pr. 24. 11, 12.^{bc} Mat. 5. 44.^{bd} 1 Th. 5. 15.^{be} ^{bf} 1 Th. 1. 1.^{bg} ^{bh} or, the first.^{bi} ^{bj} sabbath day.^{bk} ch. 2. 37.^{bl} 9. 6.^{bm} Lu. 3. 10.^{bn} Mar. 16. 15.^{bo} Ga. 3. 28.^{bp} ^{bq} Jno. 3. 16, 35.^{br} 6. 47.^{bs} 1 Jno. 5. 10.^{bt} ^{bu} Ps. 110. 3.^{bv} Lu. 24. 45.^{bw} Jno. 6. 44, 45.^{bx} 1 Co. 3. 6, 7.^{by} Ep. 1. 17, 18.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And ^c she constrained us.

16 ^d And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel ^e possessed with a spirit ^f of divination met us, which brought her masters ^g much gain by soothsaying:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, ^h being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. ⁱ And he came out the same hour.

19 And ^j when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, ^k they caught Paul and Silas, and ^l drew them into the ^m marketplace unto the rulers,

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, ⁿ do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, ^o and commanded to beat them.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 ^p And at midnight Paul and Silas ^q prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And ^r suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately ^s all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul ^t cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, ^u Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, ^v Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed ^w their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

CHAP. XVI.—1. Derbe, &c. see chap. xiv. 6, note.

3. circumcised him, to meet Jewish prejudices, or they would not have heard him. 4. ordained, adjudged. 6. Phrygia, the largest province of Asia Minor. Galatia, this province adjoined Phrygia, on the N.E. Asia, also called Ionia. 7. Mysia, a province of Asia Minor. 7. assayed, attempted. Bithynia, another province. 8. Troas, a city of Phrygia, on the Hellespont. 9. Macedonia, an extensive country of Greece. 11. loosing, setting sail. Samothracia, an island in the Ægean sea. Neapolis, a maritime city of Macedonia, now Napoli.

12. Philippi, so called of Philip of Macedon; this city was west of Neapolis. 13. river, the Jews built their synagogues and oratories near water, for the convenience of their numerous washings.

where prayer, &c. that is, where was a proseuche, or place of prayer, usually an enclosure of stones. 14. purple, either silks or dye, held in high estimation. 16. to prayer, or to the proseuche. a spirit, &c. a Pythonic spirit, supposed an inspiration from Apollo, sometimes called Pythius. 18. grieved, lest he should seem in league with Satan. 19. marketplace, court or forum.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, ^a he set meat before them, and ^b rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

35 And when it was day, the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying, Let those men go.

36 And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace.

37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, ^d being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out.

38 And the sergeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans.

39 And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and ^e desired them to depart out of the city.

40 And they went out of the prison, and ^h entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

CHAP. XVII.

NOW when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 And Paul, as his manner was, ^k went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening and alledging, ⁱ that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, ^j whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

4 And ^m some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and ⁿ Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

5 ^l But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of ^o Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, ^p These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Cæsar, saying that there is another king, ^q one Jesus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

10 ^r And ^s the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto

A. D. 53.

^a Lu. 5. 29.

19. 6.

^b Ro. 5. 2. 11.

15. 13.

Ga. 5. 22.

Phi. 4. 4.

^c Is. 34. 16.

Lu. 16. 29.

Jno. 5. 39.

^d ch. 22. 25.^e Mat. 10. 23.^f ch. 18. 5.^g Mat. 8. 34.^h ver. 14.ⁱ Ps. 69. 9.

119. 136.

Je. 20. 9.

2 Pe. 2. 8.

^k or, full of

idols.

^l ch. 9. 20.

13. 5. 14.

14. 1.

16. 13.

19. 8.

Lu. 4. 16.

^m or, base

fellow.

ⁿ ch. 18. 28.

Lu. 24. 26. 46.

Ga. 3. 1.

^o or, whom,

said he, I

preach.

^p or, Mars'

hill. It was

the highest

court in

Athens.

^q ch. 28. 24.^r ch. 15. 22. 27.

32. 40.

^s Ro. 16. 21.^t or, the

court of the

Areopagites.

^u ch. 16. 20.^v or, gods

that ye

worship,

2 Th. 2. 4.

^w Lu. 23. 2.

Jno. 19. 12.

1 Pe. 2. 15.

^x ch. 14. 15.^y Mat. 11. 25.^z ch. 7. 48.^{aa} Ps. 50. 8.^{ab} Ge. 2. 7.

Nu. 16. 22.

Job 12. 10.

27. 3.

33. 4.

Is. 42. 5.

57. 16.

Zec. 12. 1.

Jno. 1. 4.

^{ac} ch. 9. 25.

Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and ^c searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.

14 And ^d then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.

15 And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: and receiving a commandment ^e unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him with all speed, they departed.

16 ^f Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, ^g his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city ^h wholly given to idolatry.

17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this ⁱ babblers say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

19 And they took him, and brought him unto ^j Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?

20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

22 ^k Then Paul stood in the midst of ^l Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your ^m devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24 God ⁿ that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is ^o Lord of heaven and earth, ^p dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, ^q as though he needed any thing, seeing ^r he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 And hath made of one blood all na-

37. being Romans, the Roman government was peculiarly tender of the lives and liberties of their subjects. let them come, this would be a public acknowledgment of their innocence, and of the magistrates' error. 38. sergeants, or lictors, a sort of beadle who preceded the magistrates. feared, apprehensive of punishment themselves for what they had done.

CHAP. XVII.—1. Amphipolis, the capital of the eastern province of Macedonia. Apollonia, a city between Amphipolis and Thessalonica, a sea-port of the second part of Macedonia. 4. consorted, united themselves to. devout Greeks, proselyted to Judaism from idolatry. 5. lewd, wicked, lazy. 9. security, satisfaction for the good conduct of Paul and Silas.

10. Berea, a city of Macedonia. 11. noble, ingenuous. 18. Epicureans, a sect of atheistical philosophers, who considered pleasure as the chief good. Stoicks, fatalists, professing to despise both pleasure and pain. strange gods, foreign deities. 19. Areopagus, or Mars' hill, ver. 22, a place or court in which the Areopagites—the supreme judges of Athens, assembled. 20. strange, pertaining to a foreign country. 21. some new thing, the latest news. 22. too superstitious, rather, 'very studious of paying due honour to the gods.' 25. worshipped with men's hands, served with food, as their deities were thought to be by offerings. 26. of one blood, by which the apostle would intimate he regarded the Greeks as

tions of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and ^a the bounds of their habitation;

27 That ^c they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 For ^e in him we live, and move, and have our being; ^f as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, ^g we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And ^h the times of this ignorance God winked at; but ⁱ now commandeth all men every where to repent:

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which ^k he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath ^l given assurance unto all men, in that ^m he hath raised him from the dead.

32 ⁿ And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

33 So Paul departed from among them.

34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

CHAP. XVIII.

AFTER these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;

2 And found a certain Jew named ^a Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome;) and came unto them.

3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, ^b and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

4 And ^c he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

5 And ^d when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was ^e pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus ^f was Christ.

6 And ^g when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, ^h he shook his raiment, and said unto them, ⁱ Your blood be upon your own heads; ^j I am clean: ^k from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

7 ^l And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

8 And ^m Crispus, the chief ruler of the

A. D. 54.

^a De. 32. 8.

^b ch. 23. 11.

^c Ro. 1. 20.

^d Is. 1. 18, 19.

^e Mat. 28. 20.

^f Col. 1. 17.

^g He. 1. 3.

^h Tit. 1. 12.

ⁱ sat there.

^j Is. 40. 18.

^k ch. 14. 16.

^l Ro. 3. 25.

^m Lu. 24. 47.

ⁿ Tit. 2. 11, 12.

^o 1 Pe. 1. 14.

^p 4. 3.

^q ch. 10. 42.

^r Ro. 2. 16.

^s 14. 10.

^t ch. 23. 29.

^u 25. 11, 19.

^v ⁺ or, offered faith.

^w ch. 2. 24.

^x Jno. 18. 31.

^y 1 Co. 1. 1.

^z Am. 6. 6.

^{aa} 1 Co. 1. 23.

^{ab} ch. 21. 24.

^{ac} Nu. 6. 18.

^{ad} Ro. 16. 1.

^{ae} Ro. 16. 3.

^{af} 1 Co. 16. 19.

^{ag} 2 Ti. 4. 19.

^{ah} ch. 19. 21.

^{ai} 20. 16.

^{aj} ch. 20. 34.

^{ak} 1 Co. 4. 12.

^{al} 1 Th. 2. 9.

^{am} 2 Th. 3. 8.

^{an} ch. 17. 2.

^{ao} 1 Co. 4. 19.

^{ap} He. 6. 3.

^{aq} Ja. 4. 15.

^{ar} ch. 17. 14, 15.

^{as} Job 32. 18.

^{at} ⁺ or, is the Christ.

^{au} ch. 13. 45.

^{av} 1 Pe. 4. 4.

^{aw} Ga. 1. 2.

^{ax} 4. 14.

^{ay} ch. 13. 51.

^{az} Ne. 5. 13.

^{ba} Mat. 10. 14.

^{bb} ch. 14. 22.

^{bc} He. 12. 12, 13.

^{bd} Le. 20. 9.

^{be} 2 Sa. 1. 16.

^{bf} Eze. 18. 13.

^{bg} 33. 4.

^{bh} 1 Co. 1. 12.

^{bi} 4. 6.

^{bj} Tit. 3. 13.

^{bk} Eze. 3. 18, 19.

^{bl} 33. 9.

^{bm} ch. 13. 46.

^{bn} 28. 28.

^{bo} Ro. 12. 11.

^{bp} 1 Co. 1. 14.

synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

9 Then ^a spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10 For ^b I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

11 And he ^c continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 ^d And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat,

13 Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.

14 And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you:

15 But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law, look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters.

16 And he drave them from the judgment seat.

17 Then all the Greeks took ^e Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And ^f Gallio cared for none of those things.

18 ^g And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having ^h shorn his head in ⁱ Cenchrea: for he had a vow.

19 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

20 When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not;

21 But bade them farewell, saying, ^a I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, ^b if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

22 And when he had landed at Cæsarea, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch.

23 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of ^c Galatia and Phrygia in order, ^d strengthening all the disciples.

24 ^e And ^f a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being ^g fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

his brethren. 28. your own poets, the words are those of Aratus, a Greek poet, who flourished two hundred and seventy-seven years before Christ; several others adopted them. The sentiment opposed the Epicureans. 30. winked at, passed over without punishing. commandeth, by the gospel.

CHAP. XVIII.—1. Corinth, the capital of Achaia, near Athens. 2. Pontus, see chap. ii. 9, note. to depart, a fact also stated by Suetonius, the Roman historian. 3. craft, trade. Even children of the higher orders among the Jews, were taught some trade. 5. pressed in the spirit, received an unusual impulse. Christ, that is, Messiah. 6. blasphemed, rather, ⁺ reviled, ⁺ shook, &c. symbolical of having no further dealings with them. Your blood, &c. your ruin is your own doing, not mine. 13. deputy, i. e.

proconsul. the judgment seat, the tribunal of Gallio. 13. law, of Moses, ver. 15, hence not included in the toleration granted to Judaism by the Romans. 14. wrong, injustice. wicked lewdness, any gross offence. 17. beat him, not judicially, but probably with their fists. Gallio cared, &c. he did not choose to settle theological disputes. 18. Cenchrea, a sea-port of the Corinthians. a vow, of a Nazarite, perhaps for some mercy received. Some few understand this as applying to Aquila. 19. Ephesus, a celebrated city in Ionia, in Asia Minor, forty miles south of Smyrna. 21. feast, probably, passover. 24. Alexandria, a famed city of Egypt, founded by Alexander the Great. 25. instructed, catechised. fervent, zealous. baptism of John, he taught that men were to receive the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, ^a and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, ^b helped them much which had believed through grace:

28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, ^c shewing by the scriptures that Jesus ^d was Christ.

CHAP. XIX.

AND it came to pass, that, while ^f Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, ^g We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, ^h Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, ⁱ John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized ^j "in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had ^k laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and ^l they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7 And ^m all the men were about twelve.

8 And ⁿ he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things ^o concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But ^p when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil ^q of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10 And ^r this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And ^s God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So ^t that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 ^u Then ^v certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, ^w took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

A. D. 56.

^a Pr. 9. 9.

22.17, 18.

^b Jno. 7. 17.

ch. 2. 43.

5. 5, 11.

1 Sa. 6. 20.

Ps. 64. 9.

Lu. 1. 65.

7. 16.

^c 1 Co. 3. 6.

2 Co. 1. 24.

Phi. 1. 25.

^d Mat. 3. 6.

ch. 9. 22.

17. 3.

^e or, is the Christ.

^f 1 Co. 1. 12.

ch. 6. 7.

12. 24.

^g Ga. 2. 1.

^h ch. 20. 22.

ⁱ 1 Sa. 3. 7.

^j ch. 18. 21.

23. 11.

^k Ro. 15. 24. 28.

^l ch. 13. 5.

^m ch. 16. 23.

2 Ti. 4. 20.

ⁿ ch. 18. 25.

^o ch. 1. 5.

11. 16.

13. 24. 25.

^p Mat. 3. 11.

^q Jno. 1. 15. 27.

30.

^r Mat. 10. 22.

2 Co. 1. 8.

^s ch. 9. 2.

^t ch. 16. 16. 19.

^u ch. 8. 16. 17.

^v ch. 6. 6.

^w ch. 2. 4.

10. 46.

^x Mar. 16. 17.

^y ch. 17. 2.

18. 4.

^z Ps. 115. 4.

Is. 44. 10. 20.

^a Je. 10. 3.

^b ch. 1. 3.

28. 23.

^c 2 Ti. 1. 15.

2 Pe. 2. 2.

^d Jude 10.

^e ch. 9. 2.

22. 4.

^f ch. 20. 31.

^g 1 Jno. 2. 16.

5. 19.

^h Re. 13. 3. 8.

ⁱ ch. 14. 3.

^j Mar. 16. 20.

^k Ro. 16. 23.

^l 1 Co. 1. 14.

^m ch. 5. 15.

ⁿ 2 Ki. 4. 29.

^o ch. 20. 4.

27. 2.

Col. 4. 10.

Phile. 24.

^p Mat. 12. 27.

^q Mar. 9. 38.

Lu. 9. 49.

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and ^a fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many that believed came, and ^b confessed, and shewed their deeds.

19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So ^c mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

21 ^d After ^e these things were ended, Paul ^f purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, ^g I must also see Rome.

22 So he sent into Macedonia two of ^h them that ministered unto him, Timotheus and ⁱ Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

23 And ^j the same time there arose no small stir about ^k that way.

24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought ^l no small gain unto the craftsmen;

25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that ^m they be no gods, which are made with hands:

27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and ⁿ the world worshippeth.

28 And when they heard *these sayings*, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught ^o Gaius and ^p Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31 And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring ^q him that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33 And they drew Alexander out of the

CHAP. XIX.—1. *upper coasts*, districts towards the Black Sea. 2. *received the Holy Ghost*, i. e. his miraculous influences. *We have not*, &c. John taught that Christ would baptize with the Holy Ghost; this must therefore mean, they had not heard that his miraculous influences had yet descended. 9. *separated the disciples*, from those who would draw them aside. *one Tyrannus*, perhaps a teacher of rhetoric. 10. *in Asia*, i. e. Minor, and that province of it. 14. *chief*, or one of distinction. 18. *their deeds*, their evil practices. 19. *curious arts*, meaning the magic

and jugglery so common in eastern countries. *books*, teaching their arts. *silver*, if the Attic drachma, the value was 1562l. 10s.; if Jewish shekels, 6250l. 21. *in the spirit*, in his mind. 22. *Erastus*, chamberlain or treasurer of Corinth, Romans xvi. 23. 23. *that way*, Christianity. 24. *shrines*, models of the temple of Diana, at Ephesus. 27. *all Asia*, i. e. Asia Minor. *the world*, other parts. 29. *theatre*, Greek theatres were used for various purposes; here assemblies and courts were held. 31. *certain*, &c. these 'Asiarchs' presided over sacred things and

multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And ^a Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.

34 But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is ^a a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the *image* which fell down from Jupiter?

36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ^a ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

37 For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

38 Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, [†] the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another.

39 But if ye enquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.

40 For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse.

41 And [†] when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

CHAP. XX.

AND after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto *him* the disciples, and embraced *them*, and [†] departed for to go into Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,

3 And *there* abode three months. And [†] when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia.

4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, [†] Aristarchus and Secundus; and [†] Gaius of Derbe, and [†] Timotheus; and of Asia, [†] Tychicus and [†] Trophimus.

5 These going before tarried for us at Troas.

6 And we sailed away from Philippi after [†] the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them [†] to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.

7 And upon [†] the first day of the week, when the disciples came together [†] to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; [†] and continued his speech until midnight.

8 And there were many lights [†] in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long

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^a ch. 12. 17.[†] Ti. 1. 20.² Ti. 4. 14.^b 1 Ki. 17. 21.² Ki. 4. 34.^c Mat. 9. 24.[†] the temple-keeper.^d Pr. 14. 29.[†] or, the

court days

are kept.

^f ch. 21. 4. 12.[†] ch. 24. 17.^g ch. 2. 1.

Ex. 34. 22.

1 Co. 16. 8.

[†] or, ordi-

nary.

^h ch. 18. 19.

19. 1. 10.

ⁱ Pr. 15. 1. 2.[†] 1 Co. 16. 5.[†] 1 Ti. 1. 3.[†] ch. 18. 5.[†] ch. 2. 38.

Mar. 1. 15.

Lu. 24. 47.

^m ch. 25. 3.ⁿ 2 Co. 11. 26.[†] ch. 19. 21.[†] 1 Th. 3. 3.[†] ch. 27. 2.

Col. 4. 10.

[†] or, wait for

me.

[†] ch. 19. 29.[†] ch. 16. 1.[†] ch. 21. 43.

Ro. 8. 35.

² Co. 4. 16.[†] Ep. 6. 21.

Col. 4. 7.

² Ti. 4. 12.

Tit. 3. 12.

[†] ch. 21. 29.² Ti. 4. 20.² Ti. 4. 7.[†] ch. 1. 17.² Co. 4. 1.[†] Ga. 1. 1.

Tit. 1. 3.

^a Ex. 12. 14, 15.

23. 15.

^b ch. 16. 8.² Co. 2. 12.² Ti. 4. 13.

Ro. 15. 23.

^d 1 Co. 16. 2.

Re. 1. 10.

^c ch. 2. 42, 46.[†] 1 Co. 10. 16.

11. 20, &c.

^f Eze. 33. 3, 4.² Co. 7. 2.[†] 1 Co. 15. 10.^h ch. 1. 13.ⁱ Lu. 7. 30.

Jno. 15. 15.

Ep. 1. 11.

^k 1 Ti. 4. 16.[†] 1 Pe. 5. 2.[†] 1 Co. 12. 28.^m Col. 1. 14.[†] 1 Pe. 1. 19.

Re. 5. 9.

ⁿ He. 9. 12. 14.

preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, and [†] fell on him, and embracing *him* said, [†] Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

13 [†] And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot.

14 And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene.

15 And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against Chios; and the next day we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogylium; and the next day we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia; for [†] he hasted, if it were possible for him, [†] to be at Jerusalem the ⁵ day of Pentecost.

17 [†] And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, [†] from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

21 Testifying [†] both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, [†] repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now, behold, [†] I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 Save that [†] the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions [†] abide me.

24 But [†] none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, [†] so that I might finish my course with joy, [†] and the ministry, [†] which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, [†] I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I *am* [†] pure from the blood of all men.

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all [†] the counsel of God.

28 [†] Take [†] heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath [†] made you overseers, to feed the church of God, [†] which he hath purchased [†] with his own blood.

public games. 35. townclerk, recorder, transcriber of the laws, or chancellor. *fell down*, was feigned to have fallen from heaven. 38. deputies, Roman proconsuls. *implead*, accuse each other in court.

CHAP. XX.—2. Greece, here means Achaia. 6. days, &c. season of passover. 7. first day, Christian sabbath. *break bread*, celebrate the Lord's supper. 9. *fell*, &c. eastern windows are large, even with the floor, and often left open. 13. Assos, a sea-port

town in the Aegean Sea. 14, 15. Mitylene, and the other places named, verse 15, were little ports or islands in the Aegean Sea. 16. *sail by*, that is, pass. 19. temptations, trials. 20. *shewed*, announced to. 21. *Testifying*, or teaching. 22. *bound*, &c. strongly urged or constrained. 25. *I know*, &c. may mean, 'I have no expectation of seeing you again.'—Barnes. 26. *take you to record*, appeal to you to testify. 28. *ovetkrets*, 'bishops.' *purchased*, gained or procured:

29 For I know this, that after my departing ^a shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also ^b of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that ^c by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and ^d to the word of his grace, which is able ^e to build you up, and to give you ^f an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I ^g have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, ^h that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, ⁱ how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 ^j And when he had thus spoken, he ^k kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

37 And they all wept sore, and ^l fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

CHAP. XXI.

AND it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Coos, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara:

2 And finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard, and set forth.

3 Now when we had discovered Cyprus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.

4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: ^a who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

6 And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship; and they returned ^b home again.

7 And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Cæsarea: and we entered into the house of Philip ^c the evangelist, ^d which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, ^e which did prophesy.

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^a Mat. 7. 15.
^b 2 Pe. 2. 1.

^c ch. 11. 28.

^d 1 Ti. 1. 20.

^e 1 Jno. 2. 19.

^f ch. 19. 10.

^g He. 13. 9.

^h ch. 9. 31.

ⁱ ch. 26. 18.

^j Ep. 1. 18.

^k Col. 1. 12.

^l 3. 24.

^m He. 9. 15.

ⁿ 1 Pe. 1. 4.

^o ch. 20. 24.

^p Phi. 2. 26.

^q 1 Sa. 12. 3.

^r 1 Co. 9. 12.

^s 2 Co. 7. 2.

^t 12. 17.

^u Ro. 8. 35. 37.

^v 2 Co. 4. 10. 18.

^w 11. 23. 27.

^x Phi. 1. 20. 21.

^y 2. 17.

^z ch. 18. 3.

^{aa} 1 Co. 4. 12.

^{ab} 1 Th. 2. 9.

^{ac} 2 Th. 3. 8.

^{ad} Ro. 15. 1.

^{ae} 2 Co. 11. 9. 12.

^{af} 12. 13.

^{ag} Ep. 4. 28.

^{ah} 1 Th. 4. 11.

^{ai} 5. 14.

^{aj} Mat. 6. 10.

^{ak} 26. 42.

^{al} Lu. 11. 2.

^{am} 22. 42.

^{an} ch. 7. 60.

^{ao} 21. 5.

^{ap} Ge. 45. 14.

^{aq} 46. 29.

^{ar} ch. 15. 13.

^{as} Ga. 1. 19.

^{at} 2. 9.

^{au} ch. 15. 4. 12.

^{av} Ro. 15. 18. 19.

^{aw} ch. 1. 17.

^{ax} ch. 22. 3.

^{ay} Ro. 10. 2.

^{az} Ga. 1. 14.

^{ba} Ro. 14. 1. 6.

^{bb} 1 Co. 9. 19. 23.

^{bc} Ga. 5. 1. 6.

^{bd} 6. 12. 15.

^{be} ch. 20. 23.

^{bf} ch. 18. 18.

^{bg} Nu. 6. 2. 13.

^{bh} 18.

^{bi} Jno. 1. 11.

^{bj} ch. 15. 20. 23.

^{bk} Ep. 4. 11.

^{bl} 2 Ti. 4. 5.

^{bm} ch. 6. 5.

^{bn} 8. 26. 40.

^{bo} ch. 2. 17.

^{bp} Joel 2. 28.

10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judæa a certain prophet, named ^a Agabus.

11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, ^b What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? ^c for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, ^d The will of the Lord be done.

15 And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Jerusalem.

16 There went with us also ^e certain of the disciples of Cæsarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge.

17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

18 And the day following Paul went in with us unto ^f James; and all the elders were present.

19 And when he had saluted them, ^g he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles ^h by his ministry.

20 And when they heard ⁱ it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all ^j zealous of the law:

21 And they are informed of thee, that ^k thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.

22 What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come.

23 Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a vow on them;

24 Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may ^l shave their heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but ^m that thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law.

25 As touching the Gentiles which believe, ⁿ we have written and concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication.

26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them

see 1 Cor. vi. 20; vii. 23; 2 Pet. ii. 1. 29. wolves, false teachers. 30. perverse things, perverted doctrines. 32. build, confirm and establish, as a house built by degrees. sanctified, holy. 37. neck, &c. a token of tender affection: see Gen. xli. 29.

CHAP. XXI.—1. Coos, an island in the Ægean Sea. Rhodes, a celebrated island in the same sea. Patara, a maritime town of Lycia, in Asia Minor 4. said to Paul, &c. a prediction of his sufferings if he went: compare chap. xx. 23, and ver. 11, of this chapter. 7. Ptolemais, a city on the coast of the Mediterranean.

9. prophecy, spoke under Divine inspiration: see chap. ii. 17, 18. 15. carriages, baggage, which probably had come by sea. 20. thousands, 'myriads.' zealous of the law, still observing its ceremonies. 22. What is it? &c. What is to be done? 23. We have four men, these were clearly connected with the Christian church. vow, of the Nazarite, compare Numb. vi. 3—8, 13—20. 25. touching the Gentiles, conformity to Jewish ceremonies was not expedient for them, but only for converts among the Jews, to meet their prejudices. 26. took, &c. united in the

^a entered into the temple, ^b to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, ^c stirred up all the people, and ^d laid hands on him,

28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, ^e that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, ^f and hath polluted this holy place.

29 (For they had seen before with him in the city ^g Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

30 And ^h all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut.

31 And ⁱ as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

32 Who ^j immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left ^k beating of Paul.

33 Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and ^l commanded him to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

34 And some cried one thing, some another, among the multitude: and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle.

35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for ^m the violence of the people.

36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, ⁿ Away with him.

37 And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek?

38 Art ^o not thou that ^p Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers?

39 But Paul said, ^q I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

40 And when he had given him licence, Paul stood on the stairs, and ^r beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

CHAP. XXII.

MEN, ^s brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you.

2 (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)

3 I ^t am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city ^u at the feet of ^v Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and ^w was

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^a ch. 24. 18.^b Nu. 6. 13.^c Ro. 10. 2.^d 1 Ti. 1. 13.^e 1 Ki. 21. 25.^f Lu. 22. 66.^g ch. 26. 21.^h Lu. 21. 12.ⁱ ch. 9. 2, 3.^j 26. 10, 12.^k ch. 24. 5, 6.^l Je. 7. 4, &c.^m ch. 20. 4.ⁿ 2 Ti. 4. 20.^o Mat. 21. 10.^p Mat. 25. 40.^q 1 Co. 12. 12.^r 26. 27.^s Da. 10. 7.^t Jno. 16. 2.^u ch. 23. 27.^v 24. 7.^w Is. 3. 15.^x ch. 20. 23.^y Ep. 6. 20.^z ch. 10. 22.^a 1 Ti. 3. 7.^b ch. 3. 13, 14.^c 5. 30.^d ch. 26. 16.^e Ps. 55. 9.^f 1 Co. 9. 1.^g 15. 8.^h ch. 7. 52.ⁱ 1 Co. 11. 23.^j Ga. 1. 12.^k ch. 22. 22.^l Lu. 23. 18.^m Jno. 19. 15.ⁿ ch. 23. 11.^o ch. 4. 20.^p ch. 2. 38.^q He. 10. 22.^r Ro. 10. 13.^s ch. 5. 36.^t This Egyptian rose^u A. D. 55.^v 2 Co. 12. 2.^w Mat. 10. 14.^x ch. 9. 11.^y ch. 8. 3.^z Mat. 10. 17.^a ch. 12. 17.^b ch. 7. 58.^c ch. 8. 1.^d Lu. 11. 48.^e Ro. 1. 32.^f Ro. 1. 5.^g 11. 13.^h 15. 16.ⁱ Ga. 1. 15, 16.^j 2. 7, 8.^k Ep. 3. 7, 8.^l 1 Ti. 2. 7.^m 2 Ti. 1. 11.ⁿ ch. 7. 2.^o ch. 21. 36.^p ch. 25. 24.^q 2 Co. 11. 22.^r Phi. 3. 5, 6.^s Ec. 10. 3.^t De. 33. 3.^u 2 Ki. 4. 38.^v Lu. 10. 39.^w ch. 5. 34.^x Ga. 1. 14.^y Jno. 19. 1.

zealous toward God, ^a as ye all are this day.

4 And ^b I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and ^c all the estate of the elders: ^d from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, ^e whom thou persecutest.

9 And ^f they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, ^g having a good report of all the ^h Jews which dwell there,

13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

14 And he said, ⁱ The God of our fathers ^j hath chosen thee, that thou shouldst know his will, and ^k see that ^l Just One, and ^m shouldst hear the voice of his mouth.

15 For ⁿ thou shalt be his witness unto all men of ^o what thou hast seen and heard.

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, ^p and wash away thy sins, ^q calling on the name of the Lord.

17 And ^r it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

19 And I said, Lord, ^s they know that I imprisoned and ^t beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

20 And ^u when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and ^v consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

21 And he said unto me, Depart: ^w for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and ^x then lifted up their voices, and said, ^y Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that ^z he should live.

23 And as they cried out, ^a and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air,

24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by ^b scourging;

vow: compare 1 Cor. ix. 20. signify, i. e. make known to the priest. an offering, compare Numb. vi. 13, &c. 28. into the temple, into the inner court, intended for Israelites only, the outer court being for Gentiles. 29. Trophimus, see chap. xx. 4. 31. band, the tenth part of a legion, varying from 425 to 600 men. 34. castle, of Antonia, where the guard was. 35. vio-

lence, rush. 38. Egyptian, an impostor who raised a tumult in the second year of Nero, A. D. 55: see Josephus. murderers, or banditti.

CHAP. XXII.—3. at the feet of Gamaliel, as his scholar. 23. cast off their clothes, i. e. outer garments; probably to stone him. threw dust, &c. as the Arabs do at this day to express contempt.

that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?"

26 When the centurion heard *that*, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.

27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.

28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was *free* born.

29 Then straightway they departed from him which should have *†* examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

30 On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from *his* bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, *†* and set him before them.

CHAP. XXIII.

AND Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, *†* I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him *†* to smite him on the mouth.

3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, *thou* whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and *†* commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?

4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest?

5 Then said Paul, *†* I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, *†* Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.

6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, *†* I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: *†* of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.

8 For *†* the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes *that were* of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, *†* We find no evil in this man: but *†* if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, *†* let us not fight against God.

10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul

A. D. 60.

a ch. 16. 37.

b ch. 18. 9.
27. 23. 24.

c ch. 25. 3.

d Ne. 10. 29.

e or, with an oath of execration.

f 1 Sa. 14. 24. &c.

Ps. 31. 13.

g Jno. 16. 2.

h Ps. 52. 1.

Is. 3. 9.

Je. 8. 12.

Ho. 4. 9.

Mi. 7. 3.

Jno. 11. 47..

50.

† or, tortured him.

He. 11. 35.

A Pr. 1. 11, 12.

16.

Is. 59. 7.

Ro. 3. 14. 16.

i Mat. 10. 17.

k Job 5. 13.

l Co. 3. 19.

m ch. 24. 16.

1 Co. 4. 4.

2 Co. 1. 12.

4. 2.

2 Ti. 1. 3.

He. 13. 18.

n 1 Ki. 22. 24.

Je. 20. 2.

Jno. 18. 22.

o Ep. 3. 1.

4. 1.

Phile. 9.

p Le. 19. 35.

De. 25. 1, 2.

Jno. 7. 51.

P ver. 12.

q ch. 24. 17.

r Ex. 22. 28.

Ec. 10. 20.

2 Pe. 2. 10.

Jude 8.

s Ps. 21. 11.

37. 32, 33.

2 Co. 11. 26.

t ch. 26. 5.

Phi. 3. 5.

u ch. 24. 15, 21.

26. 6.

28. 20.

x Mat. 22. 23.

Mar. 12. 18.

Lu. 20. 27.

y ch. 25. 25.

26. 31.

z ch. 22. 7, 17.

18.

a ch. 5. 39.

should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring *him* into the castle.

11 And *†* the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

12 And when it was day, *†* certain of the Jews banded together, *†* and bound themselves *†* under a curse, saying that *†* they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

13 And *†* they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.

14 And they came to *†* the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

15 Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you to morrow, as though ye would enquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he come near, *†* are ready to kill him.

16 And *†* when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto *him*, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him.

18 So he took him, and brought *him* to the chief captain, and said, Paul *†* the prisoner called me unto *him*, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.

19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with *him* aside privately, and asked *him*, What is that thou hast to tell me?

20 And he said, *†* The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to morrow into the council, as though they would enquire somewhat of him more perfectly.

21 But do not thou yield unto them: *†* for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee.

22 So the chief captain *then* let the young man depart, and charged *him*, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me.

23 And he called unto *him* two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Cæsarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night;

24 And provide *them* beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring *him* safe unto Felix the governor.

25 And he wrote a letter after this manner:

24. *know wherefore*, for the chief captain did not understand Hebrew, and was therefore ignorant of the charge against Paul. 25. *a Roman*, no magistrate could punish a Roman citizen capitally, scourge, or even bind him. 29. *examined, or tortured*. 30. *council*, Sanhedrim.

CHAP. XXIII.—2. *on the mouth*, to prevent his speaking and vent their rage. 3. *shall smite thee*, a prediction afterwards fulfilled in a tumult, in which Ananias was killed: see *Josephus*, book ii. chap. xvii. section 8. *whited wall*, evidently proverbial for hypocrite. *contrary*, &c. see Lev. xix. 35. 5. *I wist*

not, Barnes imagines that Paul did not acknowledge him as high priest, he having assumed the office during a vacancy: see *Josephus*. *Thou shalt not*, &c. therefore I would not have so spoken of the high priest.

6. *one part*, i. e. of the council. *hope and resurrection*, rather, hope of the resurrection. 9. *cry, clamour*. *hath spoken*, alluding perhaps to his statement, chap. xxii. 17, 18. 10. *dissension*, tumult. 12. *banded*, made an agreement. *under a curse*, by a solemn oath. 13. *conspiracy*, compact. 21. *a promise*, your consent to bring him down. 23. *third hour*, nine o'clock. 24. *beasts*, for himself and

26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix *sendeth* greeting.

27 This ^a man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman.

28 And ^b when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council:

29 Whom I perceived to be accused ^c of questions of their law, ^d but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds.

30 And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and ^e gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what *they had* against him. Farewell.

31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris.

32 On the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle:

33 Who, when they came to Cæsarea, and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him.

34 And when the governor had read the letter, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that *he was* of ^f Cilicia;

35 I ^g will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in ^h Herod's judgment hall.

CHAP. XXIV.

AND after five days ⁱ Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator *named* Tertullus, ^j who informed the governor against Paul.

2 And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse *him*, saying, ^k Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence,

3 We accept it always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.

4 Notwithstanding, that I may be not further tedious unto thee, I pray thee that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few words.

5 For ^l we have found this man ^m a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:

6 Who ⁿ also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would ^o have judged according to our law.

7 But ^p the chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence took ^q him away out of our hands,

8 Commanding ^r his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.

A. D. 60.

^a ch. 21. 33.
^{24. 7.}

[•] Felix made procurator over Judæa
^{A. D. 53.}

^b ch. 22. 30.
^c ch. 18. 15.

^d ch. 21. 26.
^e ch. 26. 31.

^f ch. 25. 8.
^{28. 17.}

^g ch. 24. 8.
^{25. 6.}

^h ch. 9. 2.
ⁱ Am. 8. 14.

^j 2 Ti. 1. 3.
^k ch. 26. 22.

^l ch. 23. 6.
^{28. 20.}

^m Da. 12. 2.
ⁿ Jno. 5. 28, 29.

^o ch. 23. 1.
^p ch. 11. 29, 30.

^q Ro. 15. 25.
^{2 Co. 8. 4.}

^r Ga. 2. 10.
^s ch. 21. 39.

^t ch. 24. 1, 10.
^{25. 16.}

^u ch. 21. 26, 27.
^{26. 21.}

^v Mat. 27. 27.
^{Jno. 18. 28.}

^w ch. 23. 2, 30.
^{35.}

^x Ps. 11. 2.
^y Ps. 12. 2.

^z Pr. 25. 28.
^{Jude 16.}

[•] ch. 23. 6.
^{28. 20.}

[•] ver. 7.
^a ch. 6. 13.

^b ch. 16. 20.
^{17. 6.}

^c Lu. 23. 2.
^d 1Pe. 2. 12, 15.

^e ch. 27. 3.
^{29. 16.}

^f ch. 21. 28.
^g Ga. 2. 16.

^h 1 Jno. 5. 1.
ⁱ Jno. 18. 31.

^j Ps. 45. 7.
^{Is. 1. 21.}

^k Jno. 16. 8.
^l ch. 21. 33.

^m Ga. 5. 23.
ⁿ Ps. 50. 3, 4.

^o Mat. 25. 31.
^{46.}

^p Ro. 3. 19, 20.
^{He. 4. 12.}

^q ch. 23. 30.
^r Ex. 23. 8.

9 And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.

10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of ^s many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

11 Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem ^t for to worship.

12 And ^u they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city:

13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after ^v the way which they call heresy, so worship I the ^w God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in ^x the law and in the prophets:

15 And ^y have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, ^z that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 And ^a herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

17 Now after many years ^b I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

18 Whereupon ^c certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me.

20 Or else let these same *here* say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,

21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, ^d Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

22 And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of *that* way, he deferred them, and said, When ^e Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

23 And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let *him* have liberty, and ^f that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.

24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning ^g the faith in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of ^h righteousness, temperance, and ⁱ judgment to come, Felix ^j trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

26 He hoped also that ^k money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him: wherefore he sent for

attendants. 27. *should have*, i. e. was about to be. 31. *Antipatris*, a town about thirty-five miles from Jerusalem. 33. *Cæsarea*, seventy miles from Jerusalem. 34. *Cilicia*, in which province was Tarsus, Paul's birth-place.

CHAP. XXIV.—1. *descended*, from Jerusalem: to go from Jerusalem was always called 'going down.' Tertullus, supposed from his Roman name to have been a Roman advocate. *informed*, as accuser. 2. *when he*, i. e. Paul. 5. *pestilent*, the original implies the pestilence itself. *world*, here means the Roman empire. 7. *with great violence*, rather, 'with an armed force.' 10. *judge*, or magistrate. 11. *but twelve days*, hence the time was very short to excite sedition. 14. *heresy*, or 'sect,' as in ver. 5. 16. *herein*, for this purpose. *exercise myself*, aim and

endeavour. 17. *after many years*, of absence. *to bring alms*, from the churches in a time of distress, and not excite to sedition. 22. *having more perfect*, &c. this verse is more clear thus:—'he deferred them and said, After I have been more accurately informed concerning this way, when Lysias has come down, I will hear the cause.'—So Beza, Grotius, Rosenmüller, Doddridge, &c. *that way*, the Christian religion. 24. *Drusilla*, daughter of Herod Agrippa, married to Azizus, king of Emesa, whom she had left for Felix, who had fallen in love with her: hence she was an adulteress. 25. *reasoned*, rather, 'discoursed.' *righteousness*, justice, doubtless including God's justice. *temperance*, probably relating to restraining the evil passions. *I will call for thee*, which he did often, ver. 26.

him the oftener, and communed with him.

27 But after two years Porcius Festus came into Felix' room: and Felix, ^a willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

CHAP. XXV.

NOW when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Cæsarea to Jerusalem.

2 Then ^a the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him,

3 And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying ^a wait in the way to kill him.

4 But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Cæsarea, and that he himself would depart shortly thither.

5 Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with me, and accuse this man, ^a if there be any wickedness in him.

6 And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Cæsarea; and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought.

7 And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, ^a and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.

8 While he answered for himself, ^a Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Cæsar, have I offended any thing at all.

9 But Festus, ^a willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, ^a Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?

10 Then said Paul, I stand at Cæsar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged; to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.

11 For ^a if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. ^a I appeal unto Cæsar.

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Cæsar? ^a unto Cæsar shalt thou go.

13 And after certain days king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Cæsarea to salute Festus.

14 And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, "There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix:

15 About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, desiring to have judgment against him.

16 To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have

A. D. 62.

^a ch. 12. 3.
25. 9, 14.
Ex. 23. 2.
Job 31. 34.
Pr. 31. 9.

^b ch. 18. 15.
23. 29.
Da. 6. 5.
1 Co. 2. 14.

^c ver. 15.
ch. 24. 1.
Mat. 27. 1.

^d or, I was doubtful how to enquire hereof.

^e ch. 23. 12, 15.
Is. 59. 7, 8.
Je. 22. 17.
Mat. 23. 34.
35.
Ro. 3. 15. 18.
Re. 17. 6.

^f or, judgment.

^g ver. 18.
Job 29. 16.

^h ch. 9. 15.

ⁱ or, as some copies read, no more than eight or ten days.

^j Ja. 1. 11.
1 Jno. 2. 16.

^k Mar. 15. 3.
Lu. 23. 10.

^l ch. 6. 13.
24. 12.
28. 17.

^m Jno. 19. 15.

ⁿ 1 Sa. 12. 3, 4.
Ps. XV.
Ro. 10. 2.

^o Lu. 23. 24, 25.

^p ver. 11, 12.
^q ver. 20.

^r ver. 25.
ch. 23. 29.
26. 31.

^s Pr. 18. 13.
Jno. 7. 51.

^t ch. 26. 32.
28. 19.

^u ch. 25. 16.

^v Ps. 76. 10.
La. 3. 37.
Phi. 1. 12. 14, 20.

^w He. 13. 3.

^x ch. 22. 3.
23. 6.
24. 15, 22.

^y Pr. 30. 13.
Is. 65. 5.

^z Lu. 18. 11, 12.
Phi. 3. 5.

licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

17 Therefore, when they were come hither, without any delay on the morrow I sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth.

18 Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed:

19 But ^b had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

20 And because ^c I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked ^d him whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters.

21 But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the ^e hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Cæsar.

22 Then ^f Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. To morrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.

23 And on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, ^g with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth.

24 And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and ^h also here, crying that he ought ⁱ not to live any longer.

25 But when I found that ^j he had committed nothing worthy of death, ^k and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him.

26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa, that after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.

27 For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, ^l and not withal to signify the crimes ^m laid against him.

CHAP. XXVI.

THEN Agrippa said unto Paul, ^a Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:

2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

3 Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

4 My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

5 Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after ⁿ the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

21. Augustus, Nero now reigned, but all the Roman emperors assumed this title from the days of Cæsar Octavianus, otherwise Augustus Cæsar, and retained it with that of Cæsar. 23. Bernice, she was sister of Drusilla, and a king's widow; but lived with Agrippa, her own brother, in an incestuous manner. 23. place of hearing, or court room. 26. my lord, the emperor.

CHAP. XXVI.—5. from the beginning, formerly.

CHAP. XXV.—1. province, Judæa, then a Roman province. after three days, continuance at Cæsarea. ascended, 'went up' to Jerusalem, so going to Jerusalem was called: compare chap. xxiv. 1, note. 3. desired, &c. rather, 'desiring a favour concerning him.'—G. Holden. laying wait, by a band of assassins. 10. at Cæsar's judgment seat, before the deputy of the Roman emperor. 11. Appeal, &c. every citizen had a right to this appeal; and when made, he was

6 And ^a now I stand and am judged for the hope of ^b the promise made of God unto our fathers :

7 Unto which ^c promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God ^d day ^e and night, ^f hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

9 I ^g verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 Which ^h thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority ⁱ from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

11 And ^j I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.

12 Whereupon ^k as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? ^l it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, ^m to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, ⁿ unto whom now I send thee,

18 To ^o open their eyes, and ^p to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, ^q that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and ^r inheritance among them which are ^s sanctified by faith that is in me.

19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

20 But ^t shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judæa, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do ^u works meet for repentance.

21 For these causes ^v the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other

A. D. 62.

^a ch. 23. 6.

^b Ro. 3. 21.

^c Ge. 3. 15.

49. 10.

De. 18. 15.

2 Sa. 7. 12.

Ps. 132. 11.

Is. 9. 6.

Je. 23. 5, 6.

Eze. 34. 23.

Da. 9. 24.

Mi. 7. 20.

Ro. 15. 8.

Tit. 2. 13.

^d Jno. 5. 46.

^e Lu. 24. 26, 46

^f Ja. 1. 1.

^g 1 Co. 15. 20.

Col. 1. 18.

Re. 1. 5.

^h night and day.

ⁱ Lu. 2. 37.

^j 1 Ti. 5. 5.

^k 1 Th. 3. 10.

^l Lu. 2. 32.

^m Phi. 3. 11.

ⁿ 2 Ki. 9. 11.

Jno. 10. 20.

^o 1 Co. 1. 23.

2. 13, 14.

4. 10.

^p Jno. 16. 2.

^q 1 Ti. 1. 13.

^r ch. 8. 3.

^s Ga. 1. 13.

^t Mal. 2. 7. 9.

^u ch. 22. 19.

^v 1 Co. 7. 7.

^w ch. 9. 3.

^x Jno. 19. 5.

^y ch. 25. 12, 25.

^z 1 Co. 4. 1.

^a ch. 19. 29.

Col. 4. 10.

Phile. 24.

^b Ro. 15. 9. 12.

^c Is. 35. 5.

42. 7.

^d Lu. 1. 79.

Jno. 8. 12.

^e 2 Co. 4. 4.

^f Ep. 1. 18.

^g 1 Th. 5. 5.

^h 2 Co. 6. 14.

ⁱ Ep. 4. 18.

5. 8.

^j Col. 1. 13.

^k 1 Pe. 2. 9, 25.

^l ch. 24. 23.

28. 16.

^m Lu. 1. 77.

ⁿ Ep. 1. 11.

^o Col. 1. 12.

^p ch. 20. 32.

^q Mar. 6. 48.

^r ch. 9. 20, 22.

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^s Mat. 3. 8.

^t ch. 21. 30, 31.

^u or, Candy.

things than those ^b which the prophets and ^c Moses did say should come:

23 That ^d Christ should suffer, and ^e that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and ^f should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

24 And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, ^g thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

29 And Paul said, ^h I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them:

31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, ⁱ This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

32 Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Cæsar.

CHAP. XXVII.

AND when ^a it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band.

2 And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; ^b one ^c Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

3 And the next day we touched at Sidon. And Julius ^d courteously entreated Paul, and gave him liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.

4 And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because ^e the winds were contrary.

5 And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, ^f a city of Lycia.

6 And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein.

7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cnidus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under ^g Crete, over against Salmone;

8 And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called The fair havens; night whereunto was the city of Lasea.

6. promise, of the Messiah. 7. unto which, i. e. to its fulfilment. instantly, constantly. 11. to blaspheme, to curse the name of Christ. strange, out of Judæa, of which Damascus was an instance. 12. &c. see chap. ix. 5. &c. notes. 17. people, i. e. Jews. 18. to open, &c. i. e. to instruct. 22. should come, i. e. to pass. 24. with a loud voice, expressing amazement. mad, thou art mentally deranged from lutense application. 25. truth, in accordance with Moses and the prophets. soberness, 'mental soundness.' 26. this thing, i. e. his own conversion. 28. almost, &c. he was momentarily impressed with the

truth of Christianity. 29. bonds, chains. 32. appealed, this prevented any other from deciding.

CHAP. XXVII.—1. determined, by Festus, chap. xxv. 12. 2. Adramyttium, a maritime town of Mysia, in Asia Minor. launched, loosed from anchorage. Aristarchus, mentioned chap. xx. 4: he attended Paul voluntarily, and not as a prisoner. 5. Lycia, a province in the south-west of Asia Minor. 7. Cnidus, a city of Asia Minor. Salmone, a promontory on the east side of Crete. 8. hardly, with difficulty and danger. fair havens, something of an open road with good anchorage, on the south-east part of the island

9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, * because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished *them*,

10 And said unto them, Sirs,^a I perceive that this voyage will be with [†] hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

11 Nevertheless the centurion ^b believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, *and there* to winter; *which is* an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.

13 And when ^d the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained *their* purpose, loosing *thence*, they sailed close by Crete.

14 But not long after there [†] arose against it ^a a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, ^f we let *her* drive.

16 And running under a certain island which is called Claudia, we had much work to come by the boat:

17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship;

19 And the third day ^k we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

20 And when [†] neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, ^m all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now ⁿ I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life among you, but of the ship.

23 For ^p there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and ^r whom I serve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Cæsar: and, lo, ^s God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sir, be of good cheer: ^t for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

26 Howbeit ^u we must be cast upon a certain island.

27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen

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* The Fast was on the tenth day of the seventh month, Le. 23. 27. 29 Nu. 29. 7.

^a Am. 3. 7.

[†] or, injury.

^b Ex. 9. 20. 21.

2 Ki. 6. 10.

Pr. 27. 12.

He. 11. 7.

^c De. 28. 67.

Job 7. 4.

Ps. 130. 6.

^d Lu. 12. 55.

[†] or, beat.

^e Ps. 107. 25..

27.

Mar. 4. 37.

^f Ja. 3. 4.

^g 1 Ki. 1. 52.

Mat. 10. 30.

Lu. 12. 7.

21. 18.

^h 1 Sa. 9. 13.

Mar. 15. 36.

Mar. 8. 6.

Jno. 6. 11.

1 Ti. 4. 3, 4.

ⁱ ch. 2. 41.

7. 14.

Ro. 13. 1.

1 Pe. 3. 20.

^k Jon. 1. 5.

^l Ex. 10. 21..

23.

Mat. 24. 29.

^m Ps. 42. 6, 7.

88. 6.

2 Co. 1. 8.

ⁿ or, cut the anchors, they left them in the sea, &c.

^o 1 Sa. 30. 6.

Job 22. 29, 30

Ps. 112. 7.

2 Co. 1. 4. 6.

4. 8, 9.

^p 2 Co. 11. 25.

^q ch. 23. 11.

^r Da. 6. 16.

Jno. 12. 26.

Ro. 1. 9.

2 Ti. 1. 3.

^s Eze. 27. 26,

34.

^t Ps. 74. 20.

Mar. 7. 21

^u Is. 58. 12.

Ja. 5. 16.

^v Pr. 16. 7.

^w Lu. 1. 45.

Ro. 4. 20, 21.

2 Ti. 1. 12.

^y ch. 28. 1.

^z ver. 22.

1 Pe. 4. 18.

deemed that they drew near to some country;

28 And sounded, and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found it fifteen fathoms.

29 Then fearing lest they should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, ^c and wished for the day.

30 And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.

32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.

33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought *them* all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

34 Wherefore I pray you to take *some* meat: for this is for your health: for ^e there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and ^h gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat.

36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took *some* meat.

37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen ⁱ souls.

38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

40 And when they had ^j taken up the anchors, they committed *themselves* unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.

41 And falling into a place where two seas met, ^k they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was ^l broken with the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' counsel was ^t to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

43 But the centurion, ⁿ willing to save Paul, kept them from *their* purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast *themselves* first into the sea, and get to land:

44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on *broken* pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, ^z that they escaped all safe to land.

of Crete. 9. *the fast*, on the day of atonement, the time of the autumnal equinox. 11. *Euroclydon*, what sailors there now call a Levanter, a tempestuous and veering wind. 15. *caught*, 'borne away,' by the storm. *into*, rather, 'against.' *let her drive*, gave her up to the wind. 16. *Claudia*, a small island south-west of Crete. *to come by*, to secure it from being lost. 17. *helps*, such as chains, ropes, &c. *undergirding*, to keep the timbers from starting, *quicksands*, immense sand-banks called Syrtes, on the coast of Africa. *strake sail*, or lowered. *driven*, by wind and waves. 18. *lightened*, by throwing overboard some of the cargo. 19. *tackling*, anchors,

cables, &c. 20. *sun nor stars*, these being concealed by clouds, they could take no observations. 24. *given thee*, &c. i. e. they shall all be preserved with thee. 27. *Adria*, the Adriatic sea. 33. *meat*, food. *nothing*, i. e. no regular meal. 34. *not an hair*, &c. proverbial. 38. *cast out the wheat*, that the ship might draw less water. 39. *with a shore*, i. e. a convenient one for landing. 40. *the anchors*, see ver. 29. *rudder-bands*, or fastenings which secured it to the ship. 41. *falling*, being carried. *where two seas met*, probably a sand-bank formed by the confluence of opposite currents. 43. *commanded*, doubtless he also released them from their chains.

CHAP. XXVIII.

AND when they were escaped, then they knew that ^a the island was called Melita.

2 And the ^b barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid *them* on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and ^c felt no harm.

6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said ^d that he was a god.

7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and ^e prayed, and ^f laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

10 Who also honoured us with many ^g honours; and when we departed, ^h they laded us with such things as were necessary.

11 And after three months. we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.

12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried *there* three days.

13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli:

14 Where ⁱ we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.

15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, ^j and took courage.

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but ^k Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

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^a ch. 27. 26.^b Ro. 1. 14.^c 1 Co. 14. 11.^d Col. 3. 11.^e ch. 24. 12, 13.^f 25. 8.^g ch. 21. 33.^h ch. 22. 24.ⁱ 24. 10.^j 26. 31.^k ch. 25. 11.^l Je. 14. 8.^m ch. 26. 29.ⁿ Ep. 3. 1.^o 4. 1.^p 6. 20.^q 2 Ti. 1. 16.^r 2. 9.^s Phil. 10. 13.^t Ps. 91. 13.^u Mar. 16. 18.^v Lu. 10. 19.^w ch. 14. 11.^x ch. 24. 5. 14.^y Lu. 2. 34.^z 1 Pe. 2. 12.^{aa} 4. 14.^{ab} ch. 17. 3. 4.^{ac} 19. 8. 9.^{ad} Lu. 24. 27.^{ae} See on ch.^{af} 26. 6.^{ag} Ja. 5. 14, 15.^{ah} ch. 19. 11, 12.^{ai} Mar. 6. 5.^{aj} 7. 32.^{ak} 16. 18.^{al} Lu. 4. 40.^{am} 1 Co. 12. 9, 28.^{an} ch. 14. 4.^{ao} Ro. 10. 16.^{ap} Ep. 2. 8.^{aq} He. 4. 2.^{ar} Mat. 15. 6.^{as} 1 Ti. 5. 17.^{at} 2 Co. 8. 2. 6.^{au} Phi. 4. 11, 12.^{av} Is. 6. 9.^{aw} Je. 5. 21.^{ax} Eze. 12. 2.^{ay} Mat. 13. 14.^{az} 15.^{ba} Mar. 4. 12.^{bb} Lu. 8. 10.^{bc} Jno. 12. 40.^{bd} Ro. 11. 8.^{be} Ps. 119. 63.^{bf} Mat. 10. 11.^{bg} ch. 13. 46, 47.^{bh} 18. 6.^{bi} 22. 21.^{bj} 26. 17, 18.^{bk} Mat. 21. 41.^{bl} 43.^{bm} Ro. 11. 11.^{bn} Jos. 1. 6, 7, 9.^{bo} Ps. 27. 14.^{bp} 2 Co. 7. 5. 7.^{bq} ch. 4. 31.^{br} Ep. 6. 19.^{bs} ch. 24. 25.^{bt} 27. 3.

17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together; and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet ^c was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18 Who, ^d when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Jews spake against *it*, ^e I was constrained to appeal unto Cæsar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that ^f for the hope of Israel I am bound with ^g this chain.

21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judæa concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee.

22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where ^h it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; ⁱ to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, ^j both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And ^k some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,

26 Saying, ^l Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent ^m unto the Gentiles, and *that* they will hear it.

29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,

31 Preaching ⁿ the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

CHAP. XXVIII.—1. *Melita*, or Malta; there was another Melita in the Adriatic, but tradition places the shipwreck at Malta, and the other would have been out of the usual track to Italy. 2. *barbarous*, rather means foreign than brutal. 3. *swollen*, from inflammation. 4. *honours*, probably gifts. 5. *Syracuse*, the capital of Sicily. 6. *Rhegium*, a city in the kingdom of Naples, now called Reggio. *Puteoli*, now a large town called Pozzuoli. 7. *brethren*, i. e. Christians. 8. *to tarry—seven days*, the kindness

of the centurion who guarded Paul, allowed this. 9. *the brethren*, at Rome, to whom Paul had long before written his epistle. 10. *Appii Forum*, a city fifty-six miles from Rome, near the Pontine marshes. 11. *The three taverns*, about ten miles nearer Rome. 12. *took courage*, from their society and counsel. 13. *the captain*, &c. i. e. commander of the pretorian cohort. 14. *with a soldier*, to whom he was chained. 15. *one word*, of solemn warning from prophecy. 16. *reasoning*, discussion.

The Epistle of PAUL the Apostle to the ROMANS.

Written about A. D. 57 or 58, and while the Apostle was at Coriuth the second time. It chiefly treats on the doctrine of justification by faith.

CHAP. I.

PAUL, a servant of Jesus Christ,^a called to be an apostle,^c separated unto the gospel of God,

2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures.)

3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,^d which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

4 And^e declared to be the Son of God with power, according^f to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for^g obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God,^h called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, thatⁱ your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve^j with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey^k by the will of God to come unto you.

11 For I long to see you, that^l I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

12 That is, that I may be comforted together^m with you byⁿ the mutual faith both of you and me.

13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but^o was let hitherto,) that I might have some^p fruit^q among

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^a Ac. 22. 21.

^b 1 Co. 9. 16.

^c Ac. 9. 15.

^d Ga. 1. 15.

^e Mat. 1. 6, 16.

^f Jno. 1. 14.

^g Ga. 4. 4.

^h Ps. 40. 9, 10.

ⁱ 1 Co. 1. 18.

^j ^{determined} He. 9. 14.

^k Ac. 3. 26.

^l 13, 26, 46.

^m ch. 3. 21.

ⁿ or, to the

obedience

of faith.

^o ch. 16. 26.

^p Hab. 2. 4.

^q Col. 3. 6.

^r 1 Co. 1. 2.

^s 1 Th. 4. 7.

^t or, to them.

^u Jno. 1. 9.

^v Ps. 19. 1, &c.

^w 1 Th. 1. 8.

^x or, in.

^y Jno. 4. 23, 24.

^z Phi. 3. 3.

^{aa} or, that

they may be.

^{ab} Je. 2. 5.

^{ac} Ja. 4. 15.

^{ad} ch. 15. 29.

^{ae} De. 4. 16, &c.

^{af} or, in you.

^{ag} 2 Pe. 1. 1.

^{ah} Ps. 81. 12.

^{ai} Ac. 7. 42.

^{aj} 2 Th. 2. 11, 12.

^{ak} Ac. 16. 7.

^{al} Le. 18. 22.

^{am} 1 Pe. 4. 3.

^{an} Phi. 4. 17.

you also, even as among other Gentiles.

14 I^b am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

16 For^c I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for^d it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; ^e to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For^f therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, ^g The just shall live by faith.

18 For^h the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifestⁱ in them; for^j God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For^k the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, ^l even his eternal power and God-head; ^m so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; butⁿ became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the incorruptible^o God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore^p God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, ^q to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

CHAP. I.—1. *a servant*, the word means slave, but is also one of honour for a king's minister: it signifies, bound for life to the service of the master. *called*, i. e. appointed. *an apostle*, one sent to execute a commission. *separated*, designated or marked out from his infancy. *unto the gospel*, as the Pharisees, who had their name from 'separation,' were to the study of the law. 2. *promised*, or announced. 3. *concerning his Son*, this is the grand subject of the gospel. *the flesh*, his human nature. 4. *declared*, 'pointed out.' *the Son*, in his Divine nature, his only begotten Son. *with power*, powerfully, efficiently. *according to the spirit of holiness*, with respect to his spiritual nature, as opposed to his human nature, ver. 3.—So T. Wilson, R. Watson, G. Holden, Barnes, &c., though Doddridge is of opinion that the words refer to the operation of the Spirit of God in the production of Christ's body. 5. *By whom*, his authority was from the Lord Jesus, and not from man. *for obedience—among all nations*, i. e. in order to bring them to the obedience of the Christian faith. *for his name*, for his honour and glory. 6. *called*, to external privileges, and by efficacious grace. 7. *to all*, i. e. Christians. *beloved*, the beloved. *called*, &c. rather 'the called, the saints.' *saints*, holy, consecrated to God, i. e. separated from other men. *grace*, &c. a wish for their enjoyment of all the mercies and favour of God. *peace*, resulting from reconciliation with God. *and*, i. e. 'and from the Lord Jesus,' as the Source and Procurer: see Luke ii. 14; xix. 38, 42; John xiv. 27; xvi. 33; Acts x. 36; Rom. v. 1; Eph. ii. 17. 8. *through Jesus Christ*, as the channel.

you all, the church at Rome. *faith*, here means religion. *whole world*, those parts of the Roman empire where Christianity was springing up. 9. *with my spirit*, heartily. *in the gospel*, as its minister. *without ceasing*, constantly. 11. *spiritual gift*, some confine this to spiritual knowledge, edification, and peace: so Schleusner; while others include supernatural gifts *established*, in the truths of the gospel. 13. *let*, hindered; hence the apostles were not always under Divine inspiration. 14. *debtor*, under an obligation to preach the gospel to all. *barbarian*, see Acts xxviii. 2, note. *wise—unwise*, the philosopher and the ignorant. 16. *the power*, God's powerful means. *salvation*, complete deliverance from sin and death. *first*, in order of time. 17. *For*, this is the reason of his boldness. *therein*, in the gospel. *the righteousness of God*, his plan for justifying sinners. *revealed*, made known, fully uncovered from all typical obscurity. *from faith to faith*, the righteousness apprehended by faith is revealed to faith. 17. *The just shall live by faith*, being justified by it he shall live by it, both the life of grace and of glory.—Henry. 18. *hold the truth*, &c. hinder or impede it by immoral lives.—So G. Holden and Barnes. 19. *that which*, God's existence, &c. 20. *invisible things*, not seen by the senses. *things that are made*, or by his 'doings,' continually displayed. *without excuse*, for idolatry. 21. *knew God*, by sufficient knowledge to have prevented idolatry. *thankful*, for God's mercies. 22. *wise*, claiming to be philosophers. 23. *changed*, &c. debased and dishonoured God. *image—birds*, &c. all worshipped by the heathen.

25 Who changed ^a the truth of God into ^a a lie, and worshipped and served the creature ^a more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto ^a vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like ^a to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to ^a a reprobate mind, to do those things ^a which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despightful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenant-breakers, ^a without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but ^a have pleasure in them that do them.

CHAP. II.

THEREFORE thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: ^a for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; ^a not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart ^a treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

6 Who ^a will render to every man according to his deeds:

7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

8 But unto them that are contentious,

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^a 1 Th. 1. 9.

1 Jno. 5. 20.

^b 2 Th. 1. 8.

^c Is. 44. 20.

Am. 2. 4.

^d or, rather,

^e Am. 3. 2.

1 Pe. 4. 17.

^f Greek.

^g Ep. 5. 12.

Jude 10.

^h 1 Pe. 1. 7.

ⁱ Col. 3. 25.

1 Pe. 1. 17.

^j or, to acknowledge.

^k Mat. 7. 21.

Ja. 1. 22, 23.

1 Jno. 3. 7.

^l or, a mind void of judgment.

^m Ep. 5. 4.

ⁿ or, the conscience witnessing with them.

^o or, between themselves.

^p or, unsociable.

^q Ec. 12. 14.

1 Co. 4. 5.

Re. 20. 12.

1 Jno. 5. 22.

^r ch. 16. 25.

^s Mat. 3. 9.

Jno. 8. 33.

^t or, consent with them.

^u De. 4. 8.

Ps. 147. 19.

^v or, triest the things that differ.

^w Phil. 1. 10.

^x Jno. 9. 34, 40.

41.

^y 2 Sa. 12. 5. 7.

Jno. 8. 9.

^z Mal. 3. 8.

Is. 30. 18.

2 Pe. 3. 9, 15.

^{aa} De. 32. 34.

Ja. 5. 3.

^{ab} Pr. 24. 12.

1 Co. 3. 8.

2 Co. 5. 10.

Re. 2. 23.

22. 12.

^{ac} 2 Sa. 12. 14.

Is. 52. 5.

^{ad} Ga. 5. 3.

^{ae} Ac. 10. 34, 35.

and ^b do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, 9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew ^a first, and also of the ^a Gentile;

10 But ^a glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the ^a Gentile:

11 For ^a there is no respect of persons with God.

12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

13 (For ^a not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.)

14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, ^a their conscience also bearing witness, and ^a their thoughts ^a the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;

16 In ^a the day when God shall judge the secrets of men ^a by Jesus Christ ^a according to my gospel.

17 Behold, ^a thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,

18 And ^a knowest his will, and ^a approvest ^a the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;

19 And ^a art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,

20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, ^a dost thou commit sacrifice?

23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it ^a is written.

25 For ^a circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

26 Therefore ^a if the uncircumcision

25. the truth of God, i. e. the true God, chap. iii. 7, &c. a lie, an idol, ver. 23; Isa. xlv. 50, &c. 28. a reprobate mind, 'a mind judicially blinded.' not convenient, shameful. 29. unrighteousness, iniquity in general. whisperers, who calumniate. 30. inventors, &c. monarchs offered rewards for inventions of new lusts. 31. without natural affection, the Romans and Greeks, &c. exposed their infants to perish. implacable, unmerciful, when mortal combats formed their amusements. 32. knowing, having a moral sense. judgment, or sentiment.

CHAP. II.—1. thou that judgest, you Jews, who condemn other nations; for the address is now to them. 3. doest, &c. the Jews were then grossly corrupt.—So Josephus. 4. forbearance, restraining indignation. longsuffering, slowness to anger. knowing, considering. goodness—leadeeth, &c. such is its tendency. 5. treasurest up, accumulateth. 6. deeds, here include acts of the mind, motives, &c. 8. contentious, here means rebellious, opposing God. 11. respect,

or partiality. 12. without law, i. e. the written law. perish, condemned by nature's light. in the law, having God's revealed will. 13. shall be justified, men will be justified not because they have revelation, but because they have obeyed it: the Jews taught the former. The obedience of the gospel implies faith in Christ. 14. do by nature, by the light of nature and conscience. 15. law written, &c. the same requirements as the moral law, were to a certain extent written there. 16. according to, i. e. as his gospel stated. 18. approvest, 'triest,' cannot judge accurately. 19, 20. guide—light—instructor—teacher, titles assumed by the Rabbis. form, i. e. an accurate 'scheme' or 'delineation' of true religion. 21—23. Thou therefore, &c. these verses imply that their practice was opposed to their knowledge. 24. blasphemed, evil spoken of. 25. profiteth, is an advantage. made uncircumcision, thou art no better than a Gentile. 26. Therefore if, &c. the case is supposed, not real. But a heathen strictly keeping

keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, ^c judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

28 For ^d he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he is a Jew, ^f which is one inwardly; and ^h circumcision is that of the heart, ⁱ in the spirit, and not in the letter; ^k whose praise is not of men, but of God.

CHAP. III.

WHAT advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is *there* of circumcision?

2 Much every way: chiefly, because that ² unto them were committed the oracles of God.

3 For what if ^{*} some did not believe? ³ Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

4 God ^{*} forbid: yea, let ^y God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, ^a That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

5 But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man)

6 God forbid: for then ^f how shall God judge the world?

7 For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?

8 And not *rather*, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) ⁵ Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before ⁵ proved both Jews and Gentiles, that ⁱ they are all under sin;

10 As it is written, ^k There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

13 Their ⁱ throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

A. D. 60.

^a Ps. 10. 7.

^b Pr. 1. 16.

^c Mat. 12. 41.

^d Mat. 3. 9.

^e Ga. 6. 15.

^f Re. 2. 9.

^g Ps. 36. 1.

^h 1 Pe. 3. 4.

ⁱ Jno. 10. 34.

^j Col. 2. 11.

^k Phi. 3. 3.

^l ch. 7. 6.

^m 2 Co. 3. 6.

ⁿ 1 Co. 4. 5.

^o 2 Co. 10. 18.

^p or, *subject to the judgment of.*

^q Ps. 143. 2.

^r Ga. 2. 16.

^s Tit. 3. 5.

^t ch. 7. 7.

^u Phi. 3. 9.

^v He. 11. 4. &c.

^w Jno. 5. 46.

^x Ac. 26. 22.

^y ch. 9. 4.

^z 1 Pe. 1. 10.

^{aa} He. 4. 2.

^{ab} ch. IV.

^{ac} Nu. 23. 19.

^{ad} 2 Ti. 2. 13.

^{ae} ch. 10. 12.

^{af} Col. 3. 11.

^{ag} Job 40. 8.

^{ah} Jno. 3. 33.

^{ai} ch. 11. 32.

^{aj} Ps. 51. 4.

^{ak} Ep. 2. 8.

^{al} Tit. 3. 5, 7.

^{am} or, *fore-ordained.*

^{an} Le. 16. 15.

^{ao} 1 Jno. 2. 2.

^{ap} Col. 1. 20.

^{aq} 1 Ti. 1. 15.

^{ar} or, *passing over.*

^{as} Ge. 18. 25.

^{at} ch. 5. 20.

^{au} 6. 1, 15.

^{av} Ac. 13. 38, 39.

^{aw} § *charged,*

^{ax} ch. 1. 28, &c.

^{ay} 2. 1, &c.

^{az} Ga. 3. 22.

^{ba} Ps. 14. 1-3.

^{bb} 53. 1.

^{bc} Ps. 5. 9.

^{bd} Je. 5. 16.

^{be} Mat. 3. 9.

14 Whose ^a mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

15 Their ^b feet are swift to shed blood:

16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:

17 And the way of peace have they not known:

18 There ^c is no fear of God before their eyes.

19 Now we know that what things soever ^d the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become ^e guilty before God.

20 Therefore ^f by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight. for ^g by the law is the knowledge of sin.

21 But now ^h the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, ⁱ being witnessed by the law ^j and the prophets;

22 Even the righteousness of God *which* is ^k by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for ^l there is no difference:

23 For ^m all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24 Being justified freely ⁿ by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath ^o set forth ^p to be a propitiation through faith ^q in his blood, to declare his righteousness ^r for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

28 Therefore we conclude ^s that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

29 Is *he* the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:

30 Seeing *it* is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

CHAP. IV.

WHAT shall we then say that ^m Abraham, our father as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

God's law, would be esteemed as circumcised, while the circumcised Jew not keeping it, would be esteemed uncircumcised; so that mere forms and ceremonies do not constitute real religion.—Ed. 27. judge, condemn, by the letter, having the writings of Moses.

CHAP. III.—1. *What advantage, &c.* the Jew's objections are made. 2. *oracles*, scriptures, Acts vii. 38, &c. 3. *For what, &c.* this is another objection of the Jew. *faith*, i. e. faithfulness to his promises. 4. *God forbid*, this is the apostle's answer. *let God, &c.* let his faithfulness be acknowledged, though all men be false. *overcome*, or gain his cause. *thou art judged*, when thy dealings are called in judgment.

5. *But, &c.* the Jew's further objection, Can God punish us for that sin which is the means of displaying his righteousness? Is God, &c. Does God take vengeance unrighteously?—Ed. 6. *judge*, i. e. in equity, as he will. 7. *lie*, i. e. unfaithfulness. The former objection repeated. 8. *And not rather*, i. e. carry out your objection and it amounts to this, "Let us do evil," &c. as we are accused of teaching. 9. *What then?* &c. this is the conclusion, All are sinners. 19. *law*, sacred writings. *to them—under the law*, so that the Jews could not evade the force of the argument. 20. *by the deeds, &c.* no form of obedience

would justify men. 21. *But now*, this is the way of justification. *without the law*, in a way different from personal obedience. *witnessed*, borne witness to. 22. *the righteousness of God*, his plan of making men righteous. *unto all*, Jew and Gentile. *upon all*, must be applied to all who are justified. *no difference*, i. e. in the way in which men are justified. 23. *glory*, may mean approbation. The word so used, Jno. v. 41, 44; vii. 18; viii. 50, 54; xii. 43. 24. *justified*, i. e. treated as if righteous. *freely*, an undeserved gift. *grace*, favour, unmerited mercy. *redemption*, the root of the word signifies the ransom-price paid for a prisoner of war, and denotes deliverance from sin and its consequences, by the offering of Christ as a propitiation. 25. *set forth*, fore-ordained. *propitiation*, a propitiatory sacrifice. *to declare*, for the purpose of showing. *righteousness*, see ver. 22, note. *remission*, passing by: see Mic. vii. 18. *past*, i. e. the former sins of the life. 26. *justified*, by appointing a Substitute for sinners. *and the justifier*, "even justifying," &c. 30. *faith*, this is the instrumental cause of justification. 31. *make void*, destroy its obligation. *the law*, the moral law.

CHAP. IV.—1. *What, &c.* What advantage has Abraham obtained? *the flesh*, the covenant of circumcision,

Abraham's faith imputed

2 For if Abraham ^{was} justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God.

3 For what saith the scripture? ^c Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

4 Now ^a to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth ^e the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

7 *Saying, ^a Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.*

8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

9 *Cometh* this blessedness then upon the circumcision *only*, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.

10 How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.

11 And ^o he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had yet* being uncircumcised: that ^r he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which *he had being yet* uncircumcised.

13 For the promise, that he should be the ^a heir of the world, *was not* to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For ^q if they which are of the law be heirs, *faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:*

15 Because ^a the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, *there is no transgression.*

16 Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace; ^b to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; ^d who is the father of us all,

17 (As it is written, ^f I have made thee a father of many nations,) [†] before him whom he believed, *even God, ^h who quick-*

CHAP. V.

A. D. 60.

^a ch. 3. 27, 28.

^b ch. 9. 26.

^c Co. 1. 28.

^d Pe. 2. 10.

^e Ge. 15. 6.

^f Ga. 3. 6.

^g Ja. 2. 23.

^h Ge. 15. 5.

ⁱ ch. 11. 6.

^j He. 11. 12.

^k 2 Ch. 33. 12.

^l Ps. 32. 1, 2.

^m Lu. 1. 37, 45.

ⁿ He. 11. 19.

^o 1 Co. 10. 6, 11.

^p Ac. 2. 24.

^q Is. 53. 5, 6.

^r 2 Co. 5. 21.

^s 1 Pe. 2. 24.

^t He. 9. 28.

^u 1 Co. 15. 17.

^v 1 Pe. 1. 21.

^w Ge. 17. 10.

^x Jno. 16. 33.

^y Lu. 19. 9.

^z Ga. 3. 7.

^{aa} Jno. 10. 9.

^{ab} Ep. 2. 18.

^{ac} 3. 12.

^{ad} Mat. 5. 11, 12.

^{ae} Ja. 1. 3.

^{af} Phil. 1. 20.

^{ag} Ge. 17. 4, &c.

^{ah} Ga. 3. 29.

^{ai} Ga. 3. 18.

^{aj} or, according to the time,

^{ak} Ga. 4. 4.

^{al} 1 Co. 15. 56.

^{am} 2 Co. 3. 7, 9.

^{an} Ga. 3. 10, 19.

^{ao} 1 Jno. 3. 4.

^{ap} Jno. 15. 13.

^{aq} 1 Pe. 3. 18.

^{ar} 1 Jno. 3. 16.

^{as} 4. 9, 10.

^{at} Ga. 3. 22.

^{au} Ep. 2. 13.

^{av} He. 9. 14.

^{aw} 1 Jno. 1. 7.

^{ax} ch. 9. 8.

^{ay} Is. 51. 2.

^{az} Ep. 2. 16.

^{ba} Col. 1. 20, 21.

^{bb} Ge. 17. 5.

^{bc} or, like unto him.

^{bd} Jno. 14. 19.

^{be} ch. 8. 11.

^{bf} Ep. 2. 1, 5.

to him for righteousness.

eneth the dead, and calleth those ^b things which be not as though they were.

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, ^d So shall thy seed be.

19 And being not weak in faith, ^f he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he ^g was able also to perform.

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

23 Now ^h it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe ⁱ on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

25 Who ^m was delivered for our offences, and ⁿ was raised again for our justification.

CHAP. V.

THEREFORE ^p being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By ^q whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but ^r we glory in tribulations also: ^s knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And ^t hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

6 For when we were yet without strength, ^u in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But ^v God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified ^w by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, ^x we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved ^y by his life.

11 And not only so, but we also joy in

chap. ii. 28; Acts vii. 8; Gal. vi. 12; Eph. ii. 11; Phil. iii. 3. 2. but not, &c. but no, he cannot glory before God. 3. counted, 'imputed.' for righteousness, not that faith has any virtue in itself; the virtue comes from the Object viewed. 4. that worketh, &c. i. e. if a man were justified by works, he would have a claim on God. 8. impute, or charge. 11. seal, pledge and confirmation. yet being, &c. he believed and was justified before he was circumcised. father, i. e. ancestor of all true believers. imputed unto them, i. e. in the same way. 13. heir of the world, i. e. inherit a seed out of all nations. for children are an heritage, Psalm cxvii. 3; Prov. xxii. 6. righteousness of faith, the righteousness counted or imputed to Abraham. 14. of the law, seeking justification by it. be heirs, that is, of the promise made to Abraham. made void, becomes unnecessary. the promise—of none effect, because it was made on account of a righteousness by faith, ver. 14; Gal. iii. 18. 15. the law worketh wrath, it condemns the sinner, hence it cannot make men heirs. 16. therefore, &c. i. e. justification is of faith. by grace, and not of merit. sure, established; which could not be

by imperfect obedience. not to that, &c. that part of Abraham's descendants alone, which were Jews. 17. As it is written, &c. here is a proof the promise was sure; God spoke of it as done. before him, i. e. God regarded him as such a father. who quickeneth, giveth life to the Gentiles, dead in sin. 18. Who, i. e. Abraham, ver. 16. hope, of posterity. 25. delivered, to death. for, on account of. justification, treating us as righteous, &c.

CHAP. V.—1. through, Christ's mediation. 2. grace, state of favour or reconciliation. the glory, i. e. eternal felicity. 3. glory, 'rejoice,' as rendered in ver. 2. 4. experience, our religion being tested. hope, of glory; our religion being thus proved. 5. And hope, &c. this hope is not deceptive. the love of God, a knowledge of his love producing love to him. 6. strength, to work our own righteousness. 7. righteous man, passively good; doing no harm. good man, actively benevolent. 9. Much more, &c. if he showed such love to his enemies, what will he show to friends! 10. by his life, who ever liveth to make intercession for us, Heb. vii. 25. 11. joy, another effect of justification.

God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the * atonement.

12 Wherefore, as ^b by one man sin entered into the world, and ^d death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, ^f for that all have sinned:

13 (For unto the law sin was in the world: but ^f sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded ⁿ unto many.

16 And not as *it was* by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.

17 For if ^{ll} by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

18 Therefore as ^{ll} by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so [†] by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* ⁿ upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

20 Moreover [†] the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much ⁿ more abound:

21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHAP. VI.

WHAT shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are ^d dead to sin, live any longer therein?

A. D. 60.

* or, reconciliation.
2 Co. 5. 18, 19.

† or, are.

† 1 Co. 15. 29.

b Ge. 3. 6.

† 1 Co. 15. 21.

† Col. 2. 12.

d ch. 6. 23.

Ge. 2. 17.

† or, in whom

Ep. 4. 22. 24.

f ch. 4. 15.

† 1 Jno. 3. 4.

† Phil. 3. 10, 11.

h Col. 3. 5, 9.

† Col. 2. 11.

k 1 Pe. 4. 1.

† justified.

i 2 Ti. 2. 11.

† Re. 1. 18.

n 1a. 53. 11.

Mat. 20. 28.

26. 28.

o He. 9. 27, 28.

p Lu. 20. 38.

ll or, by one

offence.

r Ga. 2. 19.

† Ps. 119. 133.

f ch. 7. 5.

Ja. 4. 1.

* arms, or,

weapons.

† or, by one

righteous-

ness.

ch. 12. 1.

1 Pe. 2. 24.

† Jno. 12. 32.

He. 2. 9.

† Ga. 5. 18.

† Jno. 15. 22.

† 1 Co. 9. 21.

† Lu. 7. 47.

† 1 Ti. 1. 14.

b Mat. 6. 24.

Jno. 8. 34.

2 Pe. 2. 19.

† 2 Ti. 1. 13.

d ch. 7. 4.

Col. 3. 3.

1 Pe. 2. 24.

† whereto ye

were deli-

vered.

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as [†] were baptized into Jesus Christ ^a were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are ^c buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, ^e even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For ^f if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that [†] our old man is crucified with him, that [†] the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For [†] he that is dead is [†] freed from sin.

8 Now [†] if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

9 Knowing that ⁿ Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

10 For in that he died, ^o he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, ^p he liveth unto God.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but ^r alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12 Let ^r not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your ^r members as ⁿ instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but ⁿ yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For ^r sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, ⁿ because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that [†] to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart ^a that form of doctrine [†] which was delivered you.

atonement, or 'reconciliation.' 12. one man, Adam. 13. until the law, &c. there were both sin and law before the giving of the law on Sinai. 14. death reigned, men died. from Adam to Moses, 2,500 years. them, generally thought to mean infants; but some think it intends all who are without law, which Adam enjoyed. after the similitude, in the same way. Figure, type. 15. But not, &c. the comparison is by contrast rather than resemblance. offence, or 'fall.' so also, &c. the gift is not in its nature and effects like the offence. through, &c. Adam's sin is the cause of ours. many, Jews and Gentiles: 'all,' ver. 18. The argument here is, the evil flowed from 'one,'—the benefits from 'One.' 16. And not, &c. the argument here is, the evil consequences flowed from 'one' crime, the favour had respect to 'many.' unto justification, so as to produce pardon. 17. For if, &c. the same argument is here varied. reign, be exalted to heavenly bliss: see Rev. v. 10; xx. 6; xxii. 5. life, opposed to 'death' reigning through Adam. 18. Therefore, &c. is a summing up of the argument. gift came upon all, it is offered promiscuously to all. 19. many were, all Adam's posterity. shall many, many compared with one, or as many as belong to the election of grace.—Henry. 20. law, of Moses and of nature. entered, was given. abound, be more evident. 21. through righteousness, through the method of justification.

CHAP. VI.—1. What, &c. the argument is, that the scheme of justification is opposed to sinning. 2.

we—dead to sin, over whom it has lost its influence. 3. baptized, denotes dedication. into his death, i. e. into the great design of it. 4. buried with him, the design of baptism is to represent devotedness to God, which is a death to sin. that like, &c. if the sign be realised, we die to sin and are raised to holiness. 5. planted together, 'united together.' we shall, &c. same sentiment as John xiv. 19. 'Because, &c.' 6. old man, the sinful and corrupt nature. crucified, as upon the cross. body, &c. another term for corrupt nature. destroyed, put to death. 7. that is dead, to sin. freed, his old master has no dominion over him. 8. dead, to sin. live, in holiness. 10. unto sin, or 'for sin.' unto God, his resurrection redounds to the Divine glory. 11. dead—unto sin, having utterly renounced it. alive, &c. bound to promote the Divine glory. through Jesus, &c. by means of his death, resurrection, and example. 13. unto sin, in its service. are alive, &c. i. e. have risen from the death of sin. 14. not under the law, &c. as a covenant of works, as all must be who are under the dominion of sin. but under grace, which supplies motives, encouragements, and helps against sin. 15. but under grace, which pardons sin. 16. unto righteousness, i. e. justification. Ancient servitude gave the master an absolute authority, Luke xvii. 9; John viii. 34; xv. 15. 17. that ye were, 'that though ye were.'—Boothroyd. form, 'model,' which was delivered you, 'to which ye were delivered, as into a model.' So Doddridge, &c.

18 Being then ^a made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

20 For when ye were ^d the servants of sin, ye were free [†] from righteousness.

21 What ^f fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for [‡] the end of those things is death.

22 But now [‡] being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23 For [‡] the wages of sin is death; but the [†] gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHAP. VII.

KNOW ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

2 For ^a the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

3 So then ^a if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become ^a dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should ^a bring forth fruit unto God.

5 For when we were in the flesh, the [†] motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members ^a to bring forth fruit unto death.

6 But now we are delivered from the law, [†] that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve ^a in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

7 What shall we say then? [‡] Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, ^a I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known

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^a Jno. 8. 32.^a 1 Co. 7. 22.

Ga. 5. 1.

[†] Pe. 2. 16.^a or, concupiscence.^b Ex. 20. 17.^b 1 Co. 15. 56.^d Jno. 8. 34.[†] to right-

eousness.

^b Le. 18. 5.^b Eze. 20. 11.

13. 21.

² Co. 3. 7.^f ch. 7. 5.[‡] ch. 1. 32.^a Jno. 8. 32.^a Ps. 19. 8.

119. 137.

[†] Ti. 1. 8.^a Ge. 2. 17.

Ja. 1. 15.

[†] ch. 2. 7.

5. 17, 21.

[†] Pe. 1. 4.^m 1 Ki. 21. 20.² Ki. 17. 17.[‡] know,

Ps. 1. 6.

^a Ga. 5. 17.^a 1 Co. 7. 39.^p Mat. 5. 32.^p Ge. 6. 5.

Job 15. 14.

^a Ga. 2. 19.

Ep. 2. 15.

Col. 2. 14.

[†] Ga. 5. 22.[†] Ps. 1. 2.² Co. 4. 16.[†] Ep. 3. 16.[‡] Ps. 119. 176.^y ch. 6. 13, 19.[‡] ch. 6. 21.

Ja. 1. 15.

^{||} or, being

dead to

that,

ch. 6. 2.

^a ch. 2. 29.² Co. 3. 6.^a or, this body

of death.

^b 1 Co. 15. 57.^c ch. 3. 20.

^a lust, except the law had said, ^a Thou shalt not covet.

8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For ^a without the law sin was dead.

9 For I was alive without the law once. but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

10 And the commandment, ^a which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.

12 Wherefore [†] the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, ^a sold under sin.

15 For that which I do I allow not: for ^a what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

18 For I know that ^a in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I ^a delight in the law of God after [†] the inward man:

23 But ^a I see another law in ^a my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from ^a the body of this death?

25 I ^a thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

19. after the manner, &c. by familiar allusions. in-
Armity of your flesh, imperfection of spiritual know-
ledge.

19. uncleanness, impurity, much practised
in heathenism. unto iniquity, i.e. in order to practise
it. 20. free from righteousness, it had no influence
over you. 21. fruit, advantage. 23. wages, the
word used for soldiers' pay—what a man earns.

CHAP. VII.—1. Know, &c. the argument here is to
prove that the law cannot give peace of mind to a
troubled sinner. to them, Jewish members in the
church at Rome. 4. Wherefore, &c. as death dis-
solves the connexion between husband and wife, so
the union of the Christian with a crucified Christ,
dissolves all connexion with the law for justification,
&c.: see ver. 6, note; comp. Eph. ii. 15; Col. i. 22; i.
14; 1 Pet. ii. 24. bring forth, &c. live a holy life. 5.
in the flesh, unconverted. motions, &c. rather, 'cor-
rupt desires.' were by the law, were excited even by
its forbidding them. fruit, i. e. crime, &c. 6. now,
under the gospel. delivered, &c. the law is no means
of justification or sanctification as a source. in new-
ness, &c. in a new and spiritual way, and not in the
old forms. 7. law sin? an evil thing? 8. sin,
unholy nature. taking occasion, the original gives
the idea of an exciting cause; the law irritated the
corrupt passions by opposing them. all manner of,
all desire. concupiscence, 'lust,' inordinate desire.
sin was dead, evil desires showed no life. 9. alive,

understand liveliness, confidence. without the law
before it convicted him, for he never was without it.
came, was applied. sin revived, I felt its existence.—
Ed. I died, self-confidence perished. 10. to life,
to produce life, i. e. felicity. death, condemnation.
11. occasion, see ver. 8. deceived, caused me to err.
it, the law. slew, subjected to death. 13. appear
sin, develops its true nature. working death, &c.
making the law the occasion of death.—Ed. become,
&c. carry with it a greater degree of aggravation.
14. spiritual, pure. carnal, sensual. sold, &c. as an
unwilling captive is sold for a slave. 15. that,
meaning the sin. I allow not, do not wish. I would,
or desire. 16. I consent, &c. acknowledge the law's
just claims, and show love to it.—Ed., Barnes. 17.
no more I, &c. meaning he is strongly influenced by
indwelling sin on one hand, and by the Spirit on the
other. 18. to will, to intend to do good. is present,
is in my power. to perform, &c. there are constant
obstacles to the doing. 21. a law, a controlling
power.—Ed. 22. the law, all that God requires.
inward, called "new," Eph. iv. 24. 23. law, ver. 21.
law of my mind, purposes of a renewed heart. cap-
tivity, signifies unwilling service.—Ed. 24. body of
this death, i. e. deadly in its tendency. 25. through,
&c. Christ is the way of rescue. with the flesh, so far
as it prevails. law of sin, sinful desires of corrupt
nature

CHAP. VIII.

THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who ^a walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of ^d the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law ^e of sin and death.

3 For ^f what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, ^g God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and ^h for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For ⁱ they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit ^m the things of the Spirit.

6 For ^j to ⁿ be carnally minded is death; but ^k to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because ^l the ^p carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, ^q neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not ^r the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ ^s be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit ^t is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of ^u him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, ^v he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies ^w by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For ^x as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the ^y Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

CHAP. VIII.—1. *There is, &c.* the gospel can do what the law could not. *are in*, are united to by faith. *flesh*, sinful desires. *after the Spirit*, as he prompts. 2. *law of the Spirit*, the principle implanted by *in*, through Christ. *free*, from the control of sin. 3. *not do*, being unable to justify. *weak*, inefficacious. *flesh*, natural corruption. *God sending*, God accomplished by sending his Son. *likeness*, he becoming man without sin. *for sin*, this is elliptical, meaning, by a sacrifice for sin. *condemned*, &c. inflicting the punishment due to it. 4. *righteousness*, its holiness, as justifying or sanctifying, the latter of which is seen in the life, ver. 5. 6. *is death*, leads to condemnation. 7. *Because*, &c. is a reason for ver. 6. *neither—can be*, carnality is inconsistent with the law, as falsehood cannot be truth, &c. 8. *cannot please*, for they are hostile to God. 9. *have not the Spirit*, may mean the temper, but more the Holy Spirit sanctifying us. 10. *in you*, influencing the heart. *body*, flesh, man before conversion. *is dead*, has none of the elements of spiritual life.—*Barnes*. *because of*, 'through.' *the Spirit is life*, has been made alive through the plan of justification. 11. *quicken your mortal bodies*, make them, by the same power, also alive and active for God. So *Barnes*, discarding with great probability the idea of an allusion here to the resurrection. 12. *debtors*, i. e. under an obligation not to live carnally. 13. *die*, be condemned.—*Ed.* *shall live*, be happy and saved. 14. *led*, influenced. *sons*, here is a new privilege of the gospel. 15. *spirit of bondage*, spirit of a slave. *again to fear*, as every sinner does.

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a 2 Co. 1. 22.

Ep. 1. 13.

b Ga. 4. 5-7.

c Ga. 5. 16, 25.

d 1 Co. 15. 45.

e 2 Co. 3. 6.

f ch. 7. 24, 25.

g Ac. 13. 39.

h He. 10. 1, 2.

i Ga. 3. 13.

j 2 Pe. 3. 13.

k 1 Jno. 3. 2.

l or, by a sacrifice for sin.

m Ge. 3. 19.

n Jno. 3. 6.

o 1 Co. 2. 14.

p Ga. 5. 22.

q or, every creature.

r Mar. 16. 15.

s Col. 1. 23.

t the mind- ing of the flesh.

u ch. 6. 21.

v Ga. 6. 8.

w Je. 12. 11.

x the mind- ing of the Spirit.

y P. Ja. 4. 4.

z 2 Co. 5. 5.

a 1 Co. 2. 14.

b Lu. 21. 28.

c He. 11. 1.

d Jno. 3. 34.

e Mat. 20. 22.

f Zec. 12. 10.

g Ac. 2. 24.

h Ep. 2. 5.

i or, because of his.

j or, that.

k 1 Jno. 5. 14.

l ch. 9. 11, 23.

m Ga. 5. 18.

n Je. 1. 5.

o 1 Pe. 1. 2.

p Jno. 17. 22.

q Phi. 3. 21.

r He. 1. 6.

s Re. 1. 5.

t Is. 56. 5.

16 The ^a Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; ^b heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For ^c the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the ^d manifestation of the sons of God.

20 For ^e the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that ^f the whole creation ^g groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have ^h the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the ⁱ redemption of our body.

24 For we are saved by hope: but ^j hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for ^k we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but ^l the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, ^m because he maketh intercession for the saints ⁿ according to the will of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them ^o who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom ^p he did foreknow, he also did predestinate ^q to be conformed to the image of his Son, ^r that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called,

adoption, taking a stranger for our own child. *cry*, as children for protection. *Abba, Father*, call God our Father. The Jews forbade slaves to call a free-man *Abba*. The original gives the Chaldee 'Abba,' and the Greek; why, is not known: the Syriac reads, 'Call the Father our Father.' 16. *itself*, or 'himself.' *beareth witness*, by sanctifying influences. 17. *heirs of God*, of the eternal inheritance he bestows. *joint-heirs with Christ*, heirs to the glories of heaven.—He by nature, believers by adoption; but both heirs. *suffer*, &c. i. e. in his cause. 18. *reckon*, cast up the account. 19. *creature*, the human race, say some: the 'new creature,' say others. 20. *vanity*, expresses a frail, dying, tempted, and troubled state. *him who hath subjected*, God in his righteous judgment for sin, Gen. iii. 17—19. *in hope*, of deliverance, Gen. iii. 15. 21. *the creature—delivered*, hence the opinion seems most correct, that it means the new creature. 22. *the whole creation*, the whole animate creation. *groaneth*, &c. all suffer. 23. *groan within*, sigh, for the adoption, for its full blessings. *redemption*, &c. from death and corruption. 24. *saved*, may mean here, sustained. *but hope*, i. e. the object of it. 25. *helpeth*, also sustains us in our infirmities. *maketh intercession*, is present to help, like an advocate in court. 27. *knoweth—the mind*, &c. the desires he excites. *maketh intercession*, aids and directs. 28. *called*, to become the disciples of Jesus. 29. *foreknow*, must imply that none are made godly by chance, but through the wise counsel of God. 30. *Moreover*, &c. there is an inseparable connexion between God's purpose and the

them he also ^a justified: and whom he justified, them he also ^b glorified.

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is God that justifieth.*

34 Who is he that condemneth? *It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, ^a who is even at the right hand of God, ^b who also maketh intercession for us.*

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

36 As it is written, *For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*

37 Nay, ^a in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHAP. IX.

I SAY the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

2 That ^a I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

3 For ^a I could wish that myself were ^a accused from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

4 Who are Israelites; ^a to whom pertaineth the adoption, and ^b the glory, and ^c the covenants, and ^d the giving of the law, and the service of God, and ^e the promises;

5 Whose are the fathers, and ^a of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, ^b who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

6 Not ^a as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For ^a they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

7 Neither, because they are the seed of

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^a 1 Co. 6. 11.

^b Jno. 17. 22.

^c Ep. 2. 6.

^d Ge. 21. 12.

^e He. 11. 18.

^a Ga. 4. 28.

^b Ge. 18. 10, 14.

^c Is. 50. 8, 9.

^d Re. 12. 10, 11.

^e Ge. 25. 21.

^a Mar. 16. 19.

^b Col. 3. 1.

^c He. 7. 25.

^d 9. 24.

^e 1 Jno. 2. 1.

^a ch. 4. 17.

^b Ps. 44. 22.

^c Ge. 25. 23.

^d or, greater.

^e or, lesser.

^a De. 21. 15.

^b Pr. 13. 24.

^c Mal. 1. 2, 3.

^d Jno. 12. 25.

^e 1 Co. 15. 57.

^a Re. 12. 11.

^b Ex. 33. 19.

^c Ga. 3. 8, 22.

^d Ex. 9. 16.

^e ch. 10. 1.

^a Ex. 32. 32.

^b or, separated.

^c Ex. 4. 22.

^d Ps. 63. 2.

^e Ac. 3. 25.

^a or, testaments.

^b Ps. 147. 19.

^c Ac. 13. 32.

^d or, answered again, or, disputed with God?

^e Job 33. 13.

^a Lu. 3. 23.

^b Jno. 1. 1.

^c Pr. 16. 4.

^d Je. 18. 6.

^e Nu. 23. 19.

^a 2 Ti. 2. 20.

^b Jno. 8. 39.

Abraham, are they all children: but, In ^a Isaac shall thy seed be called.

8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but ^a the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

9 For this is the word of promise, ^a At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.

10 And not only this; but when ^a Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of ^a him that calleth;)

12 It was said unto her, ^a The ^a elder shall serve the ^a younger.

13 As it is written, ^a Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

14 What shall we say then? *Is there unrighteousness with God?* God forbid.

15 For he saith to Moses, ^a I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

17 For ^a the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, ^a Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth.

19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that ^a repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Hath not the ^a potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make ^a one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known,

calling, &c. of his people. 31 against us, to injure us. 32 us all, us Christians, as the connexion here requires. all things, needful, 33 lay, &c. successfully accuse. elect, chosen. justifieth, them. 34 condemneth, passeth sentence. it is Christ, &c. the Saviour whom they trust, has made atonement for their sins; has risen in proof of its acceptance, the surety being liberated. chap. iv. 25. at the right hand, invested with power and dignity. maketh intercession, pleads our cause. 35 love, may better mean our love to Christ, or his love to us. 36 written, and suitably describes the condition of Christians. killed, endure sufferings equivalent to dying. accounted, by our enemies. 37 more, powerfully expresses victory. through him, by his power. 38 life, the love or offer of it. angels, evil spirits tempting. principalities, nor powers, neither magistrates nor emperors. things to come, anticipated trials. 39 height—depth, no change of circumstance, prosperous or adverse. creature, or created thing. which is in Christ, secured by his work.

CHAP. IX. — 1. I say the truth, &c. the apostle having argued that Jew and Gentile must be saved in one way—by faith in Christ; and that the principle of electing mercy applied indiscriminately to the mass of guilty Jews and Gentiles, here meets objections that might arise in the minds of his countrymen, and shows them that this view arose from no want of love to them, on his part. 3. myself—accused, &c. the word means devoted to Jehovah, beyond the possibility of redemption, Lev. xviii. 21, 28, 29; Num. xviii. 14; Deut. vii. 26, &c. The apostle was willing

to be devoted by Christ to suffering and death, if by that means he could save his countrymen. 4. the adoption, to be regarded as God's peculiar people, &c. Deut. vii. 6. covenants, or compacts with the patriarchs and nation. service, temple service. promises, of the Messiah. 5. the fathers, an illustrious ancestry. 6. Not as though, &c. my grief must not be taken to imply the supposed destruction of all, though obviously all are not true Israelites. 7. Neither, &c. sovereignty was displayed in excluding Abraham's children from the church, excepting the seed of Isaac. 8. these are not, &c. the mere children of the flesh are not God's children. the seed, spiritual children. 10. And not only this, &c. in the next generation there was a like distinction. 13. hated, rejected: the term among the Hebrews does not imply positive hatred, nor does it refer at all to Esau's final salvation: compare Gen. xxix. 30, 31; Prov. xiii. 24; Luke xiv. 26. 14. What, &c. what deduction shall we hence make? does God do injustice? 15. have mercy, &c. where none deserve favour, God claims a right to bestow it where he pleases. 16. not of him that willeth, &c. 1. e. our willing, &c. are not the first cause of salvation. 17. For the scripture, &c. the argument intended here is, that God has a right to pass by those to whom he does not choose to show mercy. 18. hardeneth, implies not positive influence, but leaving a sinner to himself. 19. And saith, or 'blame' men, resisted, successfully opposed. 20. repliest, disputest. 21. Hath not, &c. the doctrine here is, that men have no right to complain, if God bestows his blessings when and where he pleases. 22. shew his wrath, his

endured with much longsuffering ^a the vessels of wrath ^b fitted ^c to destruction :

23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

24 Even us, whom he hath called, ^d not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

25 As he saith also in Osee, ^e "I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved."

26 And ^f it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, ^g Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, ^h a remnant shall be saved :

28 For he will finish the ⁱ work, and cut it short in righteousness : ^j because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

29 And as Esaias said before, ^k "Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha."

30 What shall we say then? ^l "That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, ^m even the righteousness which is of faith."

31 But Israel, ⁿ which followed after the law of righteousness, ^o hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

32 Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For ^p they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

33 As it is written, ^q Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and ^r whosoever believeth on him shall not be ^s ashamed.

CHAP. X.

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

2 For I bear them record that ^t they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they being ignorant of ^u God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own ^v righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For ^w Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, ^x That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

severe displeasure against sin. *endured*, suffered those to live who deserved to die. *fitted*, not by God himself, but in themselves adapted for destruction. 23. *riches of his glory*, his rich glory. *he had afore prepared*, the wicked are fitted for destruction without his agency, (ver. 22.) but the vessels of mercy—God's people, he prepares for glory. 25. *call them*, Gentiles, as well as Jews. 26. *in the place*, in those nations. *not my people*, in covenant. 27. *a remnant*, &c. argument,—if God saved a remnant from the captivity, it is equally consistent to do so under the gospel. 28. *finish*, &c. cut off the people. *earth*, land of Israel: argument,—God destroyed the Jews of old, for sin; so now. 29. *Esaias*, further confirms the same thing: *Except*, &c. 30. *attained to righteousness*, become justified. 31. *law of righteousness*, the righteousness of the law. *not attained*, "not apprehended" a righteousness which comes up to its demands. 32. *not by faith*, in a better righteousness than their own. *they stumbled*, &c. rejected and crucified the Messiah.

CHAP. X.—2. *a zeal*, a Pharisaic zeal in external observances. 3. *ignorant*, not understanding the

A. D. 60.

a 1 Th. 5. 9.

b ^o or, made up

c 1 Pe. 2. 8.

d Jude 4.

e De. 30. 12. 14

f ch. 3. 29.

g Ho. 2. 23.

h 1 Pe. 2. 10.

i Is. 57. 19.

j Ho. 1. 10.

k Is. 10. 22, 23.

l ch. 11. 5.

m Is. 28. 16.

n Is. 49. 23.

o Je. 17. 7.

p [†] or, counted.

q Is. 28. 22.

r ch. 3. 22.

s Ac. 15. 9.

t Ga. 3. 28.

u Is. 1. 9.

v La. 3. 22.

w Joel 2. 32.

x Ac. 2. 21.

y Ac. 9. 14.

z Is. 13. 19.

aa Je. 50. 40.

ab ch. 4. 11.

ac ch. 1. 17.

ad Tit. 1. 3.

ae ch. 10. 2.

af Ga. 5. 4.

ag Is. 52. 7.

ah Na. 1. 15.

ai Lu. 2. 34.

aj 1 Co. 1. 23.

ak Is. 53. 1.

al Jno. 12. 38.

am b Ps. 118. 22.

an Is. 8. 14.

ao [†] the hearing of us.

ap [§] or, preaching.

aq c 1 Pe. 2. 6. 8.

ar ^{||} or, con-founded.

as d Ps. 19. 4.

at e 1 Ki. 18. 10.

au Mat. 4. 8.

av f Ac. 21. 20.

aw Ga. 1. 14.

ax g De. 32. 21.

ay h ch. 1. 17.

az i Is. 65. 1. 2.

ba k Phi. 3. 9.

bb l Mat. 5. 17.

bc Ga. 3. 24.

bd m Le. 18. 5.

be Ne. 9. 29.

bf Ga. 3. 12.

bg Je. 31. 37.

bh o Phi. 3. 5.

6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, ^a Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, ^b even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, ^c Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12 For ^d there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For ^e whosoever shall call ^f upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear ^g without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, ^h How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, ⁱ Lord, who hath believed ^j our report?

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, ^k their sound went into all the earth, ^l and their words unto the ends of the world.

19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, ^m I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

20 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, ⁿ I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

21 But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

CHAP. XI.

I SAY then, ^o Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For ^p I also am an

true nature of God's righteousness, the justification he appoints. *to establish*, &c. by works. *not submitted*, to righteousness by faith. 4. *the end of the law*, it was intended to lead men to Christ. 5. *doeth*, perfectly, but who has done so except Christ? 6. *speaketh*, &c. it does not require impossible things; our bringing Christ from heaven, or our raising him, but simply to believe. 8. *The word*, the doctrine of justification. *nigh*, easily obtained. *mouth*, talked about. *heart*, or mind. 10. *unto righteousness*, so as to attain justification. *confession*, or bold profession, which are means to attain the end. 13. *call*, means here all practical religion. 14. *How*, &c. a Jew objects, many had not heard the gospel. 16. *But they have not all obeyed*, Isaiah admits this objection. 17. *So then*, &c. the objector here still speaks. 18. *But*, &c. the apostle replies. *Have they not heard*, &c. the gospel had been proclaimed in Jerusalem, Syria, Asia, and all parts, during fifty-four years. 19. *Did not Israel know*, that the gospel should be preached to Gentiles as well as Jews? So Moses and Isaiah.

CHAP. XI.—1. *I say then*, &c. here the Jew again objects. *God forbid*, Paul here replies. For ^q I, he

Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God hath not cast away his people which ^b he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith * of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,

3 Lord, ^d they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? ^f I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

5 Even ^g so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

6 And ^h if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

7 What then? ^m Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were ⁱ blinded

8 (According as it is written, ^p God hath given them the spirit of ^q slumber, ^r eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

9 And David saith, ^s Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling-block, and a recompense unto them:

10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back away.

11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the ^t diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I ^u am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.

15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

16 For if ^v the firstfruit be holy, the

A. D. 60.

^a Je. 11. 16.

^b ch. 8. 29.

^c Ac. 2. 39.

^d Ep. 2. 12, 13.

^e in Elias?

^f or, for.

^g 1 Ki. 19. 10.

^h 1 Co. 10. 12.

ⁱ 1 Ki. 19. 18.

^j ch. 9. 27.

^k ch. 12. 16.

^l Pr. 28. 14.

^m Is. 66. 2.

ⁿ Phil. 2. 12.

^o ch. 4. 4, 5.

^p De. 9. 4, 5.

^q Ga. 5. 4.

^r 1 Co. 15. 2.

^s He. 3. 6, 14.

^t ch. 9. 31.

^u 10. 3.

^v Jno. 15. 2.

^w 2 Co. 3. 16.

^x or, hard-

^y ened,

^z 2 Co. 3. 14.

^{aa} Is. 29. 10.

^{ab} or, remorse.

^{ac} De. 29. 4.

^{ad} Is. 6. 9.

^{ae} Je. 5. 21.

^{af} Eze. 12. 2.

^{ag} Mat. 13. 14.

^{ah} Jno. 12. 40.

^{ai} Ac. 23. 26, 27.

^{aj} Ps. 69. 22, 23.

^{ak} ch. 12. 16.

^{al} or, hard-

^{am} ness.

^{an} ver. 7.

^{ao} Lu. 21. 24.

^{ap} Re. 7. 9.

^{aq} Ps. 14. 7.

^{ar} Is. 59. 20.

^{as} or, decay,

^{at} or, loss.

^{au} Je. 31. 31, &c.

^{av} He. 8. 8.

^{aw} 10. 16.

^{ax} Ac. 9. 15.

^{ay} Nu. 23. 19.

^{az} Ep. 2. 2.

^{ba} Col. 3. 7.

^{bb} or, obeyed.

^{bc} Le. 23. 10.

^{bd} Nu. 15. 13.

^{be} 21.

lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

17 And if ^a some of the branches be broken off, ^c and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in ^d among them, and with them partake of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

18 Boast ^e not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith.

^f Be not highminded, but ^g fear:

21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, ^h if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise ⁱ thou also shalt be cut off.

23 And they also, ^j if they abide not in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be ^k wise in your own conceits; that ^l blindness in part is happened to Israel, ^m until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, ⁿ There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 For ^o this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

28 As concerning the gospel, ^p they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, ^q they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

29 For the gifts and calling of God are ^r without repentance.

30 For as ye ^s in times past have not ^t believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

31 Even so have these also now not

adduces his own case. 2. foreknew, chose to faith

and salvation.—Doddridge. Wot, 'know.' maketh

intercession, means to accuse or arraign when followed

by 'against.' 3. killed, &c. see 1 Kings xix. 10.

digged down, being made of earth or unheaven stones,

Exod. xx. 24, 25. 5. Even so, &c. though the mass

of the nation would be rejected, yet not all. accord-

ing to, &c. by a merciful choosing. 7. not obtained

salvation, having sought it by merit. election, put

for elect, as circumcision is for Israel. blinded, or

hardened, being obstinate. 8. given, by permission.

of slumber, insensibility. eyes—not see, &c. perfect

organs, or proper faculties, with a sleepy mind. 9.

David saith, when foretelling the awful consequences

of rejecting Christ. 10. bote, &c. expresses servitude.

11. I say, &c. another objection. fall, i. e. irrecoverably.

salvation is come, &c. numbers of the

Gentiles receive the salvation the Jews reject.—Ed.

12. If, &c. if their rejection of Christ enrich the

Gentiles, to whom, in consequence, the blessings of the

gospel are sent. diminishing, withdrawing their

privileges. fulness, their filling up, i. e. their restora-

tion to the favour of God. 13. to you Gentiles,

believing Romans, to excite your gratitude. magnify,

glory in my office as apostle to the Gentiles. 14.

provoke, &c. awaken zeal to obtain the like blessings.

15. be the reconciling, affords occasion for preaching

reconciliation to the heathen. what shall, &c. i. e. how

much more may we expect from their conversion and

return! it will be like producing a resurrection

among the dry bones.—Ed. 16. firstfruit, &c. see

Num. xv. 19—21. It alludes here to the dough offered

to God: see Num. xv. 20. By the firstfruit Barnes

understands the pious patriarchs of the Jewish na-

tion, sanctifying, as it were, the whole. Some under-

stand it to mean the first Jewish converts, which, if

acceptable to God, so will the lump be. 17. branches,

fruitless Jews. thou, the Gentile. root, &c. the

privileges long confined to the Jews. 18. the root

thee, from this figure the true Christian and Jewish

church are but one. 22. severity, means just punish-

ment. goodness, kindness unmerited. shall be cut

off, as it happened to the seven churches, Rev. i.—iii.

24. For if, &c. means, if God had mercy on the

Gentiles, how much more will he on his ancient people!

25. mystery, a thing just revealed. in part, for some

had believed. fulness, a general turning to God.

26. all Israel, the Jews generally. saved, from their

rejection. Deliverer, 'Redeemer.'—LXX. 28. sakes, ad-

vantage. The Jews' rejection of the gospel occasioned

its being preached to the Gentiles. beloved, &c. God

still regards them with interest. for the fathers', with

whom he had covenanted. 29. gifts, favours. call-

ing, equivalent to 'election.' without repentance,

* believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

32 For * God hath † concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! * how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or * who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 For * of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: * to ‡ whom be glory for ever. Amen.

CHAP. XII.

I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, * that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And * be not conformed to this world: but † be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may * prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think * soberly, according as God hath dealt * to every man the measure of faith.

4 For * as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

5 So * we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 Having * then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether * prophecy, let us *prophecy* according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8 Or * he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that † giveth, let him do it * with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, * with cheerfulness.

9 Let love be without dissimulation. * Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10 Be * kindly affectioned one to another ‡ with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12 Rejoicing † in hope; patient in tri-

l.e. on God's part. 31. through your mercy, their compassion would again in time bring back the Jews. 32. concluded, shut them up under their unbelief, as their jailor.—Clarke. 33. judgments, counsels. 34. his counsellor, He needs none, as earthly monarchs. 35. recompensed, repaid as a debt. 36. For of him, &c. he is the Source, and immediate and final Cause of all.

CHAP. XII.—1. therefore, as the result of the argument. bodies, whole persons. sacrifice, given to God as animals in sacrifice. reasonable, means the service of the mind, and not merely external. 2. world, age or generation; the customs, &c. of a corrupt age transformed, &c. changed in spirit. prove, 'ascertain,' as metals are tried. will of God, his doctrines and commands. 3. grace given, to be an apostle. according, &c. each should be humble in proportion to his progress in religion. 4. members, limbs, eyes, &c. 5. one, united together. 6. prophecy, preaching by inspiration. proportion of faith, give all revealed truth its proper place. 7. ministry, preaching, serving the churches. teacheth, by catechising. 8. exhorteth, seems to have been a distinct office. giveth,

A. D. 60.

* or, obeyed.

Lu. 18. 1.

Col. 4. 2.

1 Th. 5. 17.

b 1 Jno. 3. 17.

c ch. 3. 9.

† or, shut

them all up

together.

d He. 13. 2.

e Mat. 5. 44.

f 1 Co. 12. 26.

g Ps. 36. 6.

h Ps. 131. 1. 2.

† or, be contented with

mean

things.

i Job 36. 22.

k Pr. 20. 22.

l Mat. 5. 39.

m 2 Co. 8. 21.

n 1 Co. 8. 6.

o Col. 1. 16.

p Jude 25.

q Re. 1. 6.

s him.

o De. 32. 35.

p He. 10. 30.

r 1 Pe. 2. 5.

s Ex. 23. 4. 5.

t 1 Pe. 1. 14.

u 1 Jno. 2. 15.

v Ep. 1. 18.

w Col. 1. 21, 22.

x Ep. 5. 10, 17.

y Tit. 3. 1.

z Pr. 8. 15, 16.

a Jno. 19. 11.

b || to sobriety.

c * or, ordered.

d y 1 Co. 12. 7. 11.

e z Ep. 4. 16.

f a 1 Co. 10. 17.

g Ep. 1. 23.

h b 1 Pe. 2. 14.

i c 1 Pe. 4. 10. 11.

j d 1 Co. 14. 1, 6.

k 29, 31.

l e Ac. 15. 32.

m † or, impart-

eth.

n ‡ or, liberally.

o 2 Co. 8. 2.

p f Ec. 8. 2.

q g 2 Co. 9. 7.

r h Am. 5. 15.

s i He. 13. 1.

t s or, in the

love of the

brethren.

u k Mat. 23. 21.

v l He. 3. 6.

bulation; * continuing instant in prayer:

13 Distributing * to the necessity of saints; † given to hospitality.

14 Bless * them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice † with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. * Mind not high things, but † condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17 Recompense * to no man evil for evil.

† Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, * Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Therefore * if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

CHAP. XIII.

LET every soul * be subject unto the higher powers. For * there is no power but of God: the powers that be are * ordained of God.

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? * do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

5 Wherefore * ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

7 Render * therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

8 Owe no man any thing, but to love

the alms of the church. simplicity, integrity of aim. 10. preferring, going before, outdoing each other in civility. 12. hope, of eternal life. continuing instant, persevering. 13. Distributing, &c. partaking of their good things with the needy. 16. Be of the same mind, live in concord. Mind, &c. be not ambitious. condescend, &c. let not pride separate you from the lowly. Be not wise, &c. not puffed up with a high opinion of your wisdom and privileges. 19. avenge not yourselves, for an injury received. give place, leave it to God. 20. heap coals, produce pain enough from shame and remorse.

CHAP. XIII.—1. soul, person. subject, submit. higher powers, magistracy. power, civil rule. ordained, 'established.' 2. ordinance, appointment. damnation, punishment: see Rom. iii. 8; 1 Cor. xi. 29; Gal. v. 10. 3. For rulers, as such, are not, &c. 4. sword, used then in beheading. in vain, as a mere show. 5. for wrath, for fear of punishment. 6. pay ye tribute, the Romans made conquered provinces do so, and the Jews would agitate this question. 7. tribute, direct taxes. custom, duty on merchandise. fear, reverence. 8. Owe, &c. avoid debt.

one another: for ^a he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this, ^a Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love ^a thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore ^a love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time ^a to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and ^a let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk ^a honestly, as in the day; ^a not in rioting and drunkenness, ^a not in chambering and wantonness, ^a not in strife and envying.

14 But ^a put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

CHAP. XIV.

HIM that ^a is weak in the faith receive ye, but ^a not to doubtful disputations.

2 For one believeth that he ^a may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.

3 Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and ^a let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

4 Who ^a art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

5 One ^a man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully ^a persuaded in his own mind.

6 He that ^a regardeth the day, regardeth *it* unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard *it*. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

7 For ^a none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For ^a to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

10 But why dost thou judge thy bro-

A. D. 60.

^a Ga. 5. 14.

Col. 3. 14.

1 Ti. 1. 5.

^b Mat. 23. 31.

2 Co. 5. 10.

^c Ex. 20. 13.

&c.

^d Is. 45. 23.

Phi. 2. 10.

^e Ga. 5. 14.

Ja. 2. 8.

^f Mat. 22. 40.

^g 1 Co. 10. 32.

^h 1 Co. 15. 34.

Ep. 5. 14.

ⁱ Th. 5. 5, 6.

^j Ac. 10. 15.

^k common.

^l Ep. 6. 13.

^m according to charity.

ⁿ or, decently

^o 1 Co. 8. 11.

^p 1 Pe. 4. 3.

^q 1 Co. 6. 9.

^r Ja. 3. 14.

^s 1 Th. 5. 22.

^t Ga. 3. 27.

^u 1 Co. 8. 8.

^v 2 Co. 8. 21.

^w 1 Co. 9. 22.

^x or, not to judge his doubtful thoughts.

^y ch. 12. 18.

^z Ps. 34. 14.

^{aa} 1 Co. 10. 25.

^{ab} 1 Ti. 4. 4.

^{ac} ch. 15. 2.

^{ad} 1 Co. 14. 12.

^{ae} 1 Th. 5. 11.

^{af} Mat. 15. 11.

^{ag} 1 Co. 8. 9, 12.

^{ah} Col. 2. 16.

^{ai} Ja. 4. 12.

^{aj} Ga. 4. 10.

^{ak} 1 Jno. 3. 21.

^{al} or, assured.

^{am} or, discerneth and putteth a difference between meats.

^{an} or, observeth.

^{ao} Tit. 1. 15.

^{ap} Ga. 6. 1.

^{aq} ch. 14. 1.

^{ar} 1 Pe. 4. 2.

^{as} Phi. 2. 4, 5.

^{at} Mat. 26. 39.

^{au} Ps. 69. 9.

^{av} ch. 4. 23, 24.

^{aw} 2 Ti. 3. 16, 17.

^{ax} 2 Co. 5. 15.

ther? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for ^b we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, ^a As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that ^a no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that ^a there is nothing ^a unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be ^a unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

15 But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not ^a charitably. ^a Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

16 Let ^a not then your good be evil spoken of:

17 For ^a the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ ^a is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

19 Let ^a us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith ^a one may edify another.

20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All ^a things indeed are pure; ^a but *it is* evil for that man who eateth with offence.

21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

22 Hast thou faith? have *it* to thyself before God. ^a Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

23 And he that ^a doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he* eateth not of faith: for ^a whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

CHAP. XV.

WE ^a then that are strong ought to bear the ^a infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2 Let ^a every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

3 For ^a even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, ^a The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

4 For ^a whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

5 Now the God of patience and conso-

9. For this, i.e. to fulfil the law of love, mind the moral commands.—Ed. 11. knowing, duly estimating. now, &c. we have been in the dark, but let us awake with the light.—Ed. salvation nearer, every day we are nearer a world of blessedness. 12. night, of darkness and sin. day, of heaven. armour, &c. Christian graces and virtues, 2 Cor. vi. 7; Eph. v. 8, 11, &c. 13. walk, i.e. live. honestly, decently. as in the day, every action being such as may be seen.—Ed. 14. put, &c. imitate Christ's principles—example—spirit.

CHAP. XIV.—1. weak, on the subject of Christian liberty. receive, to fellowship. disputations, do not irritate by disputes on uncertain points. 2. that he may eat, &c. i.e. that ceremonial distinctions are abolished. eateth herbs, lest he might eat meat offered to idols, and then sold in the markets. 4. judgest, &c. Christians are responsible to Christ only. holden

up, acquitted. 5. one day, &c. i.e. a Jewish feast day.

6. regardeth not, acts conscientiously in declining it. and giveth God thanks, for his herbs.

7. 8. For none, &c. as Christians, our aim is to live to God's glory. 9. be Lord, &c. i.e. our Lord both in life and death.

15. Destroy not, 'give not pain.'—Schleusner. &c. 16. your good, what you deem right.

17. kingdom of God, his reign within. 18. these things, mentioned ver. 17. 20. work of God, i.e. of peace and edification.

22. faith, i.e. believing meats are indifferent things. 23. damned, condemned, blame-worthy. is sin, because done against conviction.

CHAP. XV.—1. strong, in faith. bear with. 3. pleased not, &c. exercised self-denial. The reproaches, &c. i.e. he suffered these for others. 4. learning, instruction. comfort, or exhortation. 5. God of patience, who works it in us.

lation grant you to be ^a likeminded one toward another ^a according to Christ Jesus:

6 That ye may ^b with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Wherefore receive ye one another ^d as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

8 Now I say that ^f Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, ^g to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

9 And ^h that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, ⁱ For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

10 And again he saith, ^j Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

11 And again, ^k Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

12 And again, Esaias saith, ^l There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

14 And ^m I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the ⁿ grace that is given to me of God,

16 That ^o I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the ^p offering ^q up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

17 I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ ^r in those things which pertain to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things ^s which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,

19 Through ^t a mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

21 But as it is written, ^u To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.

22 For which cause also ^v I have been much hindered from coming to you.

23 But now having no more place in these parts, and ^w having a great desire these many years to come unto you;

24 Whosoever I take my journey into

A. D. 60.

^a 1 Co. 1. 10.
^b Phi. 3. 16.

^c or, after the example of.
^d Ac. 4. 21, 32.

^e with you,
ver. 32.

^f Ac. 20. 22.
24. 17.

^g ch. 5. 2.
^h 1 Co. 16. 1, 2.

ⁱ 2 Co. 8. 1.
^j Mat. 15. 24.

^k Jno. 1. 11.
^l ch. 3. 3.

^m 2 Co. 1. 20.
ⁿ Jno. 10. 16.

^o ch. 11. 17.
^p Ps. 18. 49.

^q De. 32. 43.
^r Phi. 4. 17.

^s Ps. 117. 1.
^t Is. 11. 1, 10.

^u Re. 5. 5.
22. 16.

^v Phi. 2. 1.
^w 2 Co. 1. 11.

^x Col. 4. 12.
^y or, are disobedient.

^z 2 Pe. 1. 12.
^{aa} 1 Jno. 2. 21.

^{ab} ch. 1. 10.
^{ac} Ac. 18. 21.

^{ad} 1 Co. 4. 19.
^{ae} Ja. 4. 15.

^{af} 1 Co. 14. 33.
^{ag} 2 Co. 13. 11.

^{ah} Phi. 4. 9.
^{ai} 1 Th. 5. 23.

^{aj} 2 Th. 3. 16.
^{ak} He. 13. 20.

^{al} ch. 1. 5.
12. 3.

^{am} Ga. 1. 15.
^{an} Ep. 3. 7, 8.

^{ao} Ga. 2. 7, 9.
^{ap} 1 Ti. 2. 7.

^{aq} 2 Ti. 1. 11.
^{ar} or, sacrificing.

^{as} Is. 66. 20.
^{at} Phi. 2. 17.

^{au} Phi. 2. 29.
^{av} 3 Jno. 5. 6.

^{aw} He. 5. 1.
^{ax} Ac. 18. 2.

^{ay} Ac. 21. 19.
^{az} Ac. 19. 11.

^{ba} 2 Co. 12. 12.
^{bb} 1 Co. 16. 15.

^{bc} Is. 52. 15.
^{bd} Ga. 1. 22.

^{be} ch. 1. 13.
^{bf} 1 Th. 2. 17, 18.

^{bg} or, many ways, or, oftentimes.

^{bh} Ac. 19. 21.
^{bi} or, friends.

Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled ^t with your company.

25 But now ^u I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

26 For ^v it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.

27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For ^w if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

28 When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them ^x this fruit, I will come by you into Spain.

29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and ^y for the love of the Spirit, ^z that ye strive together with me in ^{aa} your prayers to God for me;

31 That I may be delivered from them that ^{ab} do not believe in Judæa; and that my service which ^{ac} I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints;

32 That ^{ad} I may come unto you with joy ^{ae} by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

33 Now ^{af} the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

CHAP. XVI.

ICOMMEND unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:

2 That ^{ag} ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.

3 Greet ^{ah} Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epenetus, who is ^{ai} the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

6 Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us.

7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also ^{aj} were in Christ before me.

8 Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord.

9 Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

10 Salute Apelles approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' ^{ak} household.

7. receive, &c. into mutual love. 8. I say, &c. I affirm that Christ was a Jew, and exercised his ministry among the Jews. 9. And that, &c. his work also had reference to the Gentiles. 13. God of hope, who inspires it. power, &c. see Eph. i. 13, 14; Rom. viii. 34.

14. goodness, benevolence. knowledge, of Christian faith. 16. offering up, &c. comp. chap. xii. 1. 17. whereof I may glory, he could rejoice in his success.

18. I will not dare, &c. I say nothing of the success of others. 22. hindered, by his vast field of labour. 23. place, i. e. opportunity. 24. Spain, not certain that Paul went there. filled, to enjoy greatly. 26. a certain contribution, see 2 Cor. viii. 1-6; ix. 2. saints—at Jerusalem, subject to great persecution: see Acts viii. 1; xii. 1, &c. 27. partakers, &c.

received from them the blessings of the gospel. carnal things, i. e. worldly goods. 28. sealed to, i. e. secured to. 29. in the fulness, i. e. with a full blessing. 30. strive together, unite in earnest prayer. 31. accepted, which would prove that their prejudices against Gentile converts were removed.

CHAP. XVI.—1. Cenchrea, near Corinth. servant, 'deaconess.' 3. Priscilla, &c. mentioned Acts xviii. 2, 26; 1 Cor. xvi. 19. 4. laid down, &c. as on the block, i. e. hazarded their lives; probably in the affairs, Acts xviii. 6, 12. 5. firstfruits, one who first embraced Christianity. 6. who bestowed, &c. or, who laboured much for us. 7. in Christ, converted. 10. approved, a tried Christian.

11 Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greet them that be of the ^a *houshold* of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.

12 Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord.

13 Salute Rufus ^c chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

14 Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them.

15 Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them.

16 Salute ^d one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them ^e which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and ^f avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but ^g their own belly; and ^h by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

19 For ⁱ your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you ^j wise unto that which is good, and ^k simple concerning evil.

20 And the God of peace ^l shall ^m bruise

A. D. 60.

ⁿ or, friends.

^o 2 Co. 13. 14.

^p Re. 22. 21.

^q Ac. 16. 1.

^r He. 13. 23.

^s 2 Jno. 1.

^t 1 Pe. 5. 14.

^u Ep. 3. 20.

^v 1 Th. 3. 13.

^w 2 Th. 2. 17.

^x Jude 24.

^y ch. 2. 16.

^z Ep. 1. 9.

^{aa} 3. 3. 5.

^{ab} Col. 1. 27.

^{ac} Ac. 15. 1, 5.

^{ad} 1 Ti. 6. 3.

^{ae} 1 Co. 2. 7.

^{af} 1 Co. 5. 9, 11.

^{ag} 2 Jno. 10.

^{ah} Phi. 3. 19.

^{ai} Col. 2. 4.

^{aj} 2 Pe. 2. 3.

^{ak} Ac. 6. 7.

^{al} ch. 1. 8.

^{am} Jude 25.

^{an} Mat. 10. 16.

^{ao} or, harmless

^{ap} Ge. 3. 15.

^{aq} or, tread.

Satan under your feet shortly. ^a The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

21 Timotheus ^b my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you.

22 I Tertius, who wrote *this* epistle, salute you in the Lord.

23 Gaius mine host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother.

24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

25 Now ^c to him that is of power to stablish you ^d according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, ^e according to the revelation of the mystery, ^f which was kept secret since the world began,

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations ^g the obedience of faith:

27 To ^h God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

¶ Written to the Romans from Corinthus, and sent by Phebe servant of the church at Cenchrea.

13. *mine*, figuratively. 16. *kiss*, a common salutation on the cheek in the east, and in some parts of the continent, even between men: see Luke xxii. 47, 48. The primitive Christians practised it in their assemblies. 16. *churches*, i. e. probably, in Achaia. 17. *offences*,

scandals. 18. *belly*, earthly appetites, i. e. lusts. 19. *simple*, harmless. 20. *bruise*, &c. i. e. defeat the malice and artifices of the church's enemies. 25. *revelation of the mystery*, publication of the plan of the gospel. *since*, &c. in all past times.

The First Epistle of PAUL the Apostle to the CORINTHIANS.

Intended to answer certain inquiries, and to correct certain schisms and disorders, about A. D. 57.

CHAP. I.

PAUL, ^a called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and ^b Sosthenes our brother,

2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that ^c are sanctified in Christ Jesus, ^d called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, ^e both their's and our's:

3 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, ^f in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

7 So that ye come behind in no gift;

A. D. 59.

^g Phi. 3. 20.

^h Tit. 2. 13.

ⁱ revelation.

^j Col. 3. 4.

^k Ro. 1. 1.

^l Ac. 18. 17.

^m Col. 1. 22.

ⁿ 1 Th. 5. 23.

^o Jno. 17. 19.

^p 1a. 49. 7.

^q He. 10. 23.

^r 2 Ti. 1. 9.

^s Jno. 15. 4.

^t 1 Jno. 1. 3.

^u Ro. 3. 22.

^v 10. 12.

^w schisms.

^x ch. 11. 18.

^y 2 Co. 8. 7.

^z 1 ch. 3. 4.

^{aa} Jno. 1. 42.

^{ab} 2 Co. 11. 4.

^{ac} Ep. 4. 5.

waiting ^a for the ^b coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, ^c that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God ^d is faithful, by whom ye were called unto ^e the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no ^f divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

12 Now this I say, ^g that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of ^h Cephas; and I of Christ.

13 Is ⁱ Christ divided? was Paul cru-

CHAP. I.—1. *called*, &c. Rom. i. 1, notes. *will*, i. e. appointment. 2. *church*, assembly, i. e. of Christians. *Corinth*, see Acts xviii. 1. *sanctified in Christ*, made holy through his grace. *saints*, Rom. i. 7, note. *call upon*, &c. i. e. invoke, Acts vii. 59; ix. 14. 5. *all utterance*, speaking various tongues: see chap. xiv. compare 2 Cor. vii. 7. *knowledge*, of truth. 6. *Even*, or 'forasmuch as.' *testimony*, i. e. the gospel. *confirmed*, proved. 7. *come behind*, are not deficient. *gift*, favour—endowment. *waiting for*, expecting. *coming*, to judgment, 2 Thess. i. 7;

ii. 8; Phil. iii. 20, &c. 8. *confirm*, establish. *end*, of your lives. *be blameless*, maintain a Christian character. *day*, &c. i. e. of judgment. 9. *faithful*, to his promises. *fellowship*, communion and society. 10. *name*, i. e. authority, Acts iii. 6. *same thing*, i. e. doctrine. *divisions*, schisms; splitting into sects and parties. *joined*, united in feeling. 12. *Cephas*, or Peter; they were partial to certain ministers, and some separated Christ from these. 13. *Christ divided*, as the leader of factions. *crucified—baptized*, means, did not Christ redeem you all, and were you

cified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel; ^c not with wisdom of ^e words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

18 For the preaching of the cross is to ^f them that perish ^g foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the ^h power of God.

19 For it is written, ⁱ I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

20 Where ^j is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? ^k hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For ^l after that in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

22 For the ^m Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 But we preach Christ crucified, ⁿ unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ ^o the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that ^p not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

27 But ^q God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, ^r yea, and things ^s which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 That ^t no flesh should glory in his presence.

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us ^u wisdom, and ^v righteousness, and ^w sanctification, and ^x redemption:

31 That, according as it is written,

A. D. 59.

^a Je. 9. 23, 24.

^b Ga. 6. 14.

^c Phi. 3. 8.

^d 2 Pe. 1. 16.

^e 2 Co. 4. 7.

^f Ga. 4. 13.

^g or, speech.

^h ch. 1. 17.

ⁱ 2 Pe. 1. 16.

^j or, persuasive.

^k 2 Co. 2. 15.

^l Ac. 17. 18.

^m Ro. 15. 19.

ⁿ 1 Th. 1. 5.

^o Ro. 1. 16.

^p Is. 29. 14.

^q be.

^r Is. 33. 18.

^s ch. 14. 20.

^t Ep. 4. 13.

^u Is. 44. 25.

^v Lu. 10. 21.

^w Ro. 1. 20, 21.

^x Mat. 11. 25.

^y Mar. 8. 11.

^z Juo. 4. 48.

^a Lu. 23. 34.

^b Jno. 16. 3.

^c Ac. 3. 17.

^d Is. 64. 4.

^e Is. 8. 14.

^f Jno. 6. 60.

^g Ro. 9. 32.

^h Ro. 1. 4, 16.

ⁱ 1 Jno. 2. 27.

^j Pr. 20. 27.

^k Ro. 11. 33, 34.

^l Jno. 7. 45.

^m Ro. 8. 15.

ⁿ Ps. 8. 2.

^o Ja. 2. 5.

^p Mat. 16. 23.

^q Ro. 4. 17.

^r Ro. 3. 27.

^s Ep. 2. 9.

^t Pr. 23. 5.

^u or, discerneth.

^v Col. 2. 3.

^w or, discerned.

^x Je. 23. 5, 6.

^y Ro. 4. 25.

^z 2 Co. 5. 21.

^a Phi. 3. 9.

^b Jno. 17. 19.

^c Job 15. 8.

^d Is. 40. 13.

^e Ep. 1. 7.

^f shall.

^g Jno. 15. 15.

^a He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

CHAP. II.

AND I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, ^b save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

3 And I was with you ^c in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching ^d was not with ^e enticing words of man's wisdom, ^f but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5 That your faith should not ^g stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them ^h that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, ⁱ even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

8 Which ^j none of the princes of this world knew: for ^k had they known ^l it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But as it is written, ^m Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But ⁿ God hath revealed ^o them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, ^p save the spirit of man which is in him? ^q even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but ^r the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But ^s the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know ^t them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But ^u he that is spiritual ^v judgeth all things, yet he himself is ^w judged of no man.

16 For ^x who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he ^y may instruct him? ^z But we have the mind of Christ.

not consecrated to him only?—Ed. 14. I thank, &c. because they had no ground to use his name, ver. 15. 17. to baptize, as his main business. the cross, i. e. the simple doctrine of it. wisdom, &c. eloquent philosophy. of none effect, by destroying its simplicity.—Ed. 18. cross, i. e. its doctrines. power, Rom. i. 16. 19. wise, i. e. philosophers. prudent, sages. 20. scribe, synonymous with learned. disputer, the sophist. made foolish, shown to be so. 21. in the wisdom, by His arrangement. by wisdom, by philosophy. foolishness, deemed so by the world. believe, in Christ, Mark xvi. 16. 22. sign, miracle, Matt. xii. 38. wisdom, ver. 17. 23. stumblingblock, offence. 24. power—wisdom, there is efficacy in the name of Christ to save and enlighten.—Ed. 25. foolishness, ver. 20. weakness, as some suppose the gospel to be. 26. mighty, men of power. noble, of high birth. 27, 28. foolish—weak—base, so esteemed. are not, worthless things. that are, high in estimation. 30. of him, by his dispensation. wisdom, to teach. righteousness, to justify. sanctification, as the Spring of our spiritual life. redemption, as our Deliverer.

CHAP. II.—1. excellency, &c. attractive eloquence.

2. know, teach.—Horsley. 3. weakness, diffidence. fear—trembling, awe of his charge. 4. demonstration, the Spirit furnished evidence to the truth. 5. faith, belief. 6. wisdom, i. e. true wisdom. perfect, i. e. fully instructed, Matt. v. 48; Eph. iv. 13; Phil. iii. 15. princes, rulers. come to nought, their plans fail. 7. we speak, &c. i. e. we proclaim the Divine wisdom hidden in a mystery. 8. Eye, &c. means here, no one understood the value and beauty of the gospel scheme. 10. the Spirit searcheth, &c. has thorough knowledge of God's counsels and plans. 11. things of a man, his thoughts, plans, &c. spirit of man, &c. his own mind. things of God, his purposes and plans. 12. spirit of the world, its wisdom and knowledge. the Spirit—of God, his teaching and influence. the things, pardon, justification, &c. 13. comparing, Old Testament truths with those of the Spirit. 14. natural, sensual. things, doctrines. know, understand and love. spiritually discerned, by the Spirit's aid. 15. judgeth, discerneth. he himself, &c. i. e. his feelings, principles, &c. 16. For who, &c. no one can understand God. have the mind of Christ, are influenced by his Spirit.

CHAP. III.

AND I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

2 I have fed you with ^a milk, and not with meat: ^b for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

3 For ye are yet carnal. for ^d whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and ^e divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk ^f as men?

4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, ^g even as the Lord gave to every man?

6 I ^h have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7 So then ⁱ neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and ^m every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 For ⁿ we are labourers together with God: ye are God's ^o husbandry, ye are ^p God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But ^q let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than ^r that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day ^s shall declare it, because ^t it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; ^u yet so as by fire.

16 Know ^v ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any man ^w defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

A. D. 59.

^a He. 5. 12, 13.^b 1 Pe. 2. 2.^c Jno. 16. 12.^d Job 5. 13.^e ch. 1. 11.^f 11. 13.^g Ps. 94. 11.^h or, factions.ⁱ according^j to man?^k 2 Co. 4. 5, 15.^l ch. 11. 3.^m 1 Ro. 12. 3, 6.ⁿ 1 Pe. 4. 11.^o 2 Co. 10. 14, 15.^p Lu. 12. 42.^q Tit. 1. 7.^r 2 Co. 12. 11.^s Ga. 6. 3.^t Ps. 62. 12.^u Ro. 2. 6.^v Re. 22. 12.^w day.^x ch. 3. 13.^y Ac. 15. 4.^z 2 Co. 6. 1.^{aa} Job 9. 2.^{ab} Ps. 130. 3.^{ac} Ro. 3. 20.^{ad} or, tillage.^{ae} Ep. 2. 20.^{af} He. 3. 3, 4.^{ag} Ro. 2. 1, 16.^{ah} 1 Pe. 4. 11.^{ai} Ro. 2. 29.^{aj} 2 Co. 5. 10.^{ak} Is. 23. 16.^{al} Mat. 16. 18.^{am} 1 Pe. 1. 7.^{an} y Lu. 2. 35.^{ao} || ts.^{ap} • distinguish-^{aq} eth thee.^{ar} Jno. 3. 27.^{as} Re. 3. 17.^{at} Jude 23.^{au} 2 Co. 6. 16.^{av} 1 Pe. 2. 5.^{aw} + or, us the^{ax} last apostles,^{ay} as.^{az} Ps. 44. 22.^{ba} Ro. 8. 36.^{bb} He. 10. 33.^{bc} theatre.^{bd} or, destroy.^{be} 2 Ki. 9. 11.^{bf} Ac. 17. 18.^{bg} 2 Co. 13. 9.

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, ^c He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

20 And again, ^d The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For ^e all things are your's;

22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are your's;

23 And ^f ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

CHAP. IV.

LET a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, ^g and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's ^h judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.

4 For I know nothing by myself; ⁱ yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

5 Therefore ^j judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and ^k then shall every man have praise of God.

6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of ^l men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

7 For who ^m maketh thee to differ from another? and ⁿ what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

8 Now ye are full, ^o now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you.

9 For I think that God hath set forth ^p us the apostles last, ^q as it were appointed to death: for ^r we are made a ^s spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

10 We are ^t fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; ^u we are weak, but

taketh, &c. making it the occasion of their destruction. 21. in men, be they philosophers or ministers. your's, subservient to your good. 22. the world, all its affairs. present, now happening. to come, which may occur. 23. Christ's, his subjects. Christ is God's, acting as Mediator for his glory. Here is the link uniting the whole.—Ed.

CHAP. IV.—1. of Christ, not of a faction. stewards, &c. imparting only from our Master's stores for his family. 3. judged, condemned. judge not, condemn not. 4. I know nothing, &c. am not conscious of unfaithfulness. not hereby justified, perhaps I may have blame. 6. in a figure, intending under the names of Paul and Apollos, other teachers. in us, rather 'by us.' men, i. e. ministers. written, here; see chap. iii. 5; iv. 1. 7. For who, &c. no reason to be proud of gifts. 8. ye are full, &c. the language of irony. reigned, thought themselves very great. I would, &c. that your prosperity were real. 9. For I think, &c., the verse means that the apostles were appointed to trials. last, like gladiators escaping from the stage one day, to be slain the next. appointed, devoted unto. made a spectacle, exhibited on the theatre. 10. fools, accounted so. ye are wise, fancy yourselves so, &c.

CHAP. III.—1. carnal, a different word from chap. ii. 14, rendered 'natural'; it means here not sensual, but having much remains of corruption. babes, recently born unto Christ's kingdom. 2. milk, elementary truths. meat, sublimer doctrines. 5. Lord gave, being the source of faith. 6. Apollos watered, Paul established the church at Corinth. Apollos followed him, Acts xviii. 18. 8. one, in doctrine and aim: hence there should be no factions. 9. labourers together, rather 'fellow-labourers,' i. e. in His employ. God's husbandry, all their culture from him. building, reared by him. 10. foundation, Christ, ver. 11. another, other teachers follow. 11. Christ, his atonement, resurrection, &c. 12. gold, &c. God's truths. wood, &c. men's fancies. 13. day, of judgment. it shall, &c. the work shall be made known in burning of the world. try, test, as metals. 15. suffer loss, his reward will be lessened. shall be saved, the true foundation being laid, ver. 11. as by fire, every error shall be consumed, and what is genuine remain. 16. temple, consecrated to God. dwelleth, by his gifts and graces. 17. defile, by error. holy, sacred and inviolable. 18. seemeth, &c. has the reputation of wisdom. become a fool, acquire that knowledge the world despises. 19.

ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised.

11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and ^c are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;

12 And ^d labour, working with our own hands: ^e being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

13 Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the outscouring of all things unto this day.

14 I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you.

15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *have ye* not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

16 Wherefore I beseech you, ^f be ye followers of me.

17 For this cause have I sent unto you ^g Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

18 Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.

19 But ^h I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.

20 For ⁱ the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

21 What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?

CHAP. V.

IT is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as ^j named among the Gentiles, ^k that one should have his father's wife.

2 And ^l ye are puffed up, and have not rather ^m mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

3 For ⁿ I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have ^o judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed.

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, ^p with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5 To ^q deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 Your ^r glorying is not good. Know ye not that ^s a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

7 Purge out therefore the old leaven,

A. D. 59.

^a Is. 53. 7.

Jno. 1. 29.

1 Pe. 1. 19.

Re. 5. 6, 12.

^b or, slain.

^c Ex. 12. 15.

13. 6.

De. 16. 3.

^d or, holyday.

^e Ac. 23. 2.

^f 1 Th. 2. 9.

1 Ti. 4. 10.

^g Mat. 5. 44.

Lu. 23. 34.

^h Ep. 5. 11.

ⁱ 2 Th. 3. 14.

^j Jno. 17. 15.

1 Jno. 5. 19.

^k Mat. 18. 17.

Ro. 16. 17.

2 Th. 3. 6, 14.

2 Jno. 10.

^l Ro. 15. 20.

Gal. 4. 19.

^m Phil. 10.

ⁿ Phi. 3. 17.

^o Mar. 4. 11.

Col. 4. 5.

1 Ti. 3. 7.

^p Ac. 19. 22.

ch. 16. 5.

Ac. 19. 21.

2 Co. 1. 15, 23.

^q Ps. 49. 14.

Da. 7. 22.

Mat. 19. 28.

Re. 20. 4.

^r ch. 2. 4.

1 Th. 1. 5.

2 Pe. 2. 4.

Jud. 6.

^s Ep. 5. 3.

1 Le. 18. 8.

^t ch. 4. 18.

2 Co. 7. 7, 10.

^u Col. 2. 5.

^v or, determined.

^w Pr. 20. 22.

Mat. 5. 39, 40.

1 Th. 5. 15.

^x 1 Th. 4. 6.

^y Jno. 20. 23.

^z Job 2. 6.

Ps. 109. 6.

1 Ti. 1. 20.

^{aa} He. 12. 14.

13. 4.

Re. 22. 15.

^{ab} Ja. 4. 16.

^{ac} ch. 15. 33.

Gal. 5. 9.

2 Ti. 2. 17.

^{ad} Ep. 2. 2.

4. 22.

^{ae} ch. 1. 30.

He. 10. 22.

that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even ^{af} Christ our passover is ^{ag} sacrificed for us:

8 Therefore ^{ah} let us keep ^{ai} the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote unto you in an epistle ^{aj} not to company with fornicators:

10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go ^{ak} out of the world.

11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, ^{al} if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

12 For what have I to do to judge ^{am} them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?

13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

CHAP. VI.

DARE any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?

2 Do ye not know that ^{an} the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

3 Know ye not that we shall ^{ao} judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.

5 I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?

6 But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers.

7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. ^{ap} Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?

8 Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, ^{aq} and that your brethren.

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: ^{ar} neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were ^{as} some of you: ^{at} but

11. naked, ill clothed. buffeted, may mean, harshly treated. 13. intreat, conversion and pardon for the offenders. 14. sweepings of the streets. outscouring, rubbed off by scouring. 14. I warn, to reform. 15. ten thousand instructors, 'myriads of leaders.' 16. followers, 'imitators.' 18. as though, &c. thinking they should escape reproof and punishment. 19. but the power, I will put their power to the proof, and exercise discipline. 20. in power, in sanctifying efficacy. 21. with a rod, i. e. to correct and punish.

CHAP. V.—1. fornication, here denotes incest. 2. puffed up, with pride. taken, &c. i. e. excommunicated. 3. judged, determined. 4. In the name, by the authority, and my spirit, the Spirit that inspires me. 5. To deliver, &c. i. e. excommunicate; which in some sense was delivering to Satan's control. destruction of the flesh, bodily afflictions from the devil: here was a miraculous power peculiar

to apostolic times, to mortify the base appetites. saved, through this severe discipline. 6. glorying, boasting and confidence. leaven, &c. a proverb; i. e. a single sin would corrupt a whole church. 7. Purge, &c. alluding to the putting away leaven at the passover. old leaven, vice. new, pure; without leaven. unleavened, as Christians. 8. keep the feast, Christians kept not the passover; but the allusion is to that, to show the obligations of those whose passover was Christ. 11. not to eat, have no fellowship. 12. judge them—without, over them I have no authority. them—within, you ought to rule.

CHAP. VI.—1. matter, of litigation. another, i. e. a member of the church. unjust, i. e. the heathen tribunals. 2. shall judge, attending Christ at the last judgment. 3. judge angels, acquiesce in the sentence on fallen angels. 4. judgments, controversies. who are least esteemed, the meanest Christian

ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not ^a expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but ^c for the Lord; ^d and the Lord for the body.

14 And ^e God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us ^f by his own power.

15 Know ye not that ^g your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for ^h two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

17 But ⁱ he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18 Flee ^j fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

19 What? ^k know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, ^l and ye are not your own?

20 For ^m ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

CHAP. VII.

NOW concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: *It is good for a man not to touch a woman.*

2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

3 Let ⁿ the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

5 Defraud ^o ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that ^p Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

6 But I speak this by permission, ^q and not of commandment.

7 For ^r I would that all men were ^s even as I myself. But ^t every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, ^u It is good for them if they abide even as I.

brother might settle your disputes. 12. *All, &c.* here is a new subject, eating with idolaters. *things, meats, not expedient, to eat, under the power, become a slave to appetite or habit.* 13. *Meats, &c. belly, stomach, proverbial;* the meaning is, the chief care should not be about the appetites. 14. *raise up us, the body is to be glorified with Christ's, why pollute it?* 19. *temple of the Holy Ghost, he dwells in believers.* 20. *price, the redemption price of Christ's blood.*

CHAP. VII.—1. *good, fit, under present circumstances. touch, or, marry.* 2. *his own wife, &c. polygamy is not allowed.* 3. *due benevolence, &c. mutual kindness; this cannot be shown by living apart.* 5. *Defraud ye not, of conjugal society.* 6. *by permission, as my opinion, but not immediately*

A. D. 59.

a 1 Ti. 5. 14.

b Mat. 5. 32.

19. 6, 9.

c or, profitable.

d 1 Th. 4. 3, 7.

e Ep. 5. 23.

f Ro. 8. 11.

g Ep. 1. 19, 20.

h ch. 12. 27.

i Ro. 12. 5.

j Mal. 2. 15.

k Ge. 2. 24.

l Ep. 5. 31.

m Jno. 17. 21..

23.

n Ep. 4. 4.

† in peace.

o Ro. 12. 18.

p 14. 19.

q He. 12. 14.

r Ro. 6. 12, 13.

s He. 13. 4.

t 1 Pe. 3. 1.

u what.

v Ro. 1. 24.

w 1 Th. 4. 4.

x ch. 3. 16.

y 2 Co. 6. 16.

z Ro. 14. 7, 8.

aa ch. 4. 17.

ab 2 Co. 11. 28.

ac f Ac. 20. 28.

ad 1 Pe. 1. 18, 19.

ae 2 Pe. 2. 1.

af Re. 5. 9.

ag Ac. 15. 1, &c.

ah Ga. 5. 2.

ai Ga. 6. 15.

aj Jno. 15. 14.

ak 1 Jno. 2. 3.

al 3. 24.

am Ex. 21. 10.

an 1 Pe. 3. 7.

ao Jno. 8. 36.

ap Ro. 6. 18, 22.

aq Phil. 16.

ar s made free.

as ch. 9. 21.

at Ga. 5. 13.

au Ep. 6. 6.

av 1 Pe. 2. 16.

aw ch. 6. 20.

ax Le. 25. 42.

ay Joel 2. 16.

az Zec. 7. 3.

ba 1 Th. 3. 5.

bb 1 Ti. 1. 16.

bc 2 Co. 8. 8.

bd 11. 17.

be f ch. 4. 2.

bf 1 Ti. 1. 12.

bg Ac. 26. 29.

bh ch. 9. 5.

bi || or, necessity.

bj ch. 12. 11.

bk Mat. 19. 12.

9 But ^a if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, ^b Let not the wife depart from *her* husband:

11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to *her* husband: and let not the husband put away *his* wife.

12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else ^c were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us ^d to ^e peace.

16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt ^f save ^g thy husband? or ^h how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save ⁱ thy wife?

17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And ^j so ordain I in all churches.

18 Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? ^k let him not be circumcised.

19 Circumcision ^l is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but ^m the keeping of the commandments of God.

20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

21 Art thou called *being* a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather.

22 For he that is called in the Lord, *being* a servant, is ⁿ the Lord's ^o freeman: likewise also he that is called, *being* free, is ^p Christ's servant.

23 Ye ^q are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

24 Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one ^r that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be ^s faithful.

26 I suppose therefore that this is good for the present ^t distress, I say, that *it is* good for a man so to be.

27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.

28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath

under inspiration. 7. *as I myself, could as easily live single in present circumstances.* 10. *but the Lord, for it is a Divine command. depart from, desert.* 11. *unmarried, not marry another.* 12. *the rest, this alludes to mixed marriages.* 14. *is sanctified, the union is consecrated. unclean, unlawfully begotten. holy, legitimate, and not bastards.* 15. *let him depart, this does not imply dissolution, ver. 11. under bondage, obliged to live with the dissatisfied party.* 16. *For what, &c. is a reason against needless separation. save, gain to Christianity.* 17. *distributed, &c. i. e. Christianity requires each to fill up his proper place.* 21. *use it, since freedom has its advantages.* 23. *servants of men, serving blindly their opinions.* 26. *so to be, as stated in the verses following.* 27. *seek not,*

not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.

29 But ^b this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;

30 And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;

31 And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for ^a the fashion of this world passeth away.

32 But I would have you without carefulness. ^a He that is unmarried careth for the things [†] that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:

33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.

34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman ^m careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

35 And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.

36 But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.

37 Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.

38 So ^a then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better.

39 The ^m wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; ⁿ only in the Lord.

40 But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and ^a I think also that I have the Spirit of God.

CHAP. VIII.

NOW ^b as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. ^a Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

2 And ^a if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

3 But if any man love God, ^g the same is known of him.

4 As concerning therefore the eating

A. D. 59.

^a ch. 10. 19.

Is. 41. 24.

^b Ro. 13. 11.

1 Pe. 4. 7.

2 Pe. 3. 8, 9.

^c Is. 44. 8.

1 Ti. 2. 5.

^d Jno. 10. 34.

^e Mal. 2. 10.

Ep. 4. 6.

^f or, for.

^g Jno. 13. 13.

Phi. 2. 11.

^h Jno. 1. 3.

Col. 1. 6.

He. 1. 2.

ⁱ Ps. 39. 6.

Ja. 1. 10.

4. 14.

1 Pe. 4. 7.

1 Jno. 2. 17.

^j ch. 10. 28, 29.

^k 1 Ti. 5. 5.

[†] of the.

ver. 34.

[‡] or, have we

the more.

[§] or, have we

the less.

^{||} Ga. 5. 13.

^{||} or, power.

^m Lu. 10. 40.

&c.

ⁿ edified.

ⁿ Mat. 25. 40.

45.

^o 2 Co. 11. 29.

^p Ac. 9. 15.

^q ch. 3. 6.

4. 15.

^r He. 13. 4.

2 Co. 3. 2.

12. 12.

^v Ro. 7. 2.

2 Co. 6. 14.

[†] or, woman.

^x 1 Th. 4. 8.

^y Mat. 13. 55.

Mar. 6. 3.

Ga. 1. 19.

^z Mat. 8. 14.

^a 2 Th. 3. 8, 9.

^b Ac. 15. 20, 29.

De. 20. 6.

Pr. 27. 18.

^d Ro. 14. 3, 10.

^e Jno. 21. 15.

1 Pe. 5. 2.

^f ch. 13. 8, 9, 12

Ga. 6. 3.

1 Ti. 6. 4.

^g Ex. 33. 12, 17.

Na. 1. 7.

Mat. 7. 23.

2 Ti. 2. 19.

ⁱ De. 25. 4.

1 Ti. 5. 18.

of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that ^a an idol is nothing in the world, ^c and that there is none other God but one.

5 For though there be that are ^d called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

6 But ^e to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we ^e in him; and ^f one Lord Jesus Christ, ^g by whom are all things, and we by him.

7 Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some ⁱ with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8 But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, ⁱ are we the better; neither, if we eat not, ⁱ are we the worse.

9 But ^j take heed lest by any means this ^{||} liberty of your's become a stumbling-block to them that are weak.

10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be ^k emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

12 But ⁿ when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

13 Wherefore, ^o if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

CHAP. IX.

AM ^p I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? ^q are not ye my work in the Lord?

2 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for ^r the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

3 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this,

4 Have we not power to eat and to drink?

5 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a ^t wife, as well as other apostles, and as ^u the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

6 Or I only and Barnabas, have ^v not we power to forbear working?

7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who ^w planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who ^x feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?

9 For it is written in the law of Moses,

^y Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?

that is, 'in the present distress:' persecution under Nero: see ver. 26. 28. trouble, from persecution separating them, &c. 31. passeth away, like a procession on a stage. 32. carefulness, any anxiety to draw the mind from God. careth for, his attention is not distracted. 35. cast a snare, to fether. comely, best fitted for their condition. 36. uncomely, imposes an unnecessary restraint on any young female under his care. what he will, the authority was with the father, as in eastern parts. 37. his virgin, daughter or ward. 38. doeth better, consults her happiness more in existing circumstances. 40. I think, &c. whatever claims Corinthian teachers have, I have the Spirit.

CHAP. VIII.—1. knowledge of the vanity of idols. Knowledge puffeth up, men are sometimes proud of their religious knowledge. charity, rather, 'love.' edifieth others. 2. think, &c. i. e. modesty accom-

panies all genuine knowledge. 3. love God, and act so. is known, approved. 5. gods, celestial deities. Lords, terrestrial ones. 6. by whom, as the efficient cause. by him, created, redeemed, &c. 7. as a thing offered, &c. connecting some reverence of the idol with eating. 10. sit, &c. feasts were sometimes in the idols' temple. be emboldened, be confirmed in his respect for them. 11. perish, have his comfort destroyed: see ver. 12.

CHAP. IX.—1. free, like other Christians. seen Jesus Christ, an evidence against any who disputed his claims as an apostle. 4. power, &c. right to maintenance. 5. sister, &c. a Christian sister, being a wife. the brethren, see Matthew xiii. 55. Cephas, Peter, John i. 42. 6. forbear working abstain from labour. 7. Who goeth, &c. the soldier, the husbandman, the shepherd, all receive their provisions for their labour. 8. as a man, uninspired.

10 Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written: that *h* he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

11 If *d* we have sown unto you spiritual things, *is* it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

12 If others be partakers of *this* power over you, *are* not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used *this* power; but suffer all things, *f* lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

13 Do *g* ye not know that they which minister about holy things *h* live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar *are* partakers with the altar?

14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that *i* they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

15 But *j* I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for *k* it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for *l* necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

17 For if I do this thing willingly, *m* I have a reward: but if against my will, *n* a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

18 What is my reward then? *Verily* that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

19 For though I be free from all *men*, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that *o* I might gain the more.

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To *p* them that are without law, as without law, (*q* being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ), that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To *r* the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.

23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with *you*.

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? *s* So run, that ye may obtain.

A. D. 59.

a Ep. 6. 12.

b 2 Ti. 2. 6.

c Re. 2. 10.

d Ro. 15. 27.

e Ga. 6. 6.

f Je. 6. 30.

g 2 Co. 13. 5, 6.

h 2 Co. 11. 12.

i Nu. 5. 9, 10.

j 18. 8, 20.

k or, feed.

l Ex. 13. 21.

m Ex. 14. 22.

n Nu. 33. 8.

o Jos. 4. 23.

p Ga. 6. 6.

q 1 Ti. 5. 17.

r Ex. 16. 15, 35.

s Ps. 78. 24.

t ch. 4. 12.

u Ac. 18. 3.

v 20. 34.

w Ex. 17. 6.

x Nu. 20. 11.

y Ps. 78. 15.

z or, went with them.

a De. 9. 21.

b Ps. 105. 41.

c Ro. 1. 14.

d Nu. 14. 29.

e He. 3. 17.

f figures.

g ch. 3. 8, 14.

h Nu. 11. 4, &c.

i ch. 4. 1.

j Col. 1. 25.

k Ex. 32. 6.

l Re. 2. 14.

m Nu. 25. 1, 9.

n Ex. 17. 2, 7.

o Nu. 21. 5, 6.

p Mat. 18. 15.

q 1 Pe. 3. 1.

r Nu. 14. 2.

s Ex. 12. 23.

t 1 Ch. 21. 15.

u Ro. 2. 12, 14.

v or, types.

w ch. 7. 22.

x 1 Jno. 2. 18.

y Ro. 11. 20.

z Ro. 15. 1.

a 2 Co. 11. 29.

b or, moderate.

c Ps. 125. 3.

d 2 Pe. 2. 9.

e A. Je. 29. 11.

f He. 12. 1.

25 And every man that *a* striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do *b* it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we *c* an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be *d* a castaway.

CHAP. X.

MOREOVER, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under *e* the cloud, and all passed through *f* the sea;

2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 And did all eat the same *g* spiritual meat;

4 And did all drink the same *h* spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that *i* followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they *j* were overthrown in the wilderness.

6 Now these things were our *k* examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as *l* they also lusted.

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as *m* were some of them; as it is written, *n* The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

8 Neither *o* let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and *p* fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as *q* some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

10 Neither murmur ye, as *r* some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of *s* the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened unto them for *t* ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, *u* upon whom the ends of the world are come.

12 Wherefore *v* let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

13 There hath no temptation taken you but *w* such as is common to man: but God is faithful, *x* who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also *y* make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

10. for our sakes, allowing us to infer that the labourer should reap the fruits of his toil, and be supported for his labour. 12. others, who were Corinthian teachers. lest, &c. that none might suppose he laboured from self-interest. 13. live, see Numb. xviii. 24-32. 14. ordained, appointed. 15. die, in want. 16. necessity, i. e. a moral necessity, Rom. i. 14; and his heart was engaged: he therefore would preach even if he reaped nothing. woe, &c. 'I should be wretched, if silent.' 17. a reward, the Lord's approbation, Dau. xii. 3; Matt. xiii. 43, &c. if against my will, &c. even then I must be accountable. 19. free, not bound to labour and support myself. gain, to Christ. 20. as a Jew, complying with certain rites. 21. To them, i. e. the Gentiles. not without law, being obliged to obey God, though not now the ceremonial law. law to Christ, law of love and duty. 22. weak, in faith and conscience. 23. for the gospel's sake, to propagate it. partaker, alike of its blessings and rewards. 24. race, alludes to the famed olympic games of Greece. 25. striveth, agonizes in wrestling, boxing, &c. at these games temperate, being

trained by acts of self-denial. corruptible crown, a perishing garland. 26. so run, the Christian race. beateth the air, as the boxers did for practice. keep under, exercise self-denial. castaway, a worthless person; it is taken from worthless and rejected metals.

CHAP. X. — 1. Moreover, &c. the precept, chap. ix. 24, is here enforced, showing that privileges are nothing without obedience. cloud, Shechinah. sea, and so preserved by miracle. 2. baptized unto Moses, testified belief in his mission by following him. 3. meat, i. e. manna. 4. spiritual drink, miraculous waters. drank, i. e. of the waters. spiritual, being emblematical of Christ. followed, not the rock, but the stream from it. was Christ, represented Christ: comp. chap. xi. 24, 25. 7. sat, &c. partook of an idol feast, and then danced to its honour. 9. tempt, try the patience of, or provoke. Christ, the Messiah, afterwards incarnate. 10. destroyer, death or destroying angel. 11. ends of the world, last dispensation. 12. standeth, firm in privileges. fall, into sin and idolatry. 13. taken, seized upon. such as is common, no extraordinary trial. God is faithful,

15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.

16 The ^b cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

17 For ^a we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

18 Behold ^a Israel after the flesh: ^a are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

19 What say I then? ^a that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?

20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

21 Ye ^m cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and ^a the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

22 Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? ^a we stronger than he?

23 All ^r things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

24 Let ^a no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.

25 Whatsoever ^m is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake:

26 For ^a the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

27 If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; ^a whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.

28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not ^a for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for ^b the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:

29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?

30 For if I by ^a grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that ^d for which I give thanks?

31 Whether ^a therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

32 Give ^a none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the ^a Gentiles, nor to ^a the church of God:

33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

A. D. 59.

^a Ep. 5. 1.
^b Mat. 26. 26
..28.

^c or, traditions.
2 Th. 2. 15.
3. 6.

^d Ro. 12. 5.
^e Ep. 5. 23.

^f Ge. 3. 16.
1 Pe. 3. 1.

^g ch. 15. 27, 28.
Jno. 14. 28.

^h Phi. 2. 7. 9.
ⁱ Ro. 4. 12.

^j Ga. 6. 16.
^k Le. 3. 3.

^l 7. 15.
^m ch. 8. 4.

ⁿ Ac. 21. 9.
^o De. 21. 12.

^p 2Co. 6. 15, 16.
^q De. 32. 38.

^r Ge. 1. 26, 27.
^s Eze. 22. 14.

^t ch. 6. 12.
^u Ro. 15. 1, 2.

^v Phi. 2. 4, 21.
^w Ge. 24. 64.

^x That is, a covering, in sign that she is under the power of her husband.

^y 1 Ti. 4. 4.
^z Ga. 3. 28.

^{aa} Ps. 50. 12.
^{ab} Ro. 11. 36.

^{ac} Lu. 10. 7.
^{ad} ch. 8. 10, 12.

^{ae} De. 10. 14.
^{af} Ps. 24. 1.

^{ag} or, veil.
^{ah} 1 Ti. 6. 4.

^{ai} or, thanksgiving.
^{aj} Ro. 14. 6.

^{ak} Col. 3. 17.
^{al} 1 Pe. 4. 11.

^{am} ch. 1. 10, 12.
^{an} 2 Co. 6. 3.

^{ao} or, schisms.
^{ap} Greeks.

^{aq} Ac. 20. 28.
^{ar} 1 Ti. 3. 5.

^{as} Mat. 18. 7.
^{at} Ac. 20. 30.

^{au} or, sects.
^{av} Lu. 2. 35.

^{aw} 1 Jno. 2. 19.

CHAP. XI.

BE ^a ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ^a ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

3 But I would have you know, that ^d the head of every man is Christ; and ^e the head of the woman is the man; and ^f the head of Christ is God.

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

5 But ^a every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were ^a shaven.

6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as ^a he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.

9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

10 For this cause ought the woman ^a to have ^a power on her head because of the angels.

11 Nevertheless ^a neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.

12 For as the woman ^a is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; ^a but all things of God.

13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a ^a covering.

16 But ^a if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

17 Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse.

18 For first of all, when ye come together in the church, ^f I hear that there be ^a divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

19 For ^a there must be also ^a heresies among you, ^a that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

20 When ye come together therefore into

this is security. 15. wise, discreet, prudent. what I say, in the conclusion. 16. The cup, in the Lord's supper. we bless, by invoking the Divine blessing in taking it. the communion, that in which all have a share or fellowship—as we have in Christ's benefits. 17. one bread, rather. For because there is one loaf, we being many are one body, i. e. own ourselves as members of that body of which Christ is the head, ch. xii. 13; Rom. xii. 5.—G. Holden. 18. after the flesh, not converted. partakers, &c. united in worship. 23. lawful, as far as the mere eating of meat. 24. wealth, rather, 'welfare.' 25. sold, offered indiscriminately at market. 26. the earth, &c. he causes it to produce food for the use of man. 28. the earth, &c. there is plenty yet provided for you. 30. for that, &c. i. e. my food. 33. in all things, i. e. that may be lawfully done.

CHAP. XI.—1. followers, 'imitators.' of Christ, he is my example. 2. remember me, regarding my authority. all things, pertaining to the church.

ordinances, the word means that which had been delivered to them by the apostles. 3. head, &c. every Christian's chief is Christ. head of Christ is God, Christ as Mediator is subordinate. 4. prophesying, 'teaching.' covered, with turban, &c. dishonoureth his head, or chief, it being a mark of disrespect. 5. uncovered, the veil removed. dishonoureth, &c. the veil being a token of subordination. shaven, of her long hair, the mark of the sex. 6. be shorn, lay aside her indications of sex. 7. the image, that is, in authority, Gen. i. 28. 8. is not, was not formed. 10. For this, &c. this difficult passage is thus generally interpreted:—power, i. e. a veil, the token of being under man's power. because of the angels, who are invisibly present. 11. Nevertheless, &c. man and woman are mutual helps. 12. by the woman, born of her. 14. a shame, long hair, in the east, is reckoned infamous for a man. 16. we, apostles in the churches. 19. must be, owing to human nature. approved, i. e. of God.

one place, * *this* is not to eat the Lord's supper.

21 For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

22 What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and / shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, *That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:*

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do *in remembrance* of me.

25 After the same manner also *he took the cup*, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, *ye do shew the Lord's death*: till he come.

27 Wherefore *whosoever* shall eat this bread, and drink *this cup* of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But *let a man examine himself*, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh *damnation* to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many *are weak* and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31 For *if we would judge ourselves*, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, *we are chastened* of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto *condemnation*. And the rest *will I set in order* when I come.

CHAP. XII.

NOW *concerning spiritual gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

2 Ye know *that ye were Gentiles*, carried away unto these *dumb idols*, even as ye were led.

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus *accursed*: and *that*

A. D. 59.

* or, ye can not eat.

a Ro. 12. 4, &c.

b Ep. 4. 4.

c 2 Pe. 2. 13.

d Jude 12.

e Ro. 12. 6. 3.

f or, ministries.

g ch. 10. 32.

h Ja. 2. 6.

i or, are poor?

j Ep. 1. 23.

k ch. 14. 26.

l Mat. 26. 26.

m ch. 2. 6, 7.

n 2 Co. 8. 7.

o Mat. 17. 19, 20.

p 2 Co. 4. 13.

q Mar. 16. 18.

r Ja. 5. 14.

s or, for a remembrance.

t Ga. 3. 5.

u 1 Jno. 4. 1.

v Ac. 2. 4.

w 10. 46.

x ch. 7. 7.

y or, shew ye.

z Jno. 14. 3.

aa 21. 22.

ab Ac. 1. 11.

ac Ep. 4. 16.

ad Jno. 13. 27.

ae Ga. 3. 16.

af Ro. 6. 5.

ag 2 Co. 13. 5.

ah *Greeks.*

ai Jno. 6. 63.

aj 7. 37. 39.

ak or, judgment.

al Ro. 13. 2.

am Ps. 32. 5.

an 1 Jno. 1. 9.

ao He. 12. 11.

ap or, judgment.

aq ch. 7. 17.

ar Tit. 1. 5.

as ch. 14. 1, 37.

at Ep. 2. 11, 12.

au 1 Pe. 4. 3.

av Ps. 115. 5.

aw Mar. 9. 39.

ax 1 Jno. 4. 2, 3.

ay or, anathema.

az Jno. 15. 26.

ba 2 Co. 3. 5.

no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

4 Now *there are diversities of gifts*, but *the same Spirit*.

5 And *there are differences of administrations*, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God *which worketh all in all*.

7 But *the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal*.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit *the word of wisdom*; to another *the word of knowledge* by the same Spirit;

9 To *another faith* by the same Spirit; to another *the gifts of healing* by the same Spirit;

10 To *another the working of miracles*; to another *prophecy*; to another *divers kinds of tongues*; to another *the interpretation of tongues*;

11 But all these *worketh* that one and the selfsame Spirit, *dividing* to every man severally as he will.

12 For *as the body is one*, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body *so also is Christ*.

13 For *by one Spirit* are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be Jews* or *Gentiles*, whether *we be bond* or free; and *we have been all made to drink into one Spirit*.

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body *were* an eye, where *were* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *were* the smelling?

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

19 And if they were all one member, where *were* the body?

20 But now *are they* many members, yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

23 And those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honourable,

20. *this is not*, is not your real design. 21. *every one taketh*, &c. alluding to the Agape, or love-feasts which accompanied the Eucharist. Here the rich helped themselves first freely out of what they contributed in common, and were filled to satiety before others could partake. Some think the Lord's supper itself was so abused. 22. *have not*, 'are poor.' These were shamed by the neglect here put upon them. 23. *received*, perhaps among his revelations, 2 Cor. xii. 7. I delivered, when the Corinthian church was founded. 24. *this is*, i. e. represents, for with His body he presented it. 25. *shew*, i. e. commemorate. come, to judgment. 27. *unworthily*, i. e. unbecomingly. guilty, &c. obnoxious to punishment for contemning the memorials of Christ's death. 28. *examine*, his motives and spirit. 29. *damnation*, the meaning is, would expose himself to punishment, as ver. 30, &c. not discerning, not discriminating between this and food for common use. 30. *many are weak*, God sent bodily distempers to

punish them. sleep, have died. 31. *For if*, &c. by honesty to ourselves we should avoid God's displeasure. 34. *the rest*, other matters.

CHAP. XII.—3. *accursed*, an abominable person. can say, i. e. with sincere faith. by the Holy Ghost, by his influence. 4. *gifts*, mentioned verses 8—11. 5. *administrations*, grades in office, ver. 28. 6. *of operations*, i. e. of miracles. 7. *the manifestation of the Spirit*, these evidences of his gifts, &c. are given to each as mentioned. to profit withal, 'unto profit,' for utility, as specified in the subsequent verses. 8. *word of wisdom*, to speak in proverbs. knowledge, to explain mysteries, chap. ii. 13. 9. *faith*, boldness, showing strong trust in God. 11. *worketh*, are to be traced to one Spirit. 12. *Christ*, put here for the church. 13. *by one Spirit*, by his influence. baptized, Matt. iii. 11. drink into one Spirit, partake of his sanctifying influences. 20. *many members*, all useful, and in their proper places.

upon these we *bestow more abundant honour: and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

31 But ye covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

CHAP. XIII.

THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity is vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

24. no need, of clothing. tempered, made to coalesce. more abundant honour, more care on the inferior parts. We are here taught not to despise the meanest member of Christ. 27. in particular, or 'severally.' 28. miracles, put here for their workers. healings of the sick: see James v. 14, 15. helps, certain persons who actively aided the cause of Christ. governments, rulers. diversities, those speaking various tongues. 31. But covet, &c. 'ye do covet,' ye covet to shine most. a more excellent way, I will show you something more valuable: see next chapter.

CHAP. XIII.—1. tongues, &c. all languages. of angels, having the highest powers of eloquence. charity, 'love.' as sounding, &c. hollow, vain, useless. 4. suffereth long, bears injuries patiently. kind, gentle. envieth not, repines not at others' prosperity. vaunteth not, boasts not of superiority over others. puffed up, proud. 5. unseemly, indecorously. seeketh not, &c. is not selfish. not

A. D. 59.

* or, put on.

† or, reasoned.

1 or, division.

2 Co. 3. 18.

5. 7.

Phi. 3. 12.

§ in a riddle.

b Mat. 18. 10.

1 Jno. 3. 2.

c Ro. 12. 5.

Ep. 1. 23.

Col. 4. 12.

Col. 1. 24.

d Ep. 5. 30.

e ch. 12. 31.

f Nu. 11. 25, 29.

g Ec. 2. 20.

3. 5.

A Ac. 13. 1.

Ro. 12. 6.

i ver. 10.

k Ac. 2. 4.

10. 46.

l ver. 9.

m Nu. 11. 17.

n Ro. 12. 8.

1 Ti. 5. 17.

He. 13. 17, 24.

|| or, kinds.

ver. 10.

* heareth.

† or, powers.

1 Ti. 1. 4.

P ch. 14. 1, 39.

r ch. 12. 8, 10.

28.

14. 1, &c.

Mat. 7. 22.

Lu. 17. 6.

† Ep. 1. 17.

u Mat. 6. 1, 2.

† or, tunes.

v Pr. 10. 12.

1 Pe. 4. 8.

x Nu. 10. 9.

Jos. 6. 4, 20.

2 Co. 1. 12.

§ or, is not

rash.

y ch. 10. 24.

Phi. 2. 4.

|| significant.

z Ps. 10. 3.

Ro. 1. 32.

a 2 Jno. 4.

* or, with the

truth.

b Ro. 15. 1.

Gal. 6. 2.

2 Ti. 2. 24.

c ch. 8. 2.

† spirits.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

CHAP. XIV.

FOLLOW after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

7 And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

8 For as if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.

11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.

12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

easily provoked, calm and patient. thinketh, &c. is not censorious. 6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, in the falls of others. truth, stands here for piety. 7. Beareth, 'covereth.' all things, i. e. all private offences. believeth, not credulously, but kindly. hopeth, the best. endureth, injuries, &c. 8. never faileth, it will exist in heaven. vanish, in the brighter visions of glory. 9. in part, imperfectly. 10. done away, all shall be perfect. 11. put away, &c. so in heaven. 12. glass darkly, the ancients had some windows of horn and transparent stone—hence the allusion. face to face, through no obscure medium. even as, &c. see heavenly objects as they would see Him, not in extent, but clearness. 13. abideth, &c. faith, &c. would remain when tongues, &c. would cease. greatest—charity, which binds together all holy beings.

CHAP. XIV.—1. prophesy, or preach; the most useful gift. 10. voices, languages.

13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: ^a I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing ^a with the understanding also.

16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen ^a at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

20 Brethren, ⁱ be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice ^m be ye children, but in understanding be ^t men.

21 In the law it is ^o written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying *serveth* not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, ⁱ will they not say that ye are mad?

24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report ^t that God is in you of a truth.

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, ^a hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. ^b Let all things be done unto edifying.

27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

30 If any thing be revealed to another

A. D. 59.

^a 1 Th. 5. 19, 20

^b 1 Jno. 4. 1.

^c tumult, or, unquietness.

^d Ep. 5. 19.

^e Col. 3. 16.

^f ch. 11. 16.

^g Ps. 47. 7.

^h 1 Ti. 12. 11, 12.

ⁱ Ep. 5. 22.

^j Col. 3. 18.

^k Tit. 2. 5.

^l 1 Pe. 3. 1.

^m ch. 11. 24.

ⁿ Ge. 3. 16.

^o 2 Co. 10. 7.

^p 1 Jno. 4. 6.

^q ch. 3. 1.

^r Mat. 11. 25.

^s Ro. 16. 19.

^t Ep. 4. 14.

^u He. 5. 12, 13.

^v Mat. 18. 3.

^w 1 Pe. 2. 21.

^x ch. 12. 31.

^y perfect, or, of a ripe age.

^z ch. 2. 6.

^{aa} Is. 28. 11, 12.

^{ab} Col. 2. 5.

^{ac} Ro. 5. 2.

^{ad} or, hold fast.

^{ae} by what speech.

^{af} Ga. 3. 4.

^{ag} Ac. 2. 13.

^{ah} Ps. 22. 15, &c.

^{ai} Is. 53. 5, 6.

^{aj} Da. 9. 26.

^{ak} Zec. 13. 7.

^{al} Lu. 24. 26, 46.

^{am} Ps. 2. 7.

^{an} 16. 10.

^{ao} Is. 53. 10.

^{ap} Ho. 6. 2.

^{aq} Ac. 2. 25, 31.

^{ar} 1 Pe. 1. 11.

^{as} Lu. 24. 34.

^{at} 1 Jno. 20. 19.

^{au} 26.

^{av} Ac. 10. 41.

^{aw} Is. 45. 14.

^{ax} Zec. 8. 23.

^{ay} ch. 12. 8. 10.

^{az} 2 Co. 12. 19.

^{ba} Ep. 4. 12.

^{bb} Lu. 24. 50.

^{bc} Ac. 1. 3, 4.

^{bd} Ac. 9. 4, 17.

^{be} or, an abortive.

^{bf} Ep. 3. 8.

^{bg} Ac. 8. 3.

^{bh} Ro. 15. 18, 19.

^{bi} Phi. 2. 13.

that sitteth by, ^a let the first hold his peace.

31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

32 And ^b the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

33 For God is not the author of ^c confusion, but of peace, ^d as in all churches of the saints.

34 Let ^e your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but ^f they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the ^g law.

35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

37 If ^h any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

39 Wherefore, brethren, ⁱ covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

40 Let ^j all things be done decently and in order.

CHAP. XV.

MOREOVER, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and ^k wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye ^l keep in memory ^l what I preached unto you, unless ^m ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins ⁿ according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day ^o according to the scriptures:

5 And ^p that he was seen of Cephas, then ^q of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then ^r of all the apostles.

8 And ^s last of all he was seen of me also, as of ^t one born out of due time.

9 For I am ^u the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because ^v I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: ^w yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

13. in an unknown tongue, some could speak foreign languages freely, yet had no facility in speaking in their own. interpret, convey his thoughts intelligibly. 14. unfruitful, produces nothing to profit. 15. What, &c. i. e. what shall I do? with the understanding, with meaning, so as to be understood. 16. bless, &c. or give thanks earnestly. unlearned, the mere common hearer. say Amen, mentally or audibly. 20. for all, &c. the mere gift of tongues did not convert. 22. a sign, a miracle to convince unbelievers, and not of use to believers. 24. of i. e. by, all, that speak. judged, stands condemned. 25. manifest, to himself. falling down, &c. the eastern attitude of worship: this might be publicly or privately done. 26. every one, followed his separate course, instead of

all acting in concert; one singing, another teaching, another speaking foreign words, &c. 27. two—three, in succession, or in one day. 29. judge, deliberate on what was said. 30. hold, &c. i. e. finish his discourse. 32. are subject, i. e. the prophets can restrain their own spirits. 35. in the church, among a mixture of the sexes. 36. What, &c. you are not the mother church, to become a precedent. 37. acknowledge, this would show his spirituality by owning the apostle's authority. 38. ignorant, of Paul's authority. let him, i. e. at his peril. 39. to speak with tongues, which is valuable in its place.

CHAP. XV.—1. Moreover, &c. the apostle here shows them vital subjects, and corrects some errors. I preached, Acts xviii. 1. stand, amounts to: I trust ye stand fast.—Bloomfield. 2. keep, &c. hold fast.

11 Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, * then is Christ not risen :

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God ; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ : whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised :

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain ; † ye are yet in your sins.

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

19 If ‡ in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 But now § is Christ risen from the dead, and become ¶ the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For * since by man came death, ° by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But † every man in his own order : Christ the firstfruits ; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up ‡ the kingdom to God, even the Father ; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, † till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The * last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

27 For he * hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, All things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28 And † when all things shall be subdued unto him, then ‡ shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all ? why are they then baptized for the dead ?

30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour ?

A. D. 59.

* Some read, our.

a ch. 4. 9.
Ro. 8. 36.
2Co. 4.10,11.
11. 23.

† or, to speak after the manner of men.

b 2 Co. 1. 8.
c Is. 22. 13.
56. 12.

d Ec. 2. 24.
ch. 5. 6.

e 1 Th. 4. 14.
f Ac. 2.24,32.

g Eze. 37. 3.
h Jno. 12. 24.

i Ro. 4. 25.
k 2 Ti. 3. 12.

l 1 Pe. 1. 3.
m Ac. 26. 23.

n Col. 1. 18.
Re. 1. 5.

o Ro.5.12,17.
p Jno. 11. 25.
Ro. 6. 23.

q 1 Th. 4. 15.
17.

r Da.7.14,27.
Da. 12. 3.

s Mat. 13. 43.
t Ps. 110. 1.

u Ac. 2.34,35.
Ep. 1. 22.

v He. 1. 13.
10. 13.

w Phil. 3. 21.
x 2 Ti. 1. 10.

y Re. 20. 14.
z Ps. 8. 6.

aa Mat. 28. 18.
He. 2. 8.

ab 1 Pe. 3. 22.
ac Phil. 3. 21.

ad Ge. 2. 7.
ae Ro. 5. 14.

af ch. 3. 23.
11. 3.

ag Jno. 5. 21.
6.33,&c.

ah Col. 3. 4.
ai Ge. 2. 7.

aj ch. 3. 19.
ak Jno. 3. 31.

al Jno. 3. 13.
am He. 12. 10.

an 2 Pe. 1. 4.
ao 1 Jno. 3. 2.

31 I protest by * your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, † I die daily.

32 If ‡ after the manner of men § I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage†hath it me, if the dead rise not ? * let us eat and drink ; for to morrow we die.

33 Be not deceived : † evil communications corrupt good manners.

34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not ; for some have not the knowledge of God : I speak this to your shame.

35 But some man will say, † How are the dead raised up ? and with what body do they come ?

36 Thou fool, † that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die :

37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain :

38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh : but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.

40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial : but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars : for one star differeth from another star in glory.

42 So * also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption ; it is raised in incorruption :

43 It * is sown in dishonour ; it is raised in glory : it is sown in weakness ; it is raised in power :

44 It is sown a natural body ; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam † was made a living soul ; † the last Adam was made † a quickening spirit.

46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural ; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47 The † first man is of the earth, earthy : the second man is * the Lord from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy : † and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

11. I or they, i. e. it is immaterial which. 12. no resurrection, that the dead cannot rise. 13. Christ not risen, the belief of one contradicts the other. 14. preaching vain, the Christian system must fall to pieces. 17. in your sins, no atonement having then been satisfactorily made. 19. most miserable, more to be pitied, exposed to the greatest evils, without reward. 20. firstfruits, see Lev. xxiii. 10. As the offering of the firstfruits derived a blessing on the rest, so Christ's resurrection secures the future harvest of the dead. 21. man, Adam, the Son of God in human nature. 22. all die, his death involved all. in Christ, by Christ. shall all, righteous and wicked. be made alive, rise again, the former to honour and glory ; the latter to judgment and shame, by virtue of His insulted power.—Ed. 23. in his own order, the righteous first, then the wicked. coming, to judgment. 24. end, of Christ's mediatorial reign. the kingdom, his dispensatory kingdom. to God, as God. even, 'and.' put down, abolished. all rule, &c. every thing that opposed him. 26. last, &c. no enemies were to be left not destroyed : read, 'death the last enemy shall be destroyed.'—Robert Hall. 27. he, God. he is excepted, the appointing power is not put under death. 28.

the Son, i. e. the incarnate Son. be subject, resign his mediatorial dominion. that God, &c. power shall be exercised by God as God. 29. Else, argument resumed from ver. 19. for the dead, in the room of departed Christians. 31. your rejoicing, your joy which I share in. I die daily, as really as I joy with you, so I die by daily suffering in hope of eternal life. 32. beasts, wild beasts in the theatre, as a spectacle, so some ; men wild as beasts, so others : see Acts xix. 24—34. what advantage†hath, &c. why so risk my life ? let us eat, &c. let us then enjoy life while we can. 33. deceived, by false teachers. communications, intercourse. 34. Awake, from their intoxications. 36. except, &c. men must die to obtain a glorious body. bare grain, a mere kernel, without its appendages. 39. not the same, out of the same elements God has produced various bodies. 40. celestial—terrestrial, these show a contrast of bodies. 42. So also, this enforces the argument. 45. first—last, from one we derive animal existence ; from the other, undying bodies. 46. not first, the decaying body is first, then the other. 47. from heaven, and therefore the raised body will be like his. 48. As, &c. as was Adam, so are his descendants, &c. : see Phil. iii. 21.

49 And ^a as we have borne the image of the earthy, ^b we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that ^d flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; ^e We shall not all sleep, ^f but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: ^g for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and ^h this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, ⁱ Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O ^j death, where is thy sting? O ^k grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and ^l the strength of sin is the law.

57 But ^m thanks be to God, which giveth us ⁿ the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, ^o my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know ^p that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

CHAP. XVI.

NOW concerning ^q the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

2 Upon ^r the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

3 And when I come, ^s whomsoever ye shall approve by ^t your letters, them will I send to bring your ^u liberality unto Jerusalem.

4 And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

5 Now I will come unto you, ^v when I shall pass through Macedonia: for I do pass through Macedonia.

6 And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go.

7 For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, ^w if the Lord permit.

A. D. 59.

^a Ge. 5. 3.

^b Ro. 8. 29.

^c 2 Co. 3. 18.

^d 4. 11.

^e Ac. 14. 27.

^f Re. 3. 8.

^g Mat. 16. 17.

^h Jno. 3. 3, 5.

ⁱ Ec. 19. 9.

^j Ro. 16. 21.

^k Phi. 2. 20, 22.

^l 1 Th. 3. 2.

^m 1 Th. 4. 15.

ⁿ 17.

^o Phi. 3. 21.

^p 1 Ti. 4. 12.

^q Ac. 15. 33.

^r Zec. 9. 14.

^s Mat. 24. 31.

^t Jno. 5. 25.

^u Is. 26. 19.

^v 2 Co. 5. 4.

^w Mat. 24. 42.

^x 1 Th. 5. 6.

^y 1 Pe. 5. 8.

^z Phi. 1. 27.

^{aa} 2 Th. 2. 15.

^{ab} Ep. 6. 10.

^{ac} Col. 1. 11.

^{ad} Is. 25. 8.

^{ae} He. 2. 14, 15.

^{af} Re. 20. 14.

^{ag} Ho. 13. 14.

^{ah} or, hell.

^{ai} Ro. 4. 15.

^{aj} 5. 13.

^{ak} 7. 5, 13.

^{al} Ro. 7. 25.

^{am} 1 Jno. 5. 4, 5.

^{an} He. 13. 17.

^{ao} 2 Pe. 3. 14.

^{ap} He. 6. 10.

^{aq} Phi. 2. 30.

^{ar} Phil. 13.

^{as} ch. 3. 8.

^{at} Col. 4. 8.

^{au} Ro. 15. 26.

^{av} 1 Th. 5. 12.

^{aw} Phi. 2. 29.

^{ax} Ac. 20. 7.

^{ay} Re. 1. 10.

^{az} 2 Co. 8. 19.

^{ba} Col. 4. 18.

^{bb} gift.

^{bc} 2 Co. 8. 4, 6, 19.

^{bd} Ep. 6. 24.

^{be} Ga. 1. 8, 9.

^{bf} Jude 14, 15.

^{bg} Ac. 19. 21.

^{bh} 2 Co. 1. 16.

^{bi} Ac. 18. 21.

^{bj} Ja. 4. 15.

8 But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.

9 For ^c a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and ^d there are many adversaries.

10 Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: ^e for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do.

11 Let ^f no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth ^g in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren.

12 As touching ^h our brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time.

13 Watch ⁱ ye, ^j stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, ^k be strong.

14 Let all your things be done with charity.

15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and ^l that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

16 That ^m ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and ⁿ laboureth.

17 I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: ^o for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.

18 For ^p they have refreshed my spirit and your's: therefore ^q acknowledge ye them that are such.

19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

20 All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss.

21 The ^r salutation of me Paul with mine own hand.

22 If any man ^s love not the Lord Jesus Christ, ^t let him be Anathema ^u Maran-atha.

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

^v The first epistle to the Corinthians was written from Philippi by Stephanas, and Fortunatus, and Achaicus, and Timotheus.

51. be changed, when Christ shall come to judgment. CHAP. XVI.—2. first day, Christian sabbath. gatherings, collecting. 6. bring me, accompany him: see Acts x. 23. 10. without fear, i. e. receive him kindly. conduct, attend and help him. 15. ministry of the saints, service of Christians. 16. submit, &c.

treat with respect. 17. that which was lacking, perhaps means friendly intercourse. 18. acknowledge, recognise as brethren. 19. salute, send Christian regards. 21. with mine own hand, and not as sometimes by amanuensis. 22. Anathema, 'accursed': see Rom. ix. 3, note. Maran-atha, in Syriac, 'the Lord cometh.'

The Second Epistle of PAUL the Apostle to the CORINTHIANS.

Written to confirm the Christians at Corinth, and vindicate his own character.

CHAP. I.

PAUL, ^a an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy ^b our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia: 2 Grace ^c be to you and peace from God

A. D. 60.

^a Col. 1. 1.

^b Ep. 1. 3.

^c 1 Pe. 1. 3.

^d Ro. 1. 7.

^e Phil. 3.

our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed ^d be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them

CHAP. I.—1. Achaia, of which Corinth was the capital. 3. Father of mercies, and the God of &c.

i. e. source of all consolation. 4. comforteth, by His Spirit's influences.

which are in any trouble by the comfort, wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

5 For as ^b the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

6 And whether we be afflicted, ^a it is for your consolation and salvation, which ^a is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, ^a it is for your consolation and salvation.

7 And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that ^a as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of ^a our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

9 But we had the ^a sentence of death in ourselves, that we should ^a not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

10 Who ^a delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

11 Ye also ^a helping together by prayer for us, that ^a for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and ^a godly sincerity, ^a not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

13 For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end;

14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, ^a that we are your rejoicing, even as ^a ye also are our's in the day of the Lord Jesus.

15 And in this confidence ^a I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have ^a a second ^a benefit;

16 And to pass by you into Macedonia, and ^a to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judea.

17 When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose ^a according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay?

18 But as God is true, our ^a word toward you was not yea and nay.

19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, ^a but in him was yea.

5. by Christ, 'through Christ.' 6. for your consolation, for the good of the churches in various ways. is effectual, &c. is effectually wrought out. for your consolation, by being able to impart it to you. 8. in Asia, in that province: see Acts xix. 28-31. 9. sentence, &c. expected to die. in God, whose mighty power alone could save. 11. the gift, 'the favour' in his rescue. by the means, by their prayers. 12. simplicity, integrity. 15. confidence, of my integrity. 17. did, &c. was I fickle and inconstant? according to the flesh, to suit my own ease and gratification. yea, yea. &c. making promises and breaking them. 19. For, &c. his Master and Pattern was all veracity. 20. Amen, i. e. true, faithful, certain. 21. anointed, the mode of setting apart kings, prophets, and priests, Exod. xxviii. 41; 1 Sam. x. 1; 1 Kings xix. 16. us, i. e. Christians, 1 John ii. 20. 22. sealed, set a mark on, as genuine

A. D. 60.

a Ro. 15. 8, 9.

b ch. 4. 10.

Ac. 9. 4.

Col. 1. 24.

c 1 Jno. 2. 20.

27.

d Ep. 1. 13.

4. 30.

2 Ti. 2. 19.

Re. 2. 17.

e ch. 4. 15.

f ch. 5. 5.

Ep. 1. 14.

* or, is

wrought.

g ch. 12. 20.

13. 2, 10.

1 Co. 4. 21.

h 1 Co. 3. 5.

i Pe. 5. 3.

j Ro. 11. 20.

k 1 Co. 15. 1.

l Ro. 8. 17.

2 Ti. 2. 12.

m Ac. 19. 23.

n 1 Co. 15. 32.

16. 9.

o ch. 13. 10.

p or, answer.

q Je. 17. 5, 7.

r ch. 12. 21.

s 2 Pe. 2. 9.

t Ga. 5. 10.

u Ro. 15. 30.

v Phi. 1. 19.

w Phil. 22.

x ch. 4. 15.

y ch. 7. 8, 9, 12.

z 1 Co. 5. 1.

aa ch. 2. 17.

ab 4. 2.

ac 1 Co. 2. 4, 13.

ad Ga. 4. 12.

ae or, censure.

af 1 Co. 5. 4, 5.

ag 1 Ti. 5. 20.

ah Ga. 6. 1.

ai ch. 5. 12.

aj Phi. 2. 16.

ak 4. 1.

al 1 Th. 2. 19, 20.

am 1 Co. 4. 19.

an Phi. 2. 12.

ao 2 Th. 3. 14.

ap Ro. 1. 11.

aq or, grace.

ar 1 Co. 16. 5, 6.

as or, sight.

at Ac. 16. 8.

au 20. 6.

av 1 Co. 16. 9.

aw ch. 10. 2.

ax or, preach-

ay ing.

az Ma. 1. 3.

ba He. 13. 8.

20 For ^a all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and ^a hath anointed us, is God;

22 Who ^a hath also sealed us, and given ^a the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

23 Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, ^a that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.

24 Not for ^a that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: ^a for ^a by faith ye stand.

CHAP. II.

BUT I determined this with myself, ^a that I would not come again to you in heaviness.

2 For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?

3 And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, ^a I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; ^a having confidence in you all, that my joy is ^a the joy of you all.

4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; ^a not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

5 But ^a if any have caused grief, he hath not ^a grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all.

6 Sufficient to such a man is this ^a punishment, which was inflicted ^a of many.

7 So ^a that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.

8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm ^a your love toward him.

9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be ^a obedient in all things.

10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes ^a forgave I it in the ^a person of Christ:

11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

12 Furthermore, ^a when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and ^a a door was opened unto me of the Lord,

13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest ^a the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

and approved, Rev. vii. 3, &c. earnest, a pledge to ratify a contract. of the Spirit, his influences as the pledge of glory. 23. to spare, avoiding the infliction of punishment. 24. dominion, we have no wish to control your belief.

CHAP. II.—1. in heaviness, by exercising correction. 2. you sorry, if you are grieved, can I enjoy comfort? —Ed. 3. this same, the former epistle. that my joy, that what adds to it, would add to yours. 5. in part, not personally, but in common with others. overcharge, I do not accuse the whole church. 6. of many, i. e. the church. 8. confirm, give strong expressions. 10. forgave, remitted punishment. 11. get an advantage, by stamping religion with undue severity. 14. to triumph, some think this alludes to a Roman triumph, when the streets for the procession were strewn with flowers and scented with perfumes.

15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, ^a in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

16 To ^b the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And ^d who is sufficient for these things?

17 For we are not as many, which ^{*} corrupt [†] the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we [†] in Christ.

CHAP. III.

DO we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, ⁱ epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?

2 Ye ^k are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ [†] ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but [†] in fleshy tables of the heart.

4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

5 Not ^c that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but ^c our sufficiency is of God;

6 Who also hath made us able ministers of [†] the new testament; not [†] of the letter, but of the spirit: for [†] the letter killeth, but [†] the spirit [†] giveth life.

7 But if the ministration of death, [†] written and engraven in stones, was glorious, ^a so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to [†] the end of that which is abolished:

14 But [†] their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old

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^a 1 Co. 1. 18.^b Jno. 9. 39.^c Ro. 11. 23, 26^d 1 Co. 15. 10.^e 1s. 25. 7.^f or, deal^g deceitfully^h with.ⁱ 2 Pe. 2. 3.^j 1 Co. 13. 12.^k Ro. 8. 29.^l 1 Co. 15. 49.^m or, of.ⁿ or, of the^o Lord the^p Spirit.^q Ae. 18. 27.^r 1 Co. 9. 2.^s shame,^t Ro. 1. 16.^u 1 Co. 3. 5.^v Ps. 40. 8.^w He. 8. 10.^x 2 Th. 2. 10.^y Jno. 15. 5.^z Jno. 12. 31.^{aa} Phi. 2. 13.^{ab} Jno. 1. 18.^{ac} Col. 1. 15.^{ad} He. 1. 3.^{ae} Je. 31. 31.^{af} Ro. 2. 27, 29.^{ag} Ro. 3. 20.^{ah} 7. 9. 11.^{ai} Ga. 3. 10.^{aj} Jno. 6. 63.^{ak} Ro. 8. 2.^{al} or, quick-^{am} eneth.^{an} Ex. 34. 1, 28.^{ao} Ge. 1. 3.^{ap} Ex. 34. 30.^{aq} is he who^{ar} hath.^{as} 2 Pe. 1. 19.^{at} 1 Pe. 2. 9.^{au} 1 Co. 2. 5.^{av} ch. 7. 5.^{aw} or, altogether^{ax} without help,^{ay} or, means.^{az} 1 Co. 15. 31.^{ba} Ro. 8. 17.^{bb} or, boldness.^{bc} Ps. 44. 22.^{bd} 1 Co. 15. 31.^{be} 49.^{bf} Ro. 10. 4.^{bg} ch. 13. 9.^{bh} 1s. 6. 10.^{bi} Jno. 12. 40.^{bj} Ps. 116. 10.

testament; which vail is done away in Christ.

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless ^c when it shall turn to the Lord, ^c the vail shall be taken away.

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18 But we all, with open face beholding ^e as in a glass the glory of the Lord, ^e are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as [†] by the Spirit of the Lord.

CHAP. IV.

THEREFORE seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2 But have renounced the hidden things of [†] dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 But if our gospel be hid, ^a it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom ^f the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, [†] who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, ^z who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, ^z hath ^b shined in our hearts, to give ^c the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, ^d that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

8 We are ^e troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not [†] in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

10 Always ^f bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, [†] that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

11 For we which live ^k are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

12 So then ^k death worketh in us, but life in you.

13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, ^a I believed,

CHAP. III.—1. Do, &c. implies a negation. 2. our epistle, 'our letters testimonial.' written, &c. as a satisfactory epistle, written to himself. read of all, by their reformation. 3. ministered by us, as the amanuenses' instruments. not in tables—tables, &c. the contrast is made with the law. 4. trust, confidence. to God-ward, toward God. 5. think, or reason. 6. letter, written law. spirit, new dispensation. killeth, condemns. life, spiritual life. 7. ministration of death, which expressed no pardon for offenders. 8. be glory, glorious. righteousness, rather, 'justification.' 9. made glorious, by its manner of promulgation. glory that excelleth, i. e. the gospel. 10. if that, covenant. much more that, covenant. 11. hope, persuasion of the superiority of the gospel. 12. not as Moses, for we conceal nothing. end, purpose: the scope of the Mosaic institutions was not clearly seen. 13. blinded, the Jews were stupid and dull. done away in Christ, here the obscurity is removed. 14. it, &c. the Jewish heart shall be converted. taken away, they shall clearly understand the truth. 15. that Spirit, the substance of the new dispensation, ver. 6. there

is liberty, the mind is unshackled. 16. we, Christians. open face, 'unreiled face.'—Macknight. glass, or burnished mirror, which strongly reflected the light; so the gospel reflects God's glory. are changed, so Christians reflect the gospel, by beholding Christ in the glass of his word. by the Spirit, that effects the change.

CHAP. IV.—1. received mercy, in being honoured with the apostleship. faint not, under difficulties. 2. renounced, spurned. hidden things, underhanded dealings. deceitfully, adulterating the truth. manifestation, the simple exhibition of. commending, so that each may approve it. 3. our gospel, that which the apostle preached. be hid, is obscure. 4. god, &c. Satan. 5. treasure, the gospel. earthen vessels, frail bodies. The allusion is to hiding treasures in earthen pots. 6. distressed, 'pressed down;' an allusion to wrestlers. 7. the dying, &c. in danger of violent death, like Christ. that the life, &c. that we may preach the risen Saviour.—Ed. 11. verse 10, in substance. 12. So, &c. we are exposed to death to promote your spiritual life. 13. same, that is, same as David.

and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

14 Knowing that ^a he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, that ^b the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet ^d the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For ^f our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While ^e we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

CHAP. V.

FOR we know that if ^t our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this ^u we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

3 If so be that ^p being clothed we shall not be found naked.

4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but ^u clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

5 Now ^t he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also ^u hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

6 Therefore ^{ue} are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

7 (For ^y we walk by faith, not by sight:)

8 We are confident, ^I say, and ^z willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

9 Wherefore we ^l labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

10 For ^e we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; ^d that every one may receive the things *done* in his body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be good or bad*.

11 Knowing therefore ^e the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

14. *present us*, to God, as his redeemed. 15. *things*, mean here sufferings. *that*, by these labours more might yet praise God. 16. *inward man*, the soul.

17. *worketh*, will produce. *weight*, opposed to "light." *eternal*, to moment. *glory*, to affliction.

18. *We look not*, rather, 'we not looking.' *things—seen*, poverty, persecution, &c. *things—not seen*, heaven's glories: compare Heb. xi. 1.

CHAP. V.—1. *earthly house*, i. e. body. *tabernacle*, moveable dwelling. *dissolved*, disunited. *not made with hands*, a term denoting great excellency. 2. *in this*, this tabernacle. *clothed upon*, to be clothed with a house, is a Hebrew metaphor. 3. *If so be*, Since. 4. *not for that*, &c. we are willing to suffer. *but clothed*, yet we pant for perfect glory. 5. *wrought*, prepared. *thing*, the heavenly dwelling. *earnest*, see chap. i. 22, note. 6. *confident*, courageous. *at home*, dwell in. 7. *walk*, habitually live. 10. *the things*, the appropriate reward. 11. *the terror*, how much the Lord is to be feared. *manifest unto God*, he sees our sincerity. 12. *commend not ourselves*, make not this appeal from vain glorious motives. *give you occasion*, &c. suggest such things as justify your adherence to us. *them*, the false

A. D. 60.

a Ro. 8. 11.

1 Co. 6. 14.

* in the face.

b ch. 1. 11.

c Ro. 5. 15.

d Ro. 7. 22.

e Ro. 6. 11, 12.

1 Pe. 4. 2.

f Mat. 5. 12.

g ch. 5. 7.

h Ro. 8. 24.

He. 11. 1.

i Mat. 12. 50.

j No. 15. 14.

k Jno. 6. 63.

l or, let him be.

m Ga. 5. 6.

n 6. 15.

o Is. 43. 18, 19.

p 65. 17.

q Re. 21. 5.

r Job 4. 19.

s Ro. 5. 10.

t Jno. 2. 2.

u Ro. 8. 23.

v Ro. 3. 24, 25.

w Re. 3. 18.

x 16. 15.

y put in us.

z Mal. 2. 7.

a Ep. 6. 20.

b 1 Co. 15. 53, 54.

c Is. 29. 23.

d ch. 1. 22.

e Ep. 1. 14.

f Is. 53. 6, 9, 12.

g Ga. 3. 13.

h 1 Pe. 2. 22, 24.

i Ro. 5. 19.

j 10. 3.

k 1 Co. 13. 12.

l Phi. 1. 23.

m He. 12. 15.

n Is. 49. 8.

o or, endeavour.

p Mat. 25. 31.

q 32.

r Ro. 14. 10.

s Ro. 2. 6.

t Re. 22. 12.

u commend-

ing, ch. 12.

v Job 31. 23.

w He. 10. 31.

x f ch. 11. 23, &c.

y or, in losses

z to and fro.

12 For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory ^{*} in appearance, and not in heart.

13 For whether we be beside ourselves it is to God: or whether we be sober, ^{it is} for your cause.

14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that ^e if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And *that* he died for all, ^e that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

16 Wherefore ^a henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, ⁱ yet now henceforth know we him no more.

17 Therefore if any man ^{be} in Christ [†] he is ^j a new creature: ^k old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things ^{are} of God, ^m who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

19 To wit, that ^o God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath ⁱ committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ^r ambassadors for Christ, as though God bid beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, ^{be} ye reconciled to God.

21 For ^e he hath made him *to be sin* for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made ^{*} the righteousness of God in him.

CHAP. VI.

WE then, as workers together *with him* beseech you also ^a that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

2 (For he saith, ^b I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

4 But in all things [†] approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In ^f stripes, in imprisonments, ^{*} in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

teachers. 13. *beside*, &c. deranged, as some said. *sober*, sane; in any case they were influenced by love to God and man. 14. *love of Christ*, to us and in us. *constraineth*, bears us away, as if by wind and tide. *all*, all sorts of sinners. *dead*, in sin and law.

15. *they which live*, are made alive to God. *unto themselves*, for their own interest. 16. *know*, i. e. estimate. *known Christ*, &c. we no longer look for him as a carnal Messiah. 17. *in Christ*, by faith. *become new*, in view of the mind. *things once hated* become lovely, &c. 18. *all things*, these changes are of God. *reconciled*, made enemies friends. 19. *God*, the Deity. *was in Christ*, incarnate. *reconciling*, by his atonement, mediation, and grace. *the world*, sinners throughout the earth. *imputing*, reckoning.

21. *to be sin*, 'a sin offering.' *made the righteousness of God*, a Hebraism, meaning divinely righteous.

CHAP. VI.—1. *workers together*, 'joint labourers,' not with God. *grace*, &c. offers of mercy, chap. v. 20, 21. 2. *thee*, Messiah: see Isa. xlix. 8. *behold, now*, the time of fulfilment is come. 3. *no offence*, the fellow-labourers. ver. 1, guarded their ministry by self-denying lives. 4. *approving*, behaving. 5. *stripes*, see chap. xi. 23—25. *imprisonments*, see

6 By pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

7 By the word of truth, by the ^b power of God, by ^c the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

9 As unknown, and yet well known; ^a as dying, and, behold, we live; ^f as chastened, and not killed;

10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

11 O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, ^a our heart is enlarged.

12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ^a ye are straitened in your own bowels.

13 Now for a recompence in the same, (^a I speak as unto *my* children,) be ye also enlarged.

14 Be ^a ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ^a ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, ^a "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

17 Wherefore ^a come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And ^a will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

CHAP. VII.

HAVING ^a therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, ^a we have defrauded no man.

3 I speak not *this* to condemn you: for ^a I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with you.

4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: ^a I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we

A. D. 60.

^a De. 32. 25.

^b 1 Co. 2. 4.

^c Ep. 6. 11, 13.

^d 2 Ti. 4. 7.

^e ch. 2. 13.

^f ch. 1. 9.

^g 1 Co. 4. 9.

^h Ps. 118. 18.

ⁱ Je. 20. 7, 9.

^j ch. 7. 3.

^k ch. 12. 15.

^l or, according to God.

^m 1 Co. 4. 14.

ⁿ 2 Sa. 12. 13.

^o Mat. 26. 75.

^p De. 7. 2, 3.

^q 1 Co. 5. 9.

^r 7. 39.

^s Pr. 17. 22.

^t 1 Ki. 18. 21.

^u 1 Co. 10. 21.

^v Ep. 5. 7, 11.

^w Is. 57. 15.

^x Tit. 3. 8, 14.

^y Ep. 5. 11.

^z Job 42. 6.

^{aa} Pr. 14. 16.

^{ab} Ps. 130. 6.

^{ac} Is. 26. 8.

^{ad} Ac. 17. 16.

^{ae} Mar. 9. 43.

^{af} 48.

^{ag} 1 Co. 3. 16.

^{ah} 6. 19.

^{ai} Ep. 2. 21, 22.

^{aj} He. 3. 6.

^{ak} Ex. 29. 45.

^{al} Le. 26. 12.

^{am} Je. 31. 33.

^{an} Eze. 37. 26.

^{ao} &c.

^{ap} Zec. 8. 8.

^{aq} b ch. 2. 4.

^{ar} Is. 52. 11.

^{as} Re. 18. 4.

^{at} Je. 31. 1, 9.

^{au} Re. 21. 7.

^{av} Ac. 28. 15.

^{aw} Ro. 15. 32.

^{ax} 1 Jno. 3. 3.

^{ay} [†] bowels,

^{az} ch. 6. 12.

^{ba} ch. 2. 9.

^{bb} Phi. 2. 12.

^{bc} ch. 12. 17.

^{bd} Ac. 20. 33.

^{be} 2 Th. 3. 4.

^{bf} Phil. 8. 21.

^{bg} ch. 6. 11, 12.

^{bh} Col. 1. 27.

^{bi} Phil. 1. 24.

^{bj} Mar. 12. 44.

^{bk} [†] simplicity.

^{bl} ch. 9. 11.

were troubled on every side; ^a without *were* fightings, within *were* fears.

6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by ^a the coming of Titus;

7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me: so that I rejoiced the more.

8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, ^a though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it *were* but for a season.

9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry ^a after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

10 For ^a godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but ^a the sorrow of the world worketh death.

11 For behold this selfsame thing, ^a that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what ^a carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what ^a clearing of yourselves, yea, what ^a indignation, yea, what ^a fear, yea, what ^a vehement desire, yea, what ^a zeal, yea, what ^a revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

12 Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, I did it not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, ^a but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.

13 Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit ^a was refreshed by you all.

14 For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Titus, is found a truth.

15 And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembreth ^a the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.

16 I rejoice therefore that ^a I have confidence in you in all things.

CHAP. VIII.

MOREOVER, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and ^a their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

Acts iii. 24, &c. tumults, Acts xiv. 19; xvi. 19, 20; xviii. 6; xix. 6. by knowledge, spiritual wisdom.

by the Holy Ghost, his gifts and graces. 7. power, attending their ministry. armour of righteousness, a holy life. on the right, &c. alluding to the sword and shield.

8. By honour, &c. whether honoured or not. as deceivers, &c. while regarded as such, yet not such. 9. unknown, to fame. well known, by their labours. as dying, &c. exposed to death, yet preserved.

chastened, Heb. xii. 6. 10. poor, in earth's wealth. rich, spiritually. all things, in God. 11. open, we speak freely. enlarged, we have deep feelings.

12. straitened, their hearts were not contracted towards the Corinthians, but the Corinthians had not shown a like return. 13. for a recompence, &c. return love for love. 14. unequally yoked, by marriage or needless intercourse. 15. Belial, here means Satan.

17. receive, recognise as my friends.

CHAP. VII. — 1. promises, in chap. vi. 17, 18. cleanse ourselves, God works, and by his aid so do we.

filthiness, sensual desires, &c. perfecting, &c. going on to perfection. in the fear, &c. from a filial fear of God.

2. Receive us, in your affections. 3. condemn, or reproach you. 4. boldness, speaking as a friend.

5. fightings, oppositions. fears, for the state of the Corinthian church: see ver. 6.—coming of Titus, from Corinth to Macedonia.

8. did repent, for a moment, in putting them to pain. made you sorry, with godly sorrow, ver. 9.

11. this—thing, your sorrowing. carefulness, to amend. clearing, apologies. indignation, against the sin. fear, godly fear. desire, to remove the cause of complaint.

zeal, for God's cause. revenge, punishment of the guilty. 12. for his cause, &c. see 1 Cor. v. 1. that suffered wrong, i. e. the injured Father; there was no personal feeling. 14. found a truth, all I said of you is true. 15. fear, of offending. trembling, at sin.

CHAP. VIII.—1. we do, &c. i. e. we inform you. 2. joy—poverty, though in great trouble, their holy joy prevailed; and though very poor, their liberality

3 For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they* were willing of themselves;

4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* ^a the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And *this they did*, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

6 Inasmuch that ^c we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same ^d grace also.

7 Therefore, as ^e ye abound in every *thing*, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, *see* ^f that ye abound in this grace also.

8 ^g I ^h *do* speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁱ that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

10 And herein ^j I give my advice: for ^k this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be ^l forward ^m a year ago.

11 Now therefore perform the doing of *it*; that as *there was* a readiness to will, so *there may be* a performance also out of that which ye have.

12 For ⁿ if there be first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

13 For *I mean* not ^o that other men be eased, and ye burdened:

14 But by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may be* a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be *a supply* for your want: that there may be equality:

15 As it is written, ^p He that *had gathered* much had nothing over; and he that *had gathered* little had no lack.

16 But thanks *be* to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.

17 For indeed he accepted ^q the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.

18 And we have sent with him ^r the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches;

19 And not *that* only, but who was also ^s chosen of the churches to travel with us with this ^t grace, which is administered by us ^u to the glory of the same Lord, and *declaration* of your ready mind:

20 Avoiding this, ^v that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:

21 Providing ^w for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

A. D. 60.

* or, he hath.

^a ch. 9. 1.

Ac. 11. 29.

24. 17.

Ro. 15. 25, 26.

^b Phi. 2. 25.

c ch. 12. 18.

^d or, gift.

ver. 4. 19.

^e 1 Th. 1. 7, 8.

^f 1 Co. 1. 5.

12. 13.

^g Ac. 11. 29.

Ro. 15. 26.

^h 1 Co. 16. 1.

Ga. 2. 10.

ⁱ ch. 9. 8.

^j 1 Co. 7. 6.

^k ch. 8. 19.

^l ch. 8. 24.

^m ch. 8. 10.

ⁿ Mat. 8. 20.

Phi. 2. 6, 7.

^o 1 Co. 7. 25.

^p Pr. 19. 17.

Mat. 10. 42.

^q 1 Ti. 6. 18, 19.

He. 13. 16.

^r willing.

^s ch. 9. 2.

^t Lu. 21. 3.

^u blessing.

Ge. 33. 11.

^v 1 Sa. 25. 27.

^w 2 Ki. 5. 15.

^x or, which hath been so much spoken of before.

^y Ac. 4. 34.

^z Pr. 11. 24.

22. 9.

^a Ga. 6. 7, 9.

^b De. 15. 7.

^c Ex. 16. 18.

^d Ex. 25. 2.

35. 5.

^e Pr. 11. 25.

^f Ro. 12. 8.

^g Pr. 28. 27.

^h Phi. 4. 19.

ⁱ ver. 6.

^j Ps. 112. 9.

^k ch. 12. 18.

^l Is. 55. 10.

^m 1 Co. 16. 3, 4.

ⁿ or, gift.

ver. 4, 6, 7.

^o simplicity,

ch. 8. 2.

or, liberality

^p ch. 1. 11.

^q ch. 4. 15.

^r Mat. 10. 16.

^s Ep. 5. 15.

^t Ro. 12. 17.

^u Phi. 4. 8.

^v 1 Pe. 2. 12.

^w Mat. 5. 16.

22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which ^x I have in you.

23 Whether *any do enquire* of Titus, *he is* my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren *be enquired*, *they are* ^y the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.

24 Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our ^z boasting on your behalf.

CHAP. IX.

FOR as touching ^a the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:

2 For I know ^b the forwardness of your mind, ^c for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that ^d Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:

4 Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.

5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your ^e bounty, ^f whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as ^g a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

6 But ^h this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so *let him give*; ⁱ not grudgingly, or of necessity: for ^j God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And ^k God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:

9 (As it is written, ^l He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

10 Now he that ^m ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

11 Being enriched in every thing to all ⁿ bountifulness, ^o which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they ^p glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of

abounded.—Ed. 3. beyond, &c. i. e. beyond what they were well able to do. 4. fellowship, a part in the labour. 5. not as we hoped, but surpassed it, gave their own selves, their all to be the Lord's. unto us, to direct the contributions. 6. grace, benevolence: Titus was to complete his collecting there. 8. by commandment, authoritatively. but by occasion, &c. I plead the Macedonian example. 9. was rich, as Creator, John 1. 3; Col. 1. 16. he became poor, implies his pre-existence in a better condition. 12. a man hath, God requires no more than we can do. 14. for your want, if ever needed. 15. had nothing over, imparting to the less successful. 17. the

exhortation, given by Paul to visit them. 20. blame us, charge us with appropriating any part to ourselves. abundance, large amount. 21. Providing, &c. acting so as to be approved of God and men. 23. messengers, &c. persons sent by the churches to transact any business. 24. before the churches, Corinth had communication with the whole civilized world.

CHAP. IX.—1. ministering, &c. aiding poor Christians in Judaea, 1 Cor. xvi. 1; 2 Cor. viii. 2. Achaia, includes Corinth. 3. in vain, from any delay. 5. not as of covetousness, as a sort of extortion. 6. all grace, all kinds of favour. 12. is abundant, will produce abundant thanksgiving.

Christ, and for your liberal ^a distribution unto them, and unto all men;

14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding ^b grace of God in you.

15 Thanks be unto God ^c for his unspeakable gift.

CHAP. X.

NOW ^d I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in ^e presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:

2 But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which I think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For ^f the weapons ^g of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty ^h through God ⁱ to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting ^j down ^k imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And ^l having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

7 Do ^m ye look on things after the outward appearance? If ⁿ any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so ^o are ^p we Christ's.

8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.

10 For his letters, ^q say they, are weighty and powerful; but ^r his bodily presence is weak, and his ^s speech contemptible.

11 Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present.

12 For ^t we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, ^u are not wise.

13 But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the ^v rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.

14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in ^w preaching the gospel of Christ:

15 Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, ^x of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith

A. D. 60.

^a He. 13. 16.^{* or, magnified in you.}^b ch. 8. 1.^{† or, rule.}^c Ja. 1. 17.^d Is. 65. 16.^e Je. 9. 24.^f 1 Co. 1. 31.^g Ro. 12. 1.^h Fr. 27. 2.ⁱ Ro. 2. 29.^j 1 Co. 4. 5.^{† or, outward appearance}^{§ or, ye do bear with me.}^{|| or, reckon.}^{||} Ga. 4. 17. 18.ⁱ Ho. 2. 19. 20.^j 1 Co. 4. 15.^k Col. 1. 23.^l Le. 21. 13.^m Ep. 6. 13.ⁿ 1 Th. 5. 8.^o 1 Ti. 1. 18.^p 2 Ti. 2. 3.^q Ge. 3. 4.^r Jno. 8. 44.^{* or, to God.}^p Je. 1. 10.^r He. 13. 9.^s 2 Pe. 3. 17.^t 1 Co. 3. 19.^{† or, reasonings.}^t Ga. 1. 7. 8.^u ch. 13. 2. 10.^{† or, me.}^v ch. 12. 11.^w 1 Co. 15. 10.^x Ga. 2. 6.^y Jno. 7. 24.^y 1 Co. 14. 37.^z 1 Jno. 4. 6.^a Ep. 3. 4.^a 1 Co. 3. 23.^b Ac. 18. 3.^{§ saith he.}^c Ga. 4. 13.^d Ac. 20. 33.^e 1 Co. 1. 17.^f Phi. 4. 10.^g ch. 5. 12.^h Ro. 9. 1.^{|| this boasting shall not be stopped in me.}^{* or, understand it not}^{† or, line.}ⁱ 2 Pe. 2. 1.^j 1 Jno. 4. 1.^k Re. 2. 2.^l Ga. 1. 8.^m ch. 3. 9.ⁿ Ro. 15. 20.^o Phi. 3. 19.

is increased, that we shall be ^a enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,

16 To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's ^b line of things made ready to our hand.

17 But ^c he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

18 For ^d not he that commendeth himself is approved, but ^e whom the Lord commendeth.

CHAP. XI.

WOULD to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed ^f bear with me.

2 For I am ^g jealous over you with godly jealousy: for ^h I have espoused you to one husband, ⁱ that I may present you ^j as a chaste virgin to Christ.

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as ^k the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds ^l should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or ^m another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with ⁿ him.

5 For I suppose ^o I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles.

6 But though I be rude in speech, yet not ^p in knowledge; but we have been thoroughly made manifest among you in all things.

7 Have I committed an offence ^q in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?

8 I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.

9 And when I was present with you, and wanted, ^r I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me ^s the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.

10 As ^t the truth of Christ is in me, ^u no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia.

11 Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth.

12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

13 For such ^v are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into ^w an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as ^x the ministers of righteousness; ^y whose end shall be according to their works.

14. by their prayer, &c. their bounty would be repaid by prayer. 15. unspeakable gift, a greater gift God has bestowed on us,—his own Son.

CHAP. X.—1. base, cowardly. 2. not be bold, save me from the occasion. flesh, governed by corrupt principles. 3. the flesh, mortal bodies. after the flesh, from worldly policy. 4. strong holds, obstacles to the truth. 5. high thing, proud opinion. 6. to revenge, i. e. by miraculous power. 9. That, &c. elliptical, and requires, 'But I forbear boasting' that, &c. 10. speech contemptible, not showy, like that of their orators. 12. comparing, &c. making themselves the standard of excellence. 13. a measure,

&c. I may speak of my labours among you. 15. enlarged, get honour.

CHAP. XI.—1. folly, of self-commendation. 2. jealous, implies his ardent love. virgin, i. e. pure. 4. another Jesus, &c. meaning perhaps, a better Saviour and a better gospel, &c. 5. not a whit behind, i. e. in evidence. 6. rude, unlettered; probably an assertion of the false teachers. knowledge, i. e. of religion. 7. abasing, by manual employment. 8. wages of them, others aided him to labour freely for them. 12. will do, still pursue the same course. 15. no great thing, not surprising, end, final destiny.

16 I ^a say again, Let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool ^a receive me, that I may boast myself a little.

17 That which I speak, ^a I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.

18 Seeing ^a that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.

19 For ye suffer fools gladly, ^a seeing ye yourselves are wise.

20 For ye suffer, ^a if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.

21 I speak as concerning reproach, ^a as though we had been weak. Howbeit ^m whereinssoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.

22 Are they Hebrews? ^a so am I. Are they Israelites? ^a so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? ^a so am I.

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; ^a in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, ^a in deaths oft.

24 Of the Jews five times received I ^a forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I ^a beaten with rods, ^a once was I stoned, thrice I ^a suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, ^a in perils by mine own countrymen, ^a in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

27 In weariness and painfulness, ^a in watchings often, ^a in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, ^a the care of all the churches.

29 Who ^a is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

30 If I must needs glory, ^a I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^a which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

32 In ^a Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

CHAP. XII.

IT is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. ^a I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2 I knew a man ^a in Christ about fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I

A. D. 60.

^a ch. 12. 6, 11.

^a or, suffer.

^b Ac. 22. 17.

^c A. D. 46.

^d at Lystra, Ac. 14. 6.

^e 1 Co. 7. 6, 12.

^f Phi. 3. 3, 4.

^g Lu. 23. 43.

^h or, possible.

ⁱ 1 Co. 4. 10.

^j Ja. 1. 2, 12.

^k Ga. 2. 4.

^l ch. 11. 16.

^m ch. 10. 10.

ⁿ Phi. 3. 4, 5.

^o Ac. 22. 3.

^p Ro. 11. 1.

^q Eze. 28. 24.

^r Ga. 4. 13, 14.

^s Job 2. 7.

^t Lu. 13. 16.

^u 1 Pe. 5. 8.

^v 1 Co. 15. 10.

^w De. 3. 23, 27.

^x Mat. 26. 44.

^y 1 Co. 15. 30.

^z De. 25. 3.

^{aa} Ac. 16. 22.

^{ab} ch. 11. 30.

^{ac} Ac. 14. 19.

^{ad} Ac. 27. 41.

^{ae} 1 Pe. 4. 14.

^{af} Ro. 5. 3.

^{ag} Ac. 9. 23.

^{ah} 23. 10, 13.

^{ai} 25. 3.

^{aj} Ac. 14. 5.

^{ak} 19. 23.

^{al} Ac. 20. 31.

^{am} Ga. 2. 6, 8.

^{an} 1 Co. 4. 11.

^{ao} Ep. 3. 8.

^{ap} Ro. 15. 18, 19.

^{aq} 1 Co. 9. 2.

^{ar} k Ac. 20. 18, &c.

^{as} Ro. 1. 14.

^{at} 1 Co. 8. 13.

^{au} 9. 22.

^{av} 1 Co. 1. 7.

^{aw} ch. 12. 5, 9, 10.

^{ax} ch. 13. 1.

^{ay} Ro. 9. 5.

^{az} Ac. 20. 33.

^{ba} 1 Co. 10. 33.

^{bb} 1 Co. 4. 14, 15.

^{bc} Ac. 9. 21, 25.

^{bd} 1 Th. 2. 8.

^{be} Phi. 2. 17.

^{bf} Jno. 10. 11.

^{bg} your souls.

^{bh} ch. 11. 9.

^{bi} For I will come.

^{bj} ch. 5. 17.

^{bk} Ro. 16. 7.

^{bl} Ga. 1. 22.

cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one ^b caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I ^c knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

4 How that he was caught up into ^f paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

5 Of such an one will I glory: ^a yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

6 For ^k though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but ^{now} I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he hearth of me.

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a ^o thorn in the flesh, ^p the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For ^a this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore ^a will I rather glory in my infirmities, ^a that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore ^b I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for ^a in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though ^a I be nothing.

12 Truly ^a the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

13 For ^m what is it wherein you were inferior to other churches, except ^{it be} that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.

14 Behold, ^o the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for ^a I seek not your's, but you: ^a for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

15 And ^a I will very gladly spend and be spent ^v for ^a you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

16 But be it so, ^a I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.

17 Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?

18 I desired Titus, and with ^{him} I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps?

18. after the flesh, of their birth, rank, &c.

suffer fools, so bear with me; most sarcastic.—

Bloomfield. 20. suffer, bear patiently with those

that impose on you in all ways, by domineering,

extortion, &c. 21. as concerning, i. e. in reference

to reproaches cast upon us. I speak foolishly, being

so inferior to others,—this is sarcasm. 26. waters,

perhaps floods. 27. watchings, from toils and

danger. 28. that are, &c. these external trials.

cometh upon, 'rushes upon.' 29. I—weak, sym-

pathise with him. offended, 'scandalized,' caused to

stumble. burn, with agitation.

CHAP. XII.—1. not expedient, does not become me.

2. a man, himself. whether in, &c. it is inexplicable.

third heaven, so the Jews called the seat of the Divine

glory. 4. paradise, the place of departed souls.

5. of myself, directly. infirmities, weaknesses, trials,

&c. 7. thorn, some bodily defect, say many. Dr.

A. Clarke thinks it was the opposition he endured at

Corinth. 8. thrice, i. e. often. 9. made perfect,

manifested. power, strength that Christ imparts.

11. commended, they were bound in gratitude to

vindicate him. 12. signs, miracles. 13. except,

&c. you have not been burdened with the privilege of

supporting me; a sarcasm.—Bloomfield. 14. parents

for the children, so I act as your spiritual father.

16. being crafty, &c. so St. Paul's enemies insinuated,

to which he replies, verses 17, 18.—same spirit, of

19 Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? ^o we speak before God in Christ: ^c but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.

20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that ^f I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

21 And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many ^g which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and ^h fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

CHAP. XIII.

THIS is the third time I am coming to you. ⁱ In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

2 I ^m told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare:

3 Since ye seek a proof of Christ ⁿ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty ^o in you.

4 For ^p though he was crucified through weakness, yet ^q he liveth by the power of God. For ^r we also are weak ^s in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

A. D. 60.

- a 1 Co. 11. 28.
- b Ro. 9. 1.
- c 1 Co. 10. 33.
- d Ro. 8. 10.
- e Ga. 4. 19.
- f 1 Co. 9. 27.
- g 1 Co. 4. 21.
- h ch. 13. 2.
- i 1 Co. 5. 1.
- j 1 Th. 3. 10.
- k Tit. 1. 13.
- l Nu. 35. 30.
- m Mat. 18. 16.
- n Jo. 8. 17.
- o He. 10. 28.
- p ch. 10. 2.
- q Ro. 12. 16, 18.
- r 15. 5.
- s 1 Co. 1. 10.
- t Phi. 2. 2.
- u 3. 16.
- v 1 Pe. 3. 8.
- w Ro. 15. 33.
- x Ro. 16. 16.
- y 1 Th. 5. 26.
- z 1 Pe. 5. 14.
- 1 Mat. 10. 20.
- 2 1 Co. 5. 4.
- 3 Ro. 16. 24.
- 4 1 Co. 9. 2.
- 5 Phi. 2. 1.
- 6 Phi. 2. 7, 8.
- 7 1 Pe. 3. 18.
- 8 Ro. 6. 4.
- 9 ch. 10. 3, 4.
- 10 or, with.

5 Examine ^a yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, ^d how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be ^e reprobates?

6 But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.

7 Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.

8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

9 For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, ⁱ even your perfection.

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present ^k I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, ⁿ be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love ^o and peace shall be with you.

12 Greet ^p one another with an holy kiss.

13 All the saints salute you.

14 The ^q grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and ^r the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

^u The second epistle to the Corinthians was written from Philippi, a city of Macedonia, by Titus and Lucas.

uprightness. 20. such as ye would not, compelled to administer discipline. 21. humble me, suffer me to be mortified and grieved.

CHAP. XIII.—1. witnesses, by this Jewish rule he would act in his discipline. 2. have sinned, i. e. church offenders. 3. ye seek, they had demanded evidence of his authority. to you-ward is not weak, they had had strong evidence by his miracles or doctrines. 4. For though, &c. Christ did not exert

his power, neither did he. 5. prove, as metals are assayed. reprobates, i. e. base, as bad metal. 7. we be as reprobates, so regarded. 9. when we are weak, or seem so, having no need of showing our authority. perfection, the word implies a compact and vigorous body. 10. use sharpness, have occasion for severity. 11. perfect, see ver. 9. note. 14. grace, free favour, mercy, and salvation of Christ. communion, participation in the Spirit's gifts and graces.

The Epistle of PAUL the Apostle to the GALATIANS.

Treats on justification by faith, in opposition to some Jewish zealots, who enforced circumcision on the Galatians.

CHAP. I.

PAUL, an apostle, (not of men, neither of man, but ^a by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead:)

2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace ^b be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 Who ^c gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us ^d from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.

5 To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

7 Which ^e is not another; but there be

A. D. 53.

- a Ac. 9. 6.
- b 1 Co. 16. 22.
- c 2 Jno. 3.
- d De. 4. 2.
- e 12. 32.
- f Pr. 30. 6.
- g Re. 22. 18.
- h Mat. 20. 28.
- i Ro. 4. 25.
- j Tit. 2. 14.
- k 1 Th. 2. 4.
- l Is. 65. 17.
- m Jno. 15. 19.
- n 17. 14.
- o He. 2. 5.
- p 6. 5.
- q 1 Jno. 5. 19.
- r Ja. 4. 4.
- s 1 Co. 15. 1, 3.
- t Ep. 3. 3.
- u 2 Co. 11. 4.

some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But though ^a we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you ^d than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

10 For ^f do I now persuade men, or God? or ^g do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

12 For ⁱ I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but ^j by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

CHAP. I.—1. not of men, not of human, but Divine appointment. 4. gave, &c. as an atoning sacrifice. 6. world, from its influence. God and, 'God and.' 6. him, Paul, or it may mean God himself.

another gospel, different from mine. 7. not another undeserving the name. 8. accursed, see Rom. ix. 3, note. 10. persuade, 'aim to approve myself to.' Boothroyd. pleased, made that his aim.

13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and ^b wasted it:

14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my ^{*} equals in mine own nation, ^d being more exceedingly zealous ^e of the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when it pleased God, ^f who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

16 To ^g reveal his Son in me, that ⁱ I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with ^k flesh and blood:

17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

18 Then after three years ^h I [†] went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

19 But ^j other of the apostles saw I none, save [†] James the Lord's brother.

20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

21 Afterwards [†] I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia;

22 And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judæa which were in Christ:

23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

24 And they glorified God in me.

CHAP. II.

THEN fourteen years after ^{*} I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also.

2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but [†] privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means ^a I should run, or had run, in vain.

3 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:

4 And that because of ^c false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our ^d liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, ^e that they might bring us into bondage:

5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

6 But of those [†] who seemed to be somewhat, whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: [†] God accepteth no man's person: for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me:

7 But contrariwise, ^g when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision

A. D. 58.

^a 1 Th. 2. 4.

^b Ac. 8. 3.

^c Ac. 13. 2.

^d 1 Co. 15. 10.

^e Col. 1. 29.

^f equals in years.

^g Ac. 22. 3.

^h Je. 9. 14.

ⁱ Mar. 7. 5.

^j Ep. 2. 20.

^k Re. 21. 14.

[†] Is. 49. 1. 5.

[†] Je. 1. 5.

[†] 2 Co. 4. 6.

[†] Ac. 22. 21.

[†] 26. 17, 18.

[†] Ro. 11. 13.

[†] Ep. 3. 8.

[†] Mat. 16. 17.

[†] 1 Co. 15. 50.

[†] Co. 6. 12.

[†] 2 Co. VIII.

[†] IX.

[†] Ac. 15. 35.

[†] Ac. 9. 26.

[†] returned

[†] Ac. 11. 3.

[†] 1 Co. 9. 5.

[†] Mat. 13. 55.

[†] Ac. 9. 30.

[†] 1 Ti. 5. 20.

[†] Ac. 10. 28.

[†] Ac. 13. 38, 39.

[†] Ac. 15. 2.

[†] Ro. 1. 17.

[†] 3. 22, 23.

[†] He. 7. 18, 19.

[†] Ps. 143. 2.

[†] or, severally.

[†] Phi. 2. 16.

[†] 1 Th. 3. 5.

[†] 1 Jno. 3. 8, 9.

[†] 2 Co. 11. 26.

[†] Ro. 8. 2.

[†] Ro. 6. 14.

[†] 7. 4. 6.

[†] Ro. 6. 11.

[†] 2 Co. 5. 15.

[†] 1 Th. 5. 10.

[†] He. 9. 14.

[†] ch. 3. 25.

[†] 5. 1, 13.

[†] Is. 51. 23.

[†] 2 Co. 5. 15.

[†] 1 Th. 5. 10.

[†] 1 Pe. 4. 2.

[†] Ep. 5. 2.

[†] Tit. 2. 14.

[†] ch. 6. 3.

[†] ch. 3. 21.

[†] Ro. 11. 6.

[†] He. 7. 11.

[†] Ac. 10. 34.

[†] Ro. 2. 11.

[†] 1 Ti. 2. 7.

[†] 2 Ti. 1. 11.

^a was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;

8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, ^c the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be [†] pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

10 Only they would that we should remember the poor; ^d the same which I also was forward to do.

11 But ^e when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

12 For before that certain came from James, ^f he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter ^g before them all, "If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?"

15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

16 Knowing ^h that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but ⁱ by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for ^j by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found ^k sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

19 For I [†] through the law [†] am dead to the law, that I might [†] live unto God.

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh [†] I live by the faith of the Son of God, [†] who loved me, and gave himself for me.

21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for [†] if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

CHAP. III.

O FOOLISH Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the

13. conversation, 'behaviour.' 14. profited, 'made proficiency in.'—G. Holden. 15. separated, set me apart in His gracious purpose. 16. in me, 'to me.' flesh, &c. any man, or his carnal interests. 17. Neither went, &c. Paul needed no apostle's instruction. 18. see, 'get acquainted with.'—G. Holden.

CHAP. II.—1. I went, &c. mentioned Acts xv. 2. 2. by revelation, not to seek instruction. communicated, explained in its fullest extent. of reputation, i. e. elders and leading persons. lest, &c. lest he should stir up opposition and impede the gospel. 3. compelled, Paul would not suffer Titus to be circumcised to gratify false brethren. 6. somewhat, i. e. 'of most reputation.' added, 'communicated.'—G. Holden. 7. gospel of the uncircumcision, i. e. to

the Gentiles. of the circumcision, that is, to the Jews, Acts ix. 15; 1 Cor. ix. 17; 1 Tim. i. 11. 8. mighty in me, 'wrought powerfully by me in the conversion of the Gentiles.' 9. seemed to be, 'were judged to be.' pillars, supporters of the church. the grace, of the apostleship. 10. the poor, among the converted Jews: see Rom. xv. 26; and 2 Cor. ix. 1. &c. 17. found sinners, not pardoned and justified as must be the case if return to legal ceremonies were necessary. Christ the minister of sin? the question implies indignation at the thought. 19. through the law, &c. the law has taught me that it cannot justify. 20. crucified, see Rom. vii. 4, note. 21. dead in vain, he died unnecessarily.

CHAP. III.—1. bewitched, 'imposed on you,' as by

truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye ^e the Spirit by the works of the law, ^r or by the hearing of faith?

3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by ^e the flesh?

4 Have ye suffered so ^e many things in vain? if it be yet in vain.

5 He therefore ^e that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth ^{he} it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

6 Even as ^e Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

7 Know ye therefore that ^r they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, "In thee shall all nations be blessed."

9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them."

11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, ^e The just shall live by faith.

12 And the law is not of faith: but, ^r The man that doeth them shall live in them.

13 Christ ^e hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, "Cursed is every one that langueth on a tree:"

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive ^e the promise of the Spirit through faith.

15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; ^e Though it be but a man's ^e covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, ^e which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

A. D. 58.

a Jno. 15. 22.

1 Ti. 1. 9.

b Ac. 7. 53.

He. 2. 2.

c Ep. 1. 13.

He. 6. 4.

d Jno. 1. 17.

Ac. 7. 38.

1 Ti. 2. 5.

e Ro. 10. 16, 17.

f Ro. 3. 29, 30.

g He. 9. 10.

h or, great.

i 2 Co. 3. 8.

j Ro. 3. 9, 19.

23.

11. 32.

k Ge. 15. 6.

l or, imputed

m Jno. 8. 39.

Ro. 4. 11, 16.

n Mat. 5. 17.

Ro. 10. 4.

o Col. 2. 17.

He. 9. 9, 10.

p Ge. 12. 3.

q Ac. 3. 25.

r 1 Jno. 3. 1, 2.

s Ro. 6. 3.

t Col. 3. 11.

u De. 27. 26.

Je. 11. 3.

v Jno. 10. 16.

Ep. 2. 14. 16.

w Ge. 21. 10, 12.

He. 11. 18.

x Ep. 3. 6.

y Hab. 2. 4.

z Le. 18. 5.

Eze. 20. 11.

Ro. 10. 5.

a Ro. 8. 3.

b 2 Co. 5. 21.

c De. 21. 23.

d ch. 5. 1.

e Col. 2. 8, 20.

f or, rudiments.

g Joel 2. 28, 29.

h Jno. 7. 39.

i Ac. 2. 33.

j Ge. 49. 10.

k Da. 9. 24.

l He. 9. 17.

m Ge. 3. 15.

n Is. 7. 14.

o Jno. 1. 14.

p or, testament.

q Mat. 20. 28.

r Tit. 2. 14.

s Jno. 1. 12.

t Ep. 1. 5.

u i Ro. 5. 5.

v Ex. 12. 10, 41.

w Col. 2. 20.

x || or, back.

19 Wherefore then serveth the law?

"It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ^e ordained by angels in the hand ^d of a mediator."

20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, ^f but God is one.

21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

22 But the scripture hath concluded ^r all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore ^m the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

26 For ye ^e are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For ^r as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There ^r is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all ^e one in Christ Jesus.

29 And ^r if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and ^v heirs according to the promise.

CHAP. IV.

NOW I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

3 Even so we, when we were children, ^e were in bondage under the elements of the world:

4 But ^r when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made ^f of a woman, made under the law,

5 To ^e redeem them that were under the law, ^k that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth ⁱ the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, ⁱ how turn ye ^{||} again to the weak and beggarly

magic. set forth, by Paul's preaching. 2. the Spirit, i. e. his gifts and graces. 3. the flesh, carnal ordinances. 4. suffered, endured so much for the gospel. if it be yet in vain, which it would be if they could not be saved by it. 5. as Abraham, see Rom. iv. 1, &c. notes. 7. of faith, seek justification by it only: see Rom. iv. 11, notes. 8. In thee, i. e. in the promised Saviour of thy race. 10. are of the works, seeking justification by the law. under the curse, subject to the sentence on imperfect obedience, Deut. xxvii. 26. 1. The just, &c. see Hab. ii. 4. 13. curse, condemnation, made a curse, an expiatory sacrifice. 14. promise, &c. i. e. the promised Spirit.—G. Holden. 5. after the manner, i. e. illustrate by a common example. 17. the covenant, with Abraham. in Christ, with respect to Christ. 19. the seed, Christ. ordained by 'given through' angels, who attended on

Sinai. mediator, Moses. 20. of one, party only. The true Mediator is not a mediator of one, but even of all nations: and the God of all is the Mediator.—So David Martin. 21. against, or contrary to. the promises, in the Abraham covenant. 22. under sin, see Rom. iii. 10, &c. the promise, of pardon and salvation. 23. came, was fully promulgated, kept, &c. in the custody of the law. 25. schoolmaster, showing Christ dimly by types and sacrifices. 26. children, received into a state of adoption. 27. put on Christ, professed him, and received his righteousness. CHAP. IV.—1. of all, the inheritance. 3. elements, &c. rudimentary ordinances of the law. 4. of the world, Mosaic ceremonies had a worldly character, being addressed to the senses. 4. under the law, which he obeyed. 9. how turn ye, &c. after serving false gods, would you become the slave of Jewish rites and times?

* elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

11 I am afraid of you, * lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

12 Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all.

13 Ye know how *f* through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me * as an angel of God, * even as Christ Jesus.

15 † Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it *had been* possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.

16 Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

17 They * zealously affect you, *but* not well; yea, they would exclude † you, that ye might affect them.

18 But *it is* good to be zealously affected always in a good *thing*, and not only when I am present with you.

19 My * little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

20 I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for † I stand in doubt of you.

21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, * the one by a bondmaid, * the other by a freewoman.

23 But he *who was* of the bondwoman * was born after the flesh; * but he of the freewoman *was* by promise.

24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two * covenants; the one from the mount † Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and † answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

26 But † Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

27 For it is written, † Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, *thou* that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are * the children of promise.

29 But as then * he that was born after

A. D. 58.

* or, rudiments, ver. 3.

a ch. 3. 8. 22.

b Ge. 21. 10, 12.

c 1 Th. 3. 5.

d Jno. 8. 35.

e ch. 5. 13.

f 1 Co. 2. 3.

g Ro. 6. 15.

h 1 Pe. 2. 16.

i Ac. 15. 10.

j Zec. 12. 8.

k Mal. 2. 7.

l Jno. 13. 20.

m 1 Th. 2. 13.

n Ac. 16. 3.

† or, *What was then?*

m ch. 3. 10.

n Ro. 9. 31, 32.

o Ro. 10. 2.

p 1 Co. 11. 2.

q Ro. 8. 24, 25.

‡ or, *us*.

r Col. 3. 11.

s 1 Th. 1. 3.

t 1 Co. 9. 24.

§ or, *drive you back?*

v Ja. 1. 18.

x 1 Co. 15. 33.

|| or, *I am perplexed for you.*

y 2 Co. 10. 6.

z Ge. 16. 15.

a Ge. 21. 2.

b 1 Co. 1. 23.

c Ro. 9. 7, 8.

d Ge. 18. 10, 14.

e He. 11. 11.

* or, *testaments.*

† *Sina*.

e 1 Co. 8. 9.

‡ or, *is in the same rank with.*

f Mat. 7. 12.

g Ja. 2. 8.

h Le. 19. 18.

i He. 12. 22.

j Re. 21. 2, 10.

k Is. 54. 1.

l Ro. 6. 12.

m 1 Pe. 2. 11.

§ or, *fulfil not.*

n Ro. 7. 23.

o 8. 6, 7.

p Ac. 3. 25.

q Ro. 9. 8.

r Ge. 21. 9.

the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now.

30 Nevertheless what saith the * scripture? † Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for † the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, * but of the free.

CHAP. V.

STAND fast therefore in *s* the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again *h* with the yoke of bondage.

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that *i* if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, *m* that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

4 Christ *n* is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit *p* wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

6 For *r* in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but *s* faith which worketh by love.

7 Ye *t* did run well; who did *u* hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

8 This persuasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you.

9 A *x* little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you *y* shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is *z* the offence of the cross ceased.

12 I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *a* use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

14 For *b* all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; *c* Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 This I say then, *d* Walk in the Spirit, and *e* ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For *f* the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

12. for I am, rather, 'for I am as ye were,' affectionately disposed towards you, though you are changed towards me.—So *Boothroyd*. 13. *infirmity*, &c. bodily weakness. 14. *temptation*, &c. see 2 Cor. xii. 7, note. 17. *They*, &c. the false teachers show much zeal. *exclude you*, from us. *affect them*, give them your affections. 20. *to change*, &c. to speak in less doubtful terms. 21. *hear the law*, its rigorous demands. 24. *is Agar*, i.e. represents. 26. *Jerusalem—above*, the Christian church. 27. *written*, in reference to Messiah's days. 30. *cast out*, delicately predicts the rejection of the Jews.—*Boothr*. 31. *not*, &c. have no concern with the Mosaic dispensation. CHAP. V.—1. *yoke*, &c. Jewish rites and ceremonies. 2. *if*, &c. submitting to and depending upon circumcision, was forfeiting Christian privileges. 3. *a debtor*, by circumcision he places himself under the law. 4. *are justified*, in profession. *from grace*, from God's way of justification. 5. *through the*

Spirit's assistance. *wait*, denotes anxious longing, earnest hoping, stretching forward the neck.—*Bloomfield*. *the hope*, &c. heaven attained through justifying righteousness. 6. *in Jesus Christ*, in his economy. 7. *run*, a metaphor, from racing. *hinder*, come across your course and obstruct the way. 8. *This persuasion*, to be circumcised. *him that calleth*, i. e. God. 9. *leaven*, see 1 Cor. v. 6, note. 10. *none otherwise*, than I have taught. *judgment*, punishment. 11. *if I*, &c. some insinuated that Paul preached circumcision. *cross ceased*, then the Judaizing teachers would no longer have opposed him. 12. *cut off*, from the church. 13. *liberty*, from the ceremonial law. *occasion*, &c. so as to irritate flesh and blood, and cause disputes. 14. *is fulfilled*, as far as respects fellow-men. 15. *consumed*, as a Christian society. 16. *in the Spirit*, as under his holy guidance. 17. *so that ye cannot*, rather, 'so that ye do not,' &c.—*Boothroyd*.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19 Now " the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that if they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But ^e the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, ^f faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: ^g against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's ^h have crucified the flesh with the ⁱ affections and lusts.

25 If ^j we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

CHAP. VI.

BRETHREN, ^k if ^l a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one ^m in the spirit of meekness; ⁿ considering thyself, ^o lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ^p ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil ^q the law of Christ.

3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

4 But ^r let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

5 For ^s every man shall bear his own burden.

6 Let him that is taught in the word

A. D. 58.

^a Ja. 3. 14, 15.

^b Job 13. 9.

^c Lu. 16. 25.

^d Ro. 2. 6.

^e 2 Co. 9. 6.

^f Job 4. 8.

^g Ro. 8. 13.

^h Ja. 3. 18.

ⁱ Re. 2. 10.

^j 1 Co. 6. 9.

^k Col. 3. 6.

^l Re. 22. 15.

^m Jno. 15. 2.

ⁿ Ep. 5. 9.

^o 1 Th. 5. 15.

^p Tit. 3. 8.

^q 1 Co. 13. 7.

^r 1 Ti. 1. 9.

^s Ro. 6. 6.

^t 13. 14.

^u 1 Pe. 2. 11.

^v ch. 2. 3, 14.

^w or, *passions*.

^x Ro. 8. 4, 5.

^y Phi. 3. 3, 7, 8.

^z or, *although*.

^{aa} He. 12. 13.

^{ab} Ja. 5. 19.

^{ac} or, *whereby*.

^{ad} Ro. 6. 6.

^{ae} 1 Co. 4. 21.

^{af} Col. 3. 11.

^{ag} 1 Co. 7. 5.

^{ah} 10. 12.

^{ai} 2 Co. 5. 17.

^{aj} Ro. 15. 1.

^{ak} 1 Th. 5. 14.

^{al} Ps. 125. 5.

^{am} Jno. 15. 12.

^{an} 1 Jno. 4. 21.

^{ao} Ro. 2. 29.

^{ap} Col. 1. 24.

^{aq} 1 Co. 11. 28.

^{ar} 2 Co. 13. 5.

^{as} Ro. 2. 6.

^{at} 1 Co. 3. 8.

communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

7 Be not deceived; God ^b is not mocked: for ^c whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For ^d he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, ^e if we faint not.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let ^f us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

11 Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

12 As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, ^g they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

14 But ^h God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁱ by whom the world is ^j crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

15 For ^k in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but ^l a new creature.

16 And ^m as many as walk according to this rule, peace ⁿ be on them, and mercy, and upon ^o the Israel of God.

17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: ^p for ^q I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ^r be with your spirit. Amen.

¶ Unto the Galatians written from Rome.

18. *under the law*, to seek justification by it. 20. *witchcraft*, magic arts. *seditions*, or party divisions.

CHAP. VI.—2. *burdens*, or infirmities. *law*, of love, John xiii. 34, 35. 4. *peace*, examine. *not in another*, i. e. in comparing himself with others. 5. *his own burden*, be responsible for himself. 6. *communicate*, return temporal things for spiritual. 7. *not mocked*, 'not deluded.' 8. *soweth*, &c. every

seed will produce its kind. 12. *shew*, by outward observances. 13. *glory*, &c. i. e. in their proselytes. 14. *cross*, i. e. Christ's atonement, and righteousness through his death. *crucified*, dead. *unto the world*, unto its solicitations and allurements. 15. *new creature*, moral and spiritual renovation. 16. *rule*, mentioned ver. 15. *the Israel*, i. e. the spiritual Israel. 17. *marks*, scars received in His service.

The Epistle of PAUL the Apostle to the EPHESIANS.

Written to confirm them in the faith and practice of the gospel.

CHAP. I.

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace ^a be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed ^b be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly ^c places in Christ:

4 According as ^d he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world,

A. D. 64.

^a Lu. 1. 75.

^b Jno. 1. 12.

^c Ga. 4. 5.

^d 1 Jno. 3. 1.

^e Mat. 11. 26.

^f Ro. 3. 24.

^g 1 Pe. 1. 3.

^h Jno. 10. 17.

ⁱ Ac. 20. 28.

^j Re. 5. 9.

^k or, *things*.

^l Ro. 8. 28.

^m 1 Pe. 1. 2, 20.

that we should ^a be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto ^b the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, ^c according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, ^d wherein he hath made us accepted in ^e the beloved.

7 In ^f whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

CHAP. I.—3. *heavenly places*, denote heaven, chap. i. 10.—*Beza*. 5. *unto the adoption*, to be received into His family. 6. *the glory*, &c. or 'of his glorious race.'—*Doddridge*. *the beloved*, God's only Son.

7. *redemption*, from sin, Satan, and hell. *his blood*, his atonement on the cross. *forgiveness*, remission of all sins. 8. *wisdom and prudence*, discovered in pardoning sin without injuring justice.

9 Having ^a made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure ^b which he hath purposed in himself :

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one ^c all things in Christ, both which are in ^d heaven, and which are on earth ; even in him :

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to ^e the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will :

12 That ^f we should be to the praise of his glory, ^g who first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation : in whom also after that ye believed, ^h ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance ⁱ until the redemption of the purchased possession, ^j unto the praise of his glory.

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers ;

17 That ^k the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation ^l in the knowledge of him :

18 The ^m eyes of your understanding being enlightened ; that ye may know what is ⁿ the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of ^o his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and ^p set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come :

22 And ^q hath put all things under his feet, and gave him ^r to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which ^s is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

A. D. 64.

^a Col. 1. 26.
^b ch. 4. 18.
^c ch. 3. 11.
^d 2 Ti. 1. 9.
^e ch. 6. 12.
^f Phi. 2. 9, 10.
^g Col. 1. 20.
^h Col. 3. 6.

ⁱ the heavens
^j Ga. 5. 16.
^k the wills.
^l Is. 46. 10, 11.
^m Ps. 51. 5.
ⁿ 2 Th. 2. 13.
^o Ja. 1. 18.

^p or, hoped.
^q Ro. 6. 4, 5.
^r or, by whose grace.
^s Ac. 15. 11.
^t 2 Co. 1. 22.
^u Lu. 21. 28.
^v Ro. 8. 23.
^w 1 Pe. 2. 9.
^x Ro. 4. 16.
^y Jno. 6. 44, 65.
^z Ro. 4. 2.
^{aa} 1 Co. 1. 29.

^{ab} Jno. 20. 17.
^{ac} Is. 44. 21.
^{ad} Jno. 3. 3, 5.

^{ae} or, prepared.
^{af} or, for the acknowledgment.
^{ag} Col. 2. 2.

^{ah} Ac. 26. 18.
^{ai} ch. 4. 4.
^{aj} Ro. 2. 28, 29.
^{ak} Col. 2. 11.
^{al} Eze. 13. 9.
^{am} Jno. 10. 16.

^{an} the might of his power.
^{ao} Ga. 4. 8.
^{ap} 1 Th. 4. 5.
^{aq} Ps. 110. 1.
^{ar} He. 1. 3.
^{as} Ga. 3. 28.
^{at} Ac. 2. 39.
^{au} Mi. 5. 5.
^{av} Jno. 16. 33.
^{aw} Col. 1. 20.
^{ax} Jno. 10. 16.
^{ay} Mat. 28. 18.
^{az} Col. 1. 15.
^{ba} Ro. 12. 5.

CHAP. II.

AND you hath he quickened, ^b who were dead in trespasses and sins ;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to ^c the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in ^d the children of disobedience :

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in ^e the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling ^f the desires of the flesh and of the mind ; and ^g were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath ^h quickened us together with Christ, (ⁱ by grace ye are saved ;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus :

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in ^j his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace are ye saved ^k through faith ; and that not of yourselves : ^l it is the gift of God :

9 Not ^m of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his ⁿ workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ^o ordained that we should walk in them.

11 Wherefore remember, that ye ^p being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called ^q the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands ;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, ^r being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, ^s and without God in the world :

13 But ^t now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were ^u far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For ^v he is our peace. ^w who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition ^x between us ;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, ^y even the law of commandments contained in ordinances ; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace ;

16 And that he might reconcile both

9. made known, by his gospel. mystery, unattainable by human knowledge. 10. the fulness of times, to commence a new economy. gather, &c. unite all under one Head. heaven—earth, Jewish phraseology for the whole world. 11. have obtained, the hope of heaven. 12. who first trusted, i. e. the body of the Christian church incorporated before the Ephesians. 13. sealed, 2 Cor. 1. 22, note. of promise, that is, the promised Spirit. 14. earnest, pledge, 2 Cor. 1. 22, note. until the redemption, &c. till the redemption of his people purchased with Christ's blood, Acts xx. 28. 17. spirit of wisdom, &c. the Divine influences. 18. the hope, the hope to which you are called. riches of the glory, 'glorious riches,' in the saints, 'for the saints.'—Boothroyd. 19. his power, in his work of grace. according to, in a way similar to. 23. the fulness, Christ's fulness is complete when he has all his members.

CHAP. II.—1. quickened, given spiritual life. trespasses, deviations from the moral rule. sins, daring insults. walked, i. e. lived : the death being moral. course, i. e. manner of life. prince, &c. Satan so called by the Jews. 3. all, Jews and Gentiles. desires, &c. both moral and animal. children, &c.

that is, worthy of eternal death. 5. together with, rather 'by,' or 'through.'—G. Holden. 'Made us alive together with Christ.'—Boothroyd. 6. made us sit, given us a place. in heavenly places, in effect, when God raised his Son, he raised all believers to the same state of exaltation with their Head. 7. in the ages, &c. to all eternity. 8. saved, brought into that state. his workmanship, morally, as well as naturally. 11. called, in scorn. by that, &c. i. e. by the Jews. 12. time, when unconverted. without Christ, without the knowledge of him. aliens, &c. having no interest in Israel's privileges and promises. no hope, well grounded. without God, 'atheists,' practically. 13. in Christ, 'by Christ.' sometimes, 'formerly.' far off, from God's favour, Acts ii. 39. made nigh, brought into favour. 14. our peace, reconciling us to God and each other. both, Jews and Gentiles. one, body in Christ the Head. middle wall, &c. Mosaic ordinances ; alludes to the partition wall of the temple which separated the court of the Gentiles from the Jews. 15. in his flesh, by his sufferings. enmity, between Jews and Gentiles. the law, i. e. the ceremonial law, Col. ii. 14. contained in, or consisting in. one new man, one renewed

unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity ^a thereby:

17 And came and ^b preached peace to you which were afar off, and to ^c them that were nigh.

18 For ^d through him we both have access ^e by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but ^f fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are ^g built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being ^h the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In ⁱ whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

CHAP. III.

FOR this cause I Paul, ^j the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2 (If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God ^k which is given me to you-ward:

3 How that ^l by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (^m as I wrote ⁿ afore in few words,

4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

5 Which ^o in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

6 That the Gentiles ^p should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and ^q partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

8 Unto me, ^r who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, ^s which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, ^t who created all things by Jesus Christ:

10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places ^u might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

12 In whom we have boldness and access ^v with confidence by the faith of him.

A. D. 64.

* or, in himself.

a 2 Co. 1. 6.

b 1s. 57. 19.

c Zec. 9. 10.

d Jno. 14. 14.

e He. 4. 16.

f 1 Co. 12. 13.

g He. 12. 22, 23.

h ch. 6. 10.

i Col. 1. 11.

j Ro. 7. 22.

k 2 Co. 4. 16.

l 1 Co. 9. 10.

m Re. 21. 14.

n Jno. 14. 23.

o Col. 1. 23.

p Ps. 118. 22.

q Mat. 21. 42.

r 1 Pe. 2. 5.

s Jno. 1. 16.

t Col. 2. 9, 10.

u Ac. 21. 33.

v Col. 1. 29.

w Ac. 13. 2.

x Ga. 1. 12.

y ch. 1. 9, 10.

z or, a little before.

a Phil. 1. 9.

b or, in.

c Phil. 1. 27.

d Ac. 10. 23.

e Ro. 16. 25.

f Ga. 3. 28, 29.

g Col. 3. 14.

h Ga. 3. 14.

i Ro. 12. 5.

j 1 Co. 12. 4.

k 1 Co. 1. 13.

l Jude 3.

m Ga. 3. 27, 28.

n Ro. 11. 36.

o 1 Co. 15. 9.

p Ro. 12. 3, 6.

q 1 Co. 12. 11.

r Ps. 68. 18.

s or, a multitude of captives.

t 1 Co. 1. 26.

u Jno. 3. 13.

v 6. 33, 62.

w Jno. 1. 3.

x Col. 1. 16.

y He. 1. 2.

z Ac. 1. 9, 11.

a 1 Co. 2. 7.

b 1 Ti. 3. 16.

c Ac. 2. 33.

d or, fulfil.

e 1 Co. 12. 7.

f He. 4. 16.

13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, ^a which is your glory.

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, ^b to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in ^c the inner man;

17 That ^d Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, ^e being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled ^f with all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, ^g according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

CHAP. IV.

I THEREFORE, ^h the prisoner ⁱ of the Lord,) beseech you that ye ^j walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit ^k in the bond of peace.

4 There ^l is one body, and ^m one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One ⁿ Lord, ^o one faith, ^p one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and ^q through all, and in you all.

7 But ^r unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

8 Wherefore he saith, ^s When he ascended up on high, he led ^t captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now ^u that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

10 He that descended is the same also ^v that ascended up far above all heavens, ^w that he might ^x fill all things.)

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For ^y the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

body. 16. slain, &c. ver. 15. 20. the foundation, the gospel. corner stone, which unites and supports the whole.

CHAP. III.—1. this cause, the gospel. prisoner, at Rome. of Jesus Christ, for his sake. 2. If, 'since,' dispensation, &c. i. e. to preach the gospel to them. 8. unsearchable, not to be traced out. 9. fellowship of the mystery, blessings in participating in it. hid, i. e. in God's secret counsels. all things, the different dispensations, and material creation. 10. principalities, &c. the heavenly hosts. by, 'through,' manifold, variously excellent. 12. In, 'by,'—by Christ's mediation. access, to the Father. the faith of him, 'faith in him.' 13. tribulations, imprisonment and sufferings. your glory, as they prove my sincerity. 15. whole family, Gentiles as well as Jews. named, Christians. 16. riches of his glory, 'glorious riches.' strengthened with might, 'mightily strengthened.' inner &c. see Rom. vii. 22, note. 17. love, to God

and man. 18. with all saints, as far as they can. breadth, &c. describe the immensity of Christ's love. 19. know, have an experimental sense of. passeth knowledge, human and angelical. filled—fulness, partake of the Divine nature. 20. power, of the Spirit. 21. ages, 'generations.'

CHAP. IV.—3. unity of the Spirit, that oneness of heart which belongs to real Christians. 4. one body, the church. one Spirit, animating it. called, &c. Christians are called to the same hope of eternal life. 5. one baptism, of the Spirit; it may, however, mean by water. 6. above all, as ruler. through all, by his vital influence. in, by his Spirit's residence. 7. grace, &c. in such degree as Christ pleased. 8. captivity, that is, captive enemies.—Calvin. gifts, specified ver. 11. 9. lower, &c. the grave. 10. fill, with gifts and graces. 11. evangelists, moving ministers. 12. For the perfecting, &c. jointly to promote the interests of the church.

13 Till we all come * in the unity of the faith, * and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto * a perfect man, unto the measure of the † stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But † speaking ‡ the truth in love, † may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, † in the vanity of their mind,

18 Having ^m the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the † blindness of their heart:

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 That ye put off concerning † the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And * be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye * put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and † true holiness.

25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for † we are members one of another.

26 Be † ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27 Neither † give place to the devil.

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have † to give to him that needeth.

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but † that which is good † to the use of edifying, † that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And * grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil-speaking, be put away from you, † with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, † forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

A. D. 64.

* or, info.

a Col. 2. 2.

b Lu. 6. 36.

c 1 Co. 14. 20.

Col. 1. 28.

† or, age.

d Jno. 13. 34.

15. 12.

e He. 7. 27.

1 Jno. 3. 16.

f 2 Co. 2. 15.

† or, being

sincere.

g Zec. 8. 16.

2 Co. 4. 2.

1 Jno. 3. 18.

h Mat. 12. 35.

i ch. 1. 22.

k Mat. 24. 4.

l or, unbelief,

Col. 3. 6.

m Ro. 1. 21.

n Ac. 26. 18.

o Is. 9. 2.

Mat. 4. 16.

Ro. 1. 21.

p Jno. 12. 46.

q or, hard-

ness.

r Ga. 5. 22.

s Ro. 12. 2.

t Le. 19. 17.

u Col. 3. 7.

v 1 Pe. 4. 3.

w Jno. 3. 20, 21.

He. 4. 13.

x or, dis-

covered.

y Ro. 12. 2.

z Col. 3. 10.

aa Ro. 6. 4.

ab 2 Co. 5. 17.

ac or, it.

ad y Is. 60. 1.

ae Jno. 5. 25.

af or, holiness

of truth.

ag Col. 4. 5.

ah Ro. 12. 5.

ai Ec. 12. 1.

aj Ps. 37. 8.

ak 2Co. 2. 10, 11.

al Ja. 4. 7.

am 1 Pe. 5. 9.

an or, to dis-

tribute.

ao Col. 4. 6.

ap 1 Th. 5. 11.

aq Ps. 34. 1.

ar Is. 63. 7.

as or, to edify

profitably.

at Col. 3. 16.

au Is. 63. 10.

av Eze. 16. 43.

aw Ge. 3. 16.

ax 1 Pe. 3. 1.

ay Tit. 3. 3.

az ch. 1. 23.

ba Mar. 11. 25.

CHAP. V.

BE ^b ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

2 And ^d walk in love, * as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God † for a sweetsmelling savour.

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

4 Neither ^a filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient, but rather giving of thanks.

5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6 Let ⁿ no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of † disobedience.

7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

8 For ⁿ ye were sometimes darkness, but now ^o are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

9 (For ^p the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth:)

10 Proving ^r what is acceptable unto the Lord.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather ^s reprove them.

12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

13 But ^u all things that are * reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

14 Wherefore ^t he saith, † Awake thou that sleepest, and ^v arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

15 See ^a then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, ^c because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 Giving ^e thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

22 Wives, ^h submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of ^m the body.

24 Therefore as the church is subject

13. a perfect man, a state of maturity. the measure, &c. the complete standard of spiritual advancement.
14. carried about, like a ship in a storm. doctrine, i. e. false doctrine. sleight, artifice. 16. filly joined, &c. an image from anatomy. 19. past feeling, hardened against shame. 21. heard him, speaking by his apostles. 22. old man, sinful nature. deceitful lusts, for they delude the judgment and conscience. 23. spirit of your mind, i. e. the soul. 24. after God, after his image. 25. lying, which heathen moralists justified. 26. and sin not, i. e. when angry do not sin: see Matt. v. 22. let not, &c. let your wrath soon subside. 27. Neither give, &c. through immoderate anger, let not the devil tempt

you. 28. thing—good, some honest employment. 29. corrupt, i. e. evil and offensive. 30. grieve not, implies the personality of the Holy Spirit. sealed, a figure from merchants sealing their property.

CHAP. V. — 1. followers, imitators. 2. walk, make love your habit. sweet-smelling, expresses the fragrance of an acceptable sacrifice, Gen. viii. 21. 4. jesting, 'lewd terms.' 9. is in, consists in. 10. proving, rather, approving. 11. works of darkness, seem here to allude to heathen mysteries practised at night. 13. But, &c. this verse means, the gospel shows vice in its true colours. 14. he saith, to those in darkness. 16. Redeeming, &c. improving the present opportunity. — 18. with the Spirit, with his

unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

25 Husbands, ^b love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and ^c gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it ^c with the washing of water ^f by the word, ^d 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, ^e not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For ^h we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless ⁱ let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence ^j her husband.

CHAP. VI.

CHILDREN, "obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honour ^k thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but ^l bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

5 Servants, ^m be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, ⁿ in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

8 Knowing ^o that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether ^p he be bond or free.

9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, ^q forbearing ^r threatening: knowing that ^s your Master also is in

A. D. 64.

a Ro. 2. 11.

Col. 3. 25.

b Col. 3. 19.

c 1 Pe. 3. 7.

d Ac. 20. 28.

e Ro. 13. 12.

f 2 Co. 6. 7.

g 1 Th. 5. 8.

h Jno. 3. 5.

i Tit. 3. 5.

j Jno. 15. 3.

k blood and flesh.

l Ca. 4. 7.

m Lu. 22. 53.

n or, wicked spirits.

o or, heavenly, ch. 1. 3.

p 2 Co. 10. 4.

q or, overcome all.

r Ro. 12. 5.

s 2 Co. 6. 7.

t Is. 52. 7.

u 1 Jno. 5. 4.

v Col. 3. 19.

w Is. 59. 17.

x He. 4. 12.

y Lu. 18. 1.

z Mat. 26. 41.

aa Pr. 23. 22.

ab Ex. 20. 12.

ac Je. 35. 18.

ad 2 Co. 3. 12.

ae 2 Co. 5. 20.

af or, a chain.

ag or, thereof.

ah De. 4. 9.

ai Pr. 22. 6.

aj 1 Pe. 2. 18.

ak 1 Ch. 29. 17.

al Col. 4. 8.

am 1 Pe. 5. 14.

an Ro. 2. 6.

ao 2 Co. 5. 10.

ap or, with in-corrup-tion.

aq Tit. 2. 7.

ar or, moderating.

as Le. 25. 43.

at Some read,

au both your

av and their

aw Master.

heaven; ^a neither is there respect of persons with him.

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put ^d on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against ^e flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against ^f the rulers of the darkness of this world, against ^g spiritual wickedness in ^h high places.

13 Wherefore ⁱ take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having ^j done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and ^k having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And ^l your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking ^m the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And ⁿ take the helmet of salvation, and ^o the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying ^p always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and ^q watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth ^r boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 For which ^s I am an ambassador in ^t bonds: that ^u therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:

22 Whom ^v I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and ^w that he might comfort your hearts.

23 Peace ^x be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace ^y be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ ^z in ^{aa} sincerity. Amen.

^{aa} Written from Rome unto the Ephesians by Tychicus.

influences. 32. concerning Christ, &c. emblematically.

CHAP. VI.—2. with promise, i. e. a special promise. live long, a literal reward with the Jews, and mentioned here to show the force of the command. 7. provoke not, opposed to undue austerity. 7. s to the Lord, influenced by a view to his honour. the same, i. e. the reward of the same. 10. a the power, i. e. through His powerful aid. 11. armour, here signifies means of grace and spiritual

privileges. 12. flesh and blood, human enemies. principalities, &c. the various orders of fallen spirits. rulers of the darkness of this world, 'rulers of this dark world.'—Boothroyd. in high places, 'in heavenly things'; corrupting things relating to heaven. 14, 15. &c. stand, a military image. having, &c. fortitude, perseverance, self-government, and peaceableness, are here intended. 16. fiery darts, the ancients used missiles with burning flax. 17. helmet of salvation, i. e. the hope of salvation.

The Epistle of PAUL the Apostle to the PHILIPPIANS.

Written as a testimony of love for their kindness, and to console them in affliction.

CHAP. I.

PAUL and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

A. D. 64.

a Ro. 1. 8, 9.

b Ep. 1. 15, 16.

c or, mention.

2 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I ^a thank my God upon every ^b remembrance of you,

4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,

5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun ^a a good work in you will ^{*} perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers [†] of my grace.

8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.

9 And this I pray, [‡] that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all [§] judgment;

10 That [¶] ye may ^{||} approve things that ^{||} are excellent; ^{||} that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, ^{||} which are by Jesus Christ, ^{||} unto the glory and praise of God.

12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things ^{||} which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

13 So that my bonds [†] in Christ are manifest ^{||} in all ^{||} the palace, and ^{||} in all other places;

14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds;

17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation ^{||} through your prayer, and the supply of ^{||} the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 According to my ^{||} earnest expectation and ^{||} my hope, that ^{||} in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that ^{||} with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether ^{||} it be by life, or by death.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

A. D. 64.

^a Jno. 6. 29.

¹ Th. 1. 3.

^b 2 Co. 1. 14.

⁵ 12.

^{*} or, finish it.

[†] Ep. 4. 1.

¹ Th. 4. 1.

[†] or, ye have me in your heart.

^d 2 Co. 3. 2.

[†] or, with me of grace.

¹ Co. 1. 10.

[†] Jude 3.

² Th. 1. 5.

^h 1 Th. 3. 12.

¹ Phil. 6.

[†] Ro. 8. 17.

² Ti. 2. 11.

[§] or, sense.

^k Ac. 5. 41.

^{Ro.} 5. 3.

¹ Ep. 5. 10.

^{||} or, try.

^m Ep. 2. 8.

^{||} or, differ.

ⁿ Ac. 24. 16.

^o Col. 2. 1.

^p Ac. 16. 19. &c.

[†] Jno. 15. 4, 5.

^{Col.} 1. 6.

[†] Ep. 1. 12, 14.

[†] or, for.

[†] Jno. 3. 29.

^{||} ch. 4. 22.

[†] or, Caesar's court.

[§] or, to all others.

^v Ga. 5. 26.

^{Ja.} 3. 14.

^x Jno. 13. 15.

^y Jno. 1. 1, 2.

^{He.} 1. 3.

^z Jno. 5. 18.

¹⁰ 33.

[†] Ps. 22. 6.

^{Is.} 53. 3.

^b Is. 42. 1.

^{Mat.} 20. 28.

^c Jno. 1. 14.

^{||} or, habit.

^d He. 5. 8.

¹² 2.

^e 2 Co. 1. 11.

^f Ro. 8. 9.

[§] Ep. 1. 20, 21.

^h Ro. 8. 19.

ⁱ Ro. 5. 5.

^k Mat. 28. 18.

^{Re.} 5. 13.

^l Ep. 6. 19, 20.

^m Jno. 13. 13.

ⁿ Ep. 6. 5.

^o 2 Co. 3. 5.

^{He.} 13. 21.

24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith:

26 That [¶] your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

27 Only [¶] let your conversation be as if I were present, and let me see you, or else be absent. I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, [¶] with one mind ^{||} striving together for the faith of the gospel;

28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: [¶] which is to them an evident token of perdition, [¶] but to you of salvation, and that of God.

29 For unto you [¶] it is given in the behalf of Christ, [¶] not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

30 Having [¶] the same conflict [¶] which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

CHAP. II.

IF there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2 Fulfil [¶] ye my joy, that ye be like minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

3 Let [¶] nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 Let [¶] this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, [¶] being in the form of God, [¶] thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But [¶] made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form [¶] of a servant, and [¶] was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and [¶] given him a name which is above every name:

10 That [¶] at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And [¶] that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with [¶] fear and trembling.

13 For [¶] it is God which worketh in you-

5. fellowship, communion with the apostles. 7. meet, 'just,' 'reasonable.' think this, have this good opinion, have you, &c. affectionately remember you. my grace, the same grace that I have.

9. knowledge, of Christ. judgment, inward feeling. 11. fruits, &c. holy tempers and works. by Jesus, through union with him. 13. manifest, noticed.

14. by my bonds, that is, patience and courage in them. 15. Some—of envy, judaizing teachers.

17. set, placed in this situation. 19. salvation, temporal and spiritual. supply, &c. more largely given to me. 21. is Christ, is to enjoy and glorify him. 22. this is the fruit, that is, to glorify Christ.

27. conversation, deportment, as citizens of heaven. striving, 'jointly wrestling.' like the wrestlers in the Olympic games. 28. token of per-

dition, a proof that they are in the way to perdition. —Keyworth. 29. in the behalf, on account of. 30. conflict, sufferings.

CHAP. II.—1. bowels, &c. mutual tender affection. 2. likeminded, unanimous. 4. on his own things, i. e. only on them. on the things of others, be concerned for their welfare. 6. being, 'subsisting,' in the form of God, in the form and nature of God: i. e. really God.—Valpy. 7. form, signifies external shape or appearance.—Benson. robbery, or usurpation. equal, 1. e. in attributes and perfections.

8. fashion, 'condition.'—Pye Smith. 10. every knee should bow, all creatures be subject. 12. work out, 'work about.'—Gill. Watch against sin; live by faith. fear and trembling, holy fear and reverence.

13. it is God, &c. he will furnish you with grace.

both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings :

15 That ye may be blameless and *harmless, ^c the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of ^a a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ^t ye ^f shine as lights in the world ;

16 Holding forth the word of life ; that ^a I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

17 Yea, and if ^a I be ^t offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, ^m I joy, and rejoice with you all.

18 For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.

19 [§] But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

20 For I have no man ^m likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.

21 For all ^r seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.

23 Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.

24 But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and ^a fellowsoldier, ⁹ but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

26 For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

27 For indeed he was sick nigh unto death : but God had mercy on him ; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness ; and ^a hold such in reputation :

30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

CHAP. III.

FINALLY, my brethren, ^a rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you ^{it} is safe.

2 Beware of dogs, beware of [§] evil workers, ⁱ beware of the concision.

A. D. 64.

^a De 10. 16.
30. 6.

Je. 4. 4.

Ro. 2. 29.

4. 11. 12.

^b Jno. 4. 23, 24.

^c or, sincere.

^d Mat. 5. 45.

Ep. 5. 1.

^e 2Co. 11. 18, 21.

^f De. 32. 5.

^g or, shine ye.

^h Mat. 5. 14, 16.

ⁱ Ge. 17. 12.

^j 2 Co. 1. 14.

^k 1 Th. 2. 19.

^l Ac. 23. 6.

^m 26. 4, 5.

ⁿ 2 Ti. 4. 6.

^o poured forth.

^p Ac. 12. 3.

^q Ga. 1. 13, 14.

^r 2 Co. 7. 4.

^s Col. 1. 24.

^t Ro. 10. 5.

^u Lu. 1. 6.

^v or, More-over.

^w Is. 53. 11.

^x Je. 9. 23, 24.

^y Jno. 17. 3.

^z 1 Co. 2. 2.

^{aa} Col. 2. 2.

^{ab} or, so dear unto me.

^{ac} 1 Co. 10. 33.

^{ad} 13. 5.

^{ae} Ro. 3. 21, 22.

^{af} 9. 30.

^{ag} 10. 3. 6.

^{ah} Ga. 2. 16.

^{ai} Ro. 6. 3. 5.

^{aj} 8. 17.

^{ak} 2Ti. 2. 11, 12.

^{al} 1 Pe. 4. 13.

^{am} 1 Ti. 6. 12.

^{an} He. 12. 23.

^{ao} Phil. 2.

^{ap} 2 Co. 8. 23.

^{aq} Ps. 45. 10.

^{ar} 1Co. 9. 24, 25.

^{as} He. 6. 1.

^{at} He. 12. 1.

^{au} 1 Co. 2. 6.

^{av} or, honour such.

^{aw} d Ga. 6. 16.

^{ax} ch. 4. 4.

^{ay} 2Co. 13. 11.

^{az} 1 Th. 5. 16.

^{ba} f 2Co. 11. 15.

^{bb} 2 Fe. 2. 1.

^{bc} g 2Co. 11. 13.

^{bd} h Ro. 4. 7.

^{be} i Ro. 2. 28.

^{bf} Ga. 5. 2.

3 For we are ^a the circumcision, ^b which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

4 Though ^d I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more :

5 Circumcised ^e the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, ^f of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews ; as touching the law, ^g a Pharisee ;

6 Concerning ^h zeal, persecuting the church ; ⁱ touching the righteousness which is in the law, ^a blameless.

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things ^{but} loss ^p for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord : for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them ^{but} dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but ^q that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith :

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and ^r the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death ;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already ^s attained, either were already ^v perfect : but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended : but ^{this} one thing I do, ^t forgetting those things which are behind, and ^u reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I ^b press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be ^c perfect, be thus minded : and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk ^d by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, ^{that they} are the enemies of the cross of Christ :

19 Whose ^f end is destruction, whose God is ^{their} belly, and ^h whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

15. shine, as beacons or luminaries. 17. be offered, be martyred, as a libation with the sacrifices of the Philippians. 21. their own, i. e. ease, safety, pleasure, profit. 25. your messenger, sent by them to aid Paul. 30. supply your lack, the aid you would have personally given if you could.

CHAP. III.—1. the same, i. e. that I spoke. 2. dogs, unholy persons. The allusion is to a like inscription at the Roman entrances where dogs were kept. evil workers, who sowed discord. concision, Jewish circumcised teachers. 3. the circumcision, the true seed of Abraham. 5. of the Hebrews, on father and mother's side. 6. blameless, in conduct. 7. counted loss, the word is used, Acts xxvii. 10, 21, in relation to goods thrown overboard. 8. but loss, or to be thrown away. 9. of the law, obtained by works. righteousness—of God, from God. by faith,

in Christ. 10. know him, as my Saviour. power, ' efficacy,' of his resurrection, in confirming my faith. fellowship of his sufferings, enduring all for his sake. conformable, &c. crucifying the old man. 11. any means, any sacrifice. attain—resurrection, &c. i. e. eternal life. 12. perfect, ' perfected,' course finished. Allusion is here made to the Olympic races. follow, ' pursue.' apprehend that, that degree of conformity to Christ. apprehended of Christ, pressed into his service. 13. reaching forth, exceedingly stretching myself forward. 14. press, like the racer, mark, the end. prize, heavenly glory. 15. perfect, well initiated into the Christian faith,—experienced Christians. thus minded, as I am. shall reveal, i. e. teach you to know better. 16. rule, God's word. 17. followers together, ' joint imitators.' mark, observe and imitate. 19. God—belly, sensual.

20 For ^a our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who ^c shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, ^d according to the working whereby he is able ^e even to subdue all things unto himself.

CHAP. IV.

THEREFORE, my brethren dearly beloved and ^e longed for, my joy and crown, so ^f stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.

2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.

3 And I intreat thee also, true yoke-fellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in ^g the book of life.

4 Rejoice ^h in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. ⁱ The Lord is at hand.

6 Be ^j careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And ^k the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if ^l there be any virtue, and if ^m there be any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and ⁿ the God of peace shall be with you.

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly,

A. D. 64.

^a Ep. 2-6, 19.
Col. 3. 1, 3.

^c or, is re-
vived.

^b Ga. 6. 10.
^c 1 Co. 15. 43,
48, 49.

^d 1 Jno. 3. 2.
^e Ep. 1. 19.

^f 1 Ti. 6. 6, 8.
^g 1 Co. 15. 26,
27.

^h ch. 1. 8.
ⁱ Jno. 15. 5.

^j 2 Co. 12. 9.
^k ch. 1. 27.

^l ch. 1. 7.
^m 2 Co. 11. 8, 9.

ⁿ Ex. 32. 32.
Da. 12. 1.
Re. 3. 5.

^o 1 Pe. 4. 13.
^p Ro. 15. 28.

^q Tit. 3. 14.
^r He. 10. 25.

^s Ja. 5. 8, 9.
^t 2 Pe. 3. 8, 9.

^u Ps. 55. 22.
Mat. 6. 25.

^v or, I have
received all

^w ch. 2. 25.
^x He. 13. 16.

^y 2 Co. 9. 12.
^z Jno. 14. 27.

^{aa} Ro. 5. 1.
Col. 3. 15.

^{ab} Ps. 23. 1.
^{ac} Ep. 1. 7.

^{ad} 3. 16.
^{ae} or, vene-
rable.

^{af} Ro. 16. 27.
Ga. 1. 5.

^{ag} ch. 1. 13.
^{ah} Ro. 16. 24.

^{ai} He. 13. 20.

that now at the last your care of me ^a hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, ^b but ye lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, ^c therewith to be content.

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things ^d through Christ which strengtheneth me.

14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ^e ye did communicate with my affliction.

15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no ^f church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire ^g fruit that may abound to your account.

18 But ^h I have all, and abound: I am full, having received ⁱ of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, ^j an odour of a sweet smell, ^k a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

19 But my God ^l shall supply all your need ^m according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

20 Now ⁿ unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

21 Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you.

22 All the saints salute you, ^o chiefly they that are of Cæsar's household.

23 The ^p grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

¶ It was written to the Philippians from Rome by Epaphroditus.

21. *our vile body*, 'the body of our humiliation.'

CHAP. IV.—3. *names-book*, alluding to Olympic racers, whose names were all enrolled in a book. Citizens were also so enrolled. 5. *moderation*, rather 'meekness under injuries.' 6. *careful*, i. e. anxiously solicitous. 8. *virtue*, real worth. 9.

learned, as catechumens. seen, in life and conversation. 10. *care of me*, to supply my wants. 12. *instructed*, &c. initiated into the mysteries of a life of faith. 13. *all things*, all required duties. 18. *and abound*, have more than sufficient. *odour*, &c. see Eph. v. 2, note. 19. *my God*, &c. he will repay you.

The Epistle of PAUL the Apostle to the COLOSSIANS.

Written about A. D. 62, to correct certain errors, and congratulate them on their flourishing state.

CHAP. I.

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus *our* brother,

2 To the saints ^b and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We ^c give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of ^d the love which ye have to all the saints,

5 For the hope ^e which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

A. D. 64.

^a Mar. 4. 8.
Jno. 15. 16.

^b Phil. 1. 11.
^c 1 Co. 4. 17.

^d Ep. 6. 21.
^e 1 Co. 1. 4.

^f Phil. 4. 6.
^g Ro. 15. 30.

^h Ep. 1. 15, 16.
ⁱ He. 6. 10.

^j Ro. 12. 2.
^k Ep. 5. 10, 17.

^l 2 Ti. 4. 8.
^m 1 Pe. 1. 4.

ⁿ Ep. 4. 1.
^o Jno. 15. 16.

6 Which is come unto you, as *it is* in all the world; and ^a bringeth forth fruit, as *it doth* also in you, since the day ye heard of *it*, and knew the grace of God in truth:

7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

8 Who also declared unto you your ^b love in the Spirit.

9 For ^c this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with ^d the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ^e ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, ^f being fruitful

CHAP. I.—4. This verse is a parenthesis. 5. *For the hope*, 'through the hope.' 8. *love in the Spirit*,

that is, spiritual love. 10. *unto all pleasing*, so as to please Him in all things.

in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God :

11 Strengthened ^a with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness :

12 Giving ^b thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of ^c the inheritance of the saints in light :

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of ^d his dear Son :

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins :

15 Who is ^e the image of the invisible God, ^f the firstborn of every creature :

16 For ^g by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers : all things were created by him, and for him :

17 And ^h he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

18 And ⁱ he is the head of the body, the church : who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead ; that ^j in all things he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased ^k the Father that ^l in him should all fulness dwell ;

20 And, ^m having made peace through the blood ⁿ of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself ; by him, ^o I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

21 And you, ^p that were sometime alienated and enemies ^q in your mind ^r by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

22 In the body of his flesh through death, ^s to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight :

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven ; whereof ^t I Paul am made a minister ;

24 Who ^u now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for ^v his body's sake, which is the church :

25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, ^w to fulfil the word of God ;

26 *Even* ^x the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, ^y but now is made manifest to his saints :

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles ; which is Christ in you, ^z the hope of glory :

A. D. 64.

^a Ep. 3. 16.

^b 6. 10.

^c 2 Co. 11. 2.

^d Ep. 5. 20.

^e Ac. 26. 18.

^f Ep. 1. 11.

^g or, fear,

^h or, care,

ⁱ the Son of his love.

^j Mat. 3. 17.

^k Ep. 1. 6.

^l 2 Co. 4. 4.

^m He. 1. 3.

ⁿ Re. 3. 14.

^o Jno. 1. 3.

^p He. 1. 2.

^q Phi. 3. 8.

^r or, wherein

^s Ep. 1. 8.

^t Jno. 1. 1, 3.

^u 17. 5.

^v Ep. 5. 23.

^w 1 Pe. 5. 9.

^x or, among,

^y 1 Th. 4. 1.

^z Jude 3.

^a Jno. 3. 34.

^b Ep. 3. 17.

^c or, making

^d peace.

^e Ep. 2. 14. 16.

^f Ep. 4. 18.

^g Mat. 15. 2.

^h or, by,

ⁱ or, in,

^j or, elements

^k Jno. 1. 14.

^l Lu. 1. 75.

^m Jude 24.

ⁿ Jno. 1. 16.

^o 1 Pe. 3. 22.

^p Je. 4. 4.

^q Ro. 2. 29.

^r Ro. 6. 6.

^s Ro. 5. 3.

^t 2 Co. 7. 4.

^u Ro. 6. 4.

^v Ep. 1. 23.

^w Ep. 2. 1, 5.

^x or, fully to

^y preach the word of God

^z Ro. 15. 19.

^a Ro. 16. 25.

^b Ep. 2. 15. 16.

^c Mat. 13. 11.

^d Ge. 3. 15.

^e Is. 53. 12.

^f Mat. 12. 29.

^g Jno. 12. 31.

^h or, among.

ⁱ 1 Ti. 1. 1.

^j or, himself.

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom ; ^k that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus :

29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

CHAP. II.

FOR I would that ye knew what great ^a conflict I have for you, and *for* them at Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh ;

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, ^b to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ ;

3 ^c In ^d whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the ^e steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

6 As ^f ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him :

7 Rooted ^g and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after ^h the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For ⁱ in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ^j ye are complete in him, ^k which is the head of all principality and power :

11 In whom also ye are ^l circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in ^m putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ :

12 Buried ⁿ with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with ^o him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

13 And ^p you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses ;

14 Blotting ^q out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross ;

15 And ^r having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in ^s it.

5. *image*, &c. i. e. visible image of the invisible God. *firstborn*, &c. 'chief of all the creation ;' or, 'begotten before every creature.'—G. Holden.

17. *he is before* 18. *the beginning*, the Author and First Cause of all things.

19. *firstborn*, &c. first who rose to die no more.

20. *blood*, i. e. his atoning blood.

21. *alienated*, strangers from God. *by wicked works*, which showed the enmity.

22. *In the body of his flesh*, offered up.

23. *If*, or 'since,' every creature, both Jew and Gentile.

24. *fill up—behind*, a certain portion of suffering being, in God's plan, to be endured by the body as well as the Head.

25. *to fulfil*, or fully to reach.

26. *present*, the word denotes the priest's ringing the offering to the altar. *perfect in Christ*, completely justified and sanctified.

29. *striving*, the earnest competitors in the Grecian games.

CHAP. II.—1. *conflict*, in prayer. 2. *knit together*, compacted. 3. *unto all riches*, &c. i. e. the richest and most assured understanding.—Dodridge. to

the acknowledgement, i. e. to the perfect knowledge and confession of the gospel. and of the Father, 'even of the Father.'

5. *order*, orderly walking.

6. *received Christ*, as your Head.

8. *philosophy*, &c. i. e. through an empty and deceitful philosophy.—Dr. Macknight.

8. *rudiments*, &c. pagan superstitions and Jewish ceremonies: see Gal. iv. 3.

9. *the fulness*, the very substance of God.

10. *complete in him*, 'filled with him.'—Dr. A. Clarke.

11. *circumcision made*, &c. i. e. of the heart and mind.

12. *of the operation of Christ*, of which he is the author.

13. *uncircumcision of your flesh*, your corrupt and unrenewed nature.

14. *Blotting*, &c. as a debt is cancelled. *handwriting*, the law is here considered as a bond. *nailing it*, so laws were abrogated, a nail being driven through the table on which they were written, and it was hung up to public view.

15. *principalities*, &c. wicked spirits, Eph. vi. 12. *shew*—openly, as vanquished. *in it*, 'by it,' i. e. the cross.

16 Let no man therefore judge you * in meat, or in drink, or † in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days :

17 Which ^c are a shadow of things to come ; but the body is of Christ.

18 Let no man † beguile you of your reward § in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things * which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19 And not holding [§] the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together increaseth with the increase of God.

20 Wherefore if ye be [§] dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

21 (Touch * not; taste not; handle not;

22 Which all are to perish with the using;) ^o after the commandments and doctrines of men?

23 Which * things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and * neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

CHAP. III.

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where [§] Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your † affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For [§] ye are dead, * and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When * Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

5 Mortify ^a therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, ^c which is idolatry:

6 For ^d which things * sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

8 But ^a now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9 Lie [¶] not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

10 And have put on the new man, which ^o is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that ^p created him:

11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: * but Christ is all, and in all.

12 Put on therefore, ^t as the elect of God, holy and beloved, * bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing [¶] one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a [†] quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

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* or, for eating and drinking.

^a 1 Co. XIII.

[†] or, in part.

^b Ro. 14. 17.

^c Phi. 4. 7.

^d He. 8. 5.

^e 10. 1.

[†] or, judge against you

[§] being a voluntary in humility.

[¶] ver. 23.

^d 1 Co. 14. 26.

^e Eze. 13. 3.

^f 1 Ti. 1. 7.

^f 1 Co. 10. 31.

^h Ep. 4. 15, 16.

^h 1 Th. 5. 18.

^h He. 13. 15.

ⁱ 1 Pe. 3. 1.

^k Ro. 7. 4, 6.

^l Ga. 2. 19.

^{||} or, elements

^l 1 Pe. 3. 7.

^m Ep. 6. 1.

ⁿ 1 Ti. 4. 3.

^o Is. 29. 13.

^p Mat. 15. 9.

^p Ep. 6. 4.

^r 1 Ti. 4. 8.

^s 1 Pe. 2. 18.

* or, punishing, or, not sparing.

^t Ro. 8. 34.

^u Ep. 1. 20.

^u 1 Co. 7. 22.

^v or, mind.

^v Ro. 6. 2.

^w Ga. 2. 20.

^x 2 Co. 5. 17.

^y De. 10. 17.

^z Ro. 2. 11.

^z 1 Pe. 1. 17.

^z 1 Jno. 3. 2.

^a Ro. 8. 13.

^a Ga. 5. 24.

^b Lu. 18. 1.

^b Ro. 12. 12.

^c Ep. 5. 5.

^d Re. 22. 15.

^d Mat. 13. 11.

^f Phi. 1. 7.

^f 1 Th. 4. 12.

^h 1 Pe. 2. 1.

^h He. 12. 1.

ⁱ Ep. 5. 16.

^k Mar. 9. 50.

^l 1 Pe. 3. 15.

^m Le. 19. 11.

ⁿ Ep. 6. 21.

^o Ro. 12. 2.

^p Ep. 2. 10.

^p Ep. 1. 23.

^q Philo. 10.

^t 1 Pe. 1. 2.

^t 2 Pe. 1. 10.

^u Ga. 5. 22.

^u Phi. 2. 1.

^u Ep. 4. 2, 32.

^v Mar. 11. 25.

[†] or, complaint.

14 And above all these things ^a put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

15 And let ^b the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another ^d in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And ^f whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do ^g all in the name of the Lord Jesus, ^h giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

18 Wives, ⁱ submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

19 Husbands, ^j love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

20 Children, ^k obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

21 Fathers, ^l provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

22 Servants, ^m obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: ⁿ for ye serve the Lord Christ.

25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and ^o there is no respect of persons.

CHAP. IV.

MASTERS, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

2 Continue ^b in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak ^c the mystery of Christ, ^d for which I am also in bonds:

4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

5 Walk ^e in wisdom toward them that are without, ^f redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech be always with grace, ^g seasoned with salt, ^h that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

7 All my state shall ⁱ Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:

8 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;

9 With ^j Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.

10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;

11 And Jesus, which is called Justus,

erated vessels. 23. not in any honour, &c. ^t to the dishonourable satisfying of the flesh. — Dr. Doddridge.

CHAP. III.—1. risen, from spiritual death. 3. dead, to the world. life—hid, secured as a jewel. ^{vm} God, in the centre of Deity. 6. Lie not, exercise integrity.

10. knowledge, a saving knowledge of God. 11. Where, i. e. in the Christian churches. 14. charity, love.

CHAP. IV.—5. them—without, your ungodly neighbours. 6. with salt, with wisdom and grace; as

16. judge you, condemn you Gentile Christians for neglecting Jewish distinctions. 18. reward, of future glory, Phil. iii. 13, 14. worshipping of angels, some heresy then existing about making them intercessors. things, &c. secrets of the heavenly hierarchy. 19. holding the Head, adhering to, and relying on Christ. 20. dead—from the rudiments, renounced Judaism and heathenism. 21. Touch not, i. e. such as, touch not an unclean thing. taste not, forbidden meat. handle not, conse-

who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

13 For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.

14 Luke, & the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.

15 Salute the brethren which are in

A. D. 64.

a 1 Th. 5. 27.

• or, striving.

b Ro. 15. 30.

c Mat. 5. 48.

1 Co. 2. 6.

14. 20.

Phi. 3. 15.

He. 5. 14.

† or, filled.

d 1 Ti. 4. 6.

e Mat. 25. 36.

He. 13. 3.

f He. 13. 25.

g 2 Ti. 4. 11.

Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.

16 And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

17 And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

¶ Written from Rome to the Colossians by Tychicus and Onesimus.

flesh with salt. 13. Laodicea—Hierapolis, neighbouring cities in the greater Phrygia. 15. Nymphas, some eminent Christian in Laodicea. 16. epistle from

Laodicea, which, probably, the apostle had written to the Laodiceans, but it is not preserved. 17. Archippus, minister at Colosse, or co-pastor: see Phil. 2.

The First Epistle of PAUL the Apostle to the THESSALONIANS.

Written the first of the Epistles, and designed to confirm them in the faith and excite them to a holy conversation, A. D. 52.

CHAP. I.

PAUL, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

CHAP. II.

FOR yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:

A. D. 54.

a Ac. 16. 22.

b Ep. 1. 2.

c Ro. 1. 8.

Ep. 1. 16.

Phile. 4.

d 1 Co. 9. 17.

Ga. 2. 7.

Tit. 1. 3.

e Ga. 1. 10.

f Jno. 6. 29.

g Pr. 17. 3.

h Ro. 8. 27.

i Ro. 16. 6.

He. 6. 10.

j Ro. 1. 9.

k or, beloved of God, your election.

l Col. 3. 12.

m Jno. 5. 41, 42.

1 Ti. 5. 17.

n Mar. 16. 20.

† or, used authority.

o 1 Co. 9. 1, 2, 5.

p Col. 2. 2.

He. 2. 3.

q 2 Ti. 2. 24.

r 2 Co. 12. 15.

s He. 10. 34.

t Ac. 20. 31.

u 2 Co. 12. 13, 14.

v 2 Co. 7. 2.

w 2 Th. 3. 7.

x 1 Co. 12. 2.

Ga. 4. 8.

y 1 Co. 1. 9.

z 2 Th. 2. 14.

2 Ti. 1. 9.

aa Ac. 2. 24.

ab Mat. 3. 7.

ac Ro. 5. 9.

ad Mat. 10. 40.

ae Ga. 4. 14.

af 2 Pe. 3. 2.

2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

3 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:

6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

9. they, the faithful. shew, can give an account.

CHAP. II.—2. at Philippi, see Acts xvi. 23. contention, denotes dangerous contest for victory, as in the Grecian games. 5. nor a cloke, &c. neither with a cloke over covetousness.—Macknight. 6. burdensome, requiring maintenance. 9. travail, painful exertions. 13. worketh, through the Spirit, and producing practical fruit.

14 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judæa are in Christ Jesus: for ^a ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they *have* of the Jews:

15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and ^atheir own prophets, and have ^apersecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:

16 Forbidding ^a us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, ^f to fill up their sins away: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

17 But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.

18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but ^k Satan hindered us.

19 For what ⁱ is our hope, or joy, or ^m crown of [§] rejoicing? *Are* not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ ^o at his coming?

20 For ye are our glory and joy.

CHAP. III.

WHEREFORE when we could no longer forbear, ^r we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;

2 And sent ^t Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow-labourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

3 That ^a no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that ^y we are appointed thereunto.

4 For ^a verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, ^b lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

6 But ^d now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, ^f as we also to see you.

7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:

8 For now we live, if ye ⁱ stand fast in the Lord.

9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;

10 Night and day ^m praying exceedingly that we might see your face, ⁿ and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, [§] direct ^o our way unto you.

12 And the Lord ^r make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, ^{||} or, exhort.

15. *contrary to all men*, the Jews hated all other nations. 18. *Satan hindered*, by stirring up the opposition of the Jews: see Acts xvii. 13, 14. 19. *or crown*, alludes to the crowning of the victor in the Grecian games.

CHAP. III.—1. *forbear*, endure our anxiety to see you. 8. *we live*, i. e. rejoice. *if*, or, seeing that. 13. *at the coming*, that you may be found such at the final judgment.

A. D. 54.

^a Ac. 17. 5, 13.

^b 2 Th. 2. 17.

^c 1 Jno. 3. 20.

^d 21.

^e Zec. 14. 5.

^f Jude 14.

^g Mat. 5. 12.

^h 23, 34, 37.

ⁱ Ac. 7. 52.

^j *or, chased us out.*

^k *or, request.*

^l Lu. 11. 52.

^m Ac. 13. 50.

ⁿ *or, beseech.*

^o Ge. 15. 16.

^p Mat. 23. 32.

^q Phi. 1. 27.

^r Col. 2. 6.

^s Ro. 12. 2.

^t Ep. 5. 27.

^u Ro. 1. 13.

^v Ro. 6. 19.

^w Pr. 16. 31.

^x *or, glorying.*

^y Ac. 4. 17, 18.

^z 1 Co. 15. 23.

^{aa} Re. 1. 7.

^{ab} 22. 12.

^{ac} Le. 19. 11, 13.

^{ad} *or, oppress, or, over-reach.*

^{ae} *or, the matter.*

^{af} 2 Th. 1. 8.

^{ag} Ac. 17. 15.

^{ah} Le. 19. 2.

^{ai} He. 12. 14.

^{aj} Ro. 16. 21.

^{ak} *or, rejecteth.*

^{al} 1 Jno. 3. 24.

^{am} Ep. 3. 13.

^{an} Mat. 22. 39.

^{ao} Jno. 13. 34.

^{ap} Ac. 9. 16.

^{aq} 1 Pe. 2. 21.

^{ar} Ac. 20. 24.

^{as} Ac. 20. 35.

^{at} 1 Co. 7. 5.

^{au} 2 Co. 11. 3.

^{av} Ro. 13. 13.

^{aw} 1 Pe. 12. 12.

^{ax} d. Ac. 18. 1, 5.

^{ay} *or, no man.*

^{az} Le. 19. 28.

^{ba} Ep. 2. 12.

^{bb} Phi. 1. 8.

^{bc} 1 Co. 15. 13.

^{bd} 1 Co. 15. 23.

^{be} Phi. 4. 1.

^{bf} 1 Co. 15. 51.

^{bg} Mat. 24. 30.

^{bh} Ac. 1. 11.

^{bi} 2 Th. 1. 7.

^{bj} Ro. 15. 32.

^{bk} Col. 4. 12.

^{bl} *or, guide.*

^{bm} Mar. 1. 3.

^{bn} Jno. 14. 3.

^{bo} ch. 4. 10.

^{bp} 2 Pe. 1. 7.

^{bq} *or, exhort.*

and toward all men, even as we do to ward you:

13 To the end he may ^b establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ ^c with all his saints.

CHAP. IV.

FURTHERMORE then we ^t beseech you, brethren, and ^u exhort you by the Lord Jesus, ^v that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is ^a the will of God, *even* ⁱ your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That ^t every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, ^w even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That ^x no man go beyond and ^y defraud his brother in ^{any} matter: because that the Lord ^z is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, ^a but unto holiness.

8 He therefore that ^b despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, ^c who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God ^d to love one another.

10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and ^e to work with your own hands, as we commanded you.

12 That ^f ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and ^g that ye may have lack of nothing.

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, ^h even as others which have no hope.

14 For ⁱ if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so ^j them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that ^k we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For ^l the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so ^m shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore ⁿ comfort one another with these words.

CHAP. IV.—4. *vessel*, body. 10. *increase*, &c. i. e. in love, ver. 9. 13. *are asleep*, have departed this life. 14. *even so*, i. e. even so we believe that them also, &c. 15. *by the word*, by a Divine revelation. *coming*, i. e. second coming. *not prevent*, &c. not go before other saints in the glorification of our bodies. 16. *shout*, of angels. The original denotes the shout of soldiers at the first onset. 16. *first*, before the living are changed. 17. *caught up*, in spiritual bodies.

CHAP. V.

BUT of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

A. D. 54.

Mar. 9. 50.

or, beseech.

2Th. 3. 11, 12

or, disorderly.

He. 12. 12.

Lu. 12. 39, 40

2 Pe. 3. 10.

Ro. 14. 1.

Ep. 4. 2.

Le. 19. 13.

Mat. 5. 39, 44

1 Pe. 3. 9.

Ro. 13. 12, 13.

1 Jno. 2. 8.

2 Co. 6. 10.

Phi. 4. 4.

Lu. 18. 1.

Ro. 12. 12.

Ep. 6. 18.

Col. 4. 2.

1 Pe. 4. 7.

Col. 3. 17.

Ep. 5. 8.

Ep. 4. 30.

Mat. 24. 42.

25. 13.

1 Jno. 4. 1.

Phi. 4. 8.

1 Co. 15. 34.

Ep. 5. 14.

Phi. 4. 9.

ch. 3. 13.

Ep. 6. 14, 16,

17.

Ro. 9. 22.

1 Co. 1. 9.

2Th. 2. 13, 14

or, adjure.

or, exhort.

He. 13. 7, 17.

13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

25 Brethren, pray for us.

26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.

27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

The first epistle unto the Thessalonians was written from Athens.

CHAP. V.—1. times—seasons, of resurrection and judgment. 2. as a thief, suddenly and unexpectedly. 3. they, men of the world. 4. darkness, ignorance. 5. light, of truth. night, of heathenism or judaism. 6. sleep, be indolent. sober, temperate and moderate in using the world. 7. drunken in the night, so the dissolute ancients were after their

great suppers. 10. wake or sleep, live or die. 12. know, love and respect. 17. Pray, &c. let prayer be your habit. 19. Quench not the Spirit, by neglecting devotion, for his comforting and holy influences may be quenched, as fire by the pouring on of water. 20. prophesyings, gospel preaching. 21. Prove, &c. as money-changers test money.

The Second Epistle of PAUL the Apostle to the THESSALONIANS.

Written to correct an erroneous notion of Christ's speedily coming to judgment, and to encourage them under persecution.

CHAP. I.

PAUL, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

A. D. 54.

Re. 6. 10.

2 Co. 1. 19.

Re. 14. 13.

1 Co. 1. 3.

1 Th. 4. 16.

Jude 14.

the angels

of his power

1 Th. 1. 2, 3.

2 Pe. 3. 7.

Re. 21. 8.

or, yielding

Ps. 79. 6.

Ro. 2. 8.

Phi. 3. 19.

Phi. 1. 28.

or, vouchsafe.

6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the

CHAP. I.—3. charity, or 'love.' 5. token, &c. the present afflictions of the righteous from the wicked, are strong tokens that there must come a future judgment. worthy of, i. e. meet for. 7. rest, &c. there shall be a recompense of rest with us. 9.

destruction, of happiness, not of being. from the presence, &c. i. e. immediately from God himself. from the glory, &c. i. e. from his glorious power. 10. glorified in, or 'by.' admired in, 'admired by.' day, of judgment.

good pleasure of his goodness, ^a and the work of faith with power:

12 That ^a the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHAP. II.

NOW we beseech you, brethren, ^f by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let ^t no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, ^g except there come a falling away first, and ^h that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself ⁱ above all that is called God, or that is worshipped: so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what ^j withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For ^k the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, ^l whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy ^m with the brightness of his coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and ⁿ signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And ^o for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, ^p that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but ^q had pleasure in unrighteousness.

13 But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath ^r from the beginning chosen you to salvation ^s through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to ^t the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, ^u stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, ^v which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting

A. D. 54.

^a 1 Th. 1. 3.^b 1 Pe. 1. 3.^c 1 Pe. 5. 10.^d 1 Pe. 1. 7.^e 4. 14.^f Ep. 6. 19.^g may run.^h 1 Th. 4. 16, 17ⁱ absurd.^j Ac. 28. 24.^k Ro. 10. 16.^l Jno. 17. 15.^m 2 Pe. 2. 9.ⁿ Mat. 24. 4.^o Ep. 5. 6.^p 1 Ti. 4. 1.^q 1 Ch. 29. 18.^r Da. 7. 25.^s Re. 13. 11, &c^t or, patience of Christ.^u 1 Co. 8. 5.^v Ro. 16. 17.^w 2 Jno. 10.^x 1 Co. 5. 11, 13.^y 1 Th. 2. 10.^z or, holdeth.^a 1 Jno. 2. 18.^b 4. 3.^c Ac. 18. 3.^d 20. 34.^e 1 Co. 9. 6.^f 1 Th. 2. 6.^g Da. 7. 10, 11.^h ch. 1. 8, 9.ⁱ He. 10. 27.^j De. 13. 1.^k Mat. 24. 24.^l 1 Th. 4. 11.^m 1 Ti. 5. 13.ⁿ 1 Pe. 4. 15.^o 1 Ki. 22. 22.^p Eze. 14. 9.^q Ro. 1. 24, &c.^r Ep. 4. 28.^s 1 Ti. 4. 1.^t or, faint not.^u Ga. 6. 9.^v Ro. 1. 32.^w or, signify that man by an epistle.^x Ep. 1. 4.^y Le. 19. 17.^z 1 Th. 5. 14.^a Lu. 1. 75.^b 1 Pe. 1. 2.^c Tit. 3. 10.^d Ro. 15. 33.^e 1 Co. 14. 33.^f Jno. 17. 22.^g 1 Th. 2. 12.^h 1 Pe. 5. 10.ⁱ Co. 16. 13.^j Phi. 4. 1.^k 1 Jno. 4. 10.^l Re. 1. 5.

consolation and ^h good hope through grace, 17 Comfort your hearts, ⁱ and stablish you in every good word and work.

CHAP. III.

FINALLY, brethren, ^j pray for us, that the word of the Lord ^k may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

2 And that we may be delivered from ^l unreasonable and wicked men: ^m for all men have not faith.

3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and ⁿ keep you from evil.

4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

5 And ^o the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the ^p patient waiting for Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^q that ye withdraw yourselves ^r from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for ^s we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but ^t wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

9 Not ^u because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, ^v working not at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, ^w that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

13 But ye, brethren, ^x be ^y not weary in well doing.

14 And if any man obey not our word ^z by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

15 Yet ^a count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

16 Now ^b the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

17 The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

¶ The second epistle to the Thessalonians was written from Athens.

12. in you, by your holy life. in him, in eternal glory.

CHAP. II.—1. by, 'concerning.' gathering, &c.

at the last day. 2. shaken, as ships by waves,

at anchor. by spirit, pretended revelations. nor

by word, as from the apostle. 3. a falling away,

an apostasy from the Christian church. man of sin,

most strikingly seen in popery. 4. exalteth himself,

by blasphemous pretences, claims, and titles, as 'Our

Lord God the Pope.' 6. what withholdeth, the

Roman emperors were the obstructing power. 7.

doth already work, by superstitious will-worship, &c.

lettleth, hindereth. until he, &c. until the heathen

Roman empire be overthrown. 8. spirit of his

mouth, his word. brightness of his coming, his glorious

spiritual reign.—Keyworth. 9. lying wonders,

as popish legends and miracles. 15. traditions,

mean truths delivered; these were truths spoken and

written by the apostles.

CHAP. III.—2. have not faith, i. e. do not receive

the gospel. 9. power, right.

The First Epistle of PAUL the Apostle to TIMOTHY.

Giving him counsel how to conduct himself among the Ephesians, when Paul himself was driven from them by persecution; and written from Macedonia. See Acts x. 1.

CHAP. I.

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ^a by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ,^f which is our hope;

2 Unto Timothy,^g my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus,^h when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge someⁱ that they teach no other doctrine,

4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies,^j which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

5 Now^k the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

6 From which some^l having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;

7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

8 But we know that^m the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

9 Knowingⁿ this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for men-stealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God,^o which was committed to my trust.

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord,^p who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful,^q putting me into the ministry;

13 Who was before a blasphemer,^r and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because^s I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

14 And^t the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that^u Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

A. D. 65.

a Da. 7. 14.

b Ro. 1. 23.

c Ac. 9. 15.

d Jno. 1. 18.

e He. 11. 27.

f Jude 25.

g Col. 1. 27.

h Tit. 1. 4.

i Ac. 20. 1, 3.

j Ga. 1. 6, 7.

k 1 Co. 5. 3.

l eh. 6. 4.

m Ro. 13. 8, 10.

n Ga. 5. 14.

o or, desire.

p or, not

aiming at.

q Ezr. 6. 10.

r Je. 29. 7.

s Ro. 13. 1.

t or, eminent

place.

u Ro. 12. 2.

v Ro. 7. 12.

w Eze. 18. 23.

x Jno. 3. 16, 17.

y Ga. 3. 19.

z 5. 23.

aa He. 8. 6.

ab 9. 15.

ac Mat. 20. 28.

ad or, a testi-

mony.

ae Ro. 11. 13.

af 15. 16.

ag Ga. 1. 16.

ah Mal. 1. 11.

ai Jno. 4. 21.

aj 1 Co. 9. 17.

ak Ga. 2. 7.

al Col. 1. 25.

am 2 Ti. 1. 11.

an Tit. 1. 3.

ao 1 Pe. 3. 3, 4.

ap 2 Co. 12. 9.

aq 2 Co. 2. 5, 6.

ar or, plained.

as Ac. 8. 3.

at 9. 1.

au Lu. 23. 34.

av Jno. 9. 39, 41.

aw Ro. 5. 20.

ax 1 Co. 15. 10.

ay 1 Co. 14. 34.

az Ep. 5. 24.

ba Lu. 5. 32.

bb 19. 10.

bc Ro. 5. 8.

bd 1 Jno. 3. 5.

be 1 Co. 11. 8, 9.

bf Ge. 3. 6.

17 Now unto^c the King eternal,^d immortal,^e invisible,^f the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

20 Of whom is Hymenæus and Alexander; whom I have^g delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

CHAP. II.

I. EXHORT therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For^h kings, andⁱ for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3 For this is^j good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 Who^k will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is one God, and^l one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

6 Who^m gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;)ⁿ a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

8 I will therefore that men pray^o every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

9 In like manner also, that^p women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with^q brodered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

12 But^r I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

13 For^s Adam was first formed, then Eve.

14 And^t Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

CHAP. I.—4. fables, Jewish fables, Tit. 1. 14. genealogies, about their descent from David and Levi. 5. commandment, law, Rom. xiii. 8—10. 7. Desiring, &c. setting up for interpreters of the law. 8. law, ceremonial and moral. is good, to lead to Christ by types, and to guide the conduct. 9. righteous man, the sincere and humble believer. 11. glorious gospel, 'gospel of the glory.' 14. was exceeding abundant, that is, abounded towards me. 18. the prophecies, generally understood as some previous revelation made of Timothy's being fitted for office: compare Acts xiii. 2. 19. Holding, 'holding fast.' 20. delivered unto Satan, 1 Cor. v. 5, note.

CHAP. II.—4. all men, all sorts of men. 5. one mediator, hence the folly of those who have many. Mediator means a middle-person to reconcile two parties at enmity. the man, Christ's mediation being founded on his atoning death in our nature. 6. ransom, see Matt. xi. 28, note. for all, see ver. 4. to be testified, &c. ultimately borne witness of to all nations. 8. lifting—hands, the Jews' attitude in prayer. holy hands, the hands were washed; but the purity signified, is here meant. doubting, disputings. 14. being deceived, is less fit as a leader: see ver. 12. 15. saved in childbearing, 'through child-bearing;' through the birth of Jesus, Gen. iii. 15.

CHAP. III.

THIS is a true saying. If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

11 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

CHAP. IV.

NOW the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with

A. D. 65.

Phil. 1. 1.

Tit. 1. 15.

Tit. 1. 6, &c.

or, modest.

or, Not

ready to

quarrel,

and after

wrung, as

one in

time.

1 Pet. 5. 2.

2 Tim. 3. 14, 15.

Heb. 5. 14.

Col. 2. 23.

or, for a

little time.

ch. 6. 6.

or, one

newly come

to the faith.

Ps. 37. 4.

Mat. 6. 33.

Ro. 8. 26.

Ac. 6. 3.

Ps. 107. 2, &c.

ch. 1. 18.

1 Pet. 5. 3.

Tit. 2. 3.

ch. 1. 18.

Ac. 6. 6.

2 Tim. 1. 6.

Mat. 25. 21.

or, ministered.

or, in all

things.

Ac. 20. 28.

Eze. 33. 9.

Ro. 11. 14.

Ep. 2. 21, 22.

or, stay.

Le. 19. 32.

Jno. 1. 14.

1 Jno. 1. 2.

manifested

Mat. 3. 16.

Lu. 24. 4.

Ac. 10. 34.

Ga. 2. 8.

Col. 1. 6, 23.

Ac. 1. 19.

1 Pet. 3. 22.

or, kindness

Ge. 45. 10, 11.

Mat. 15. 4.

Jno. 16. 13.

1 Pet. 1. 20.

Le. 16. 14.

Lu. 2. 37.

18. 1.

Ac. 26. 7.

Mat. 7. 15.

Ep. 4. 19.

Ja. 5. 5.

or, delicately.

Heb. 13. 4.

Ro. 14. 3, 7.

thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving;

5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

11 These things command and teach.

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

CHAP. V.

REBUKE not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;

2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.

4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.

8 But if any provide not for his own,

CHAP. III.—1. bishop, or elder, or presbyter, Acts xi. 30; xx. 17.—Scott.—G. Holden. 6. a novice, one recently converted. condemnation of the devil, condemned for high-mindedness. 15. house of God, the family or society of the faithful. the pillar and ground, &c. pillar and support of the true faith. 16. manifest, &c. in the person of the incarnate Deity. justified in, or by the Spirit who raised him from the dead, 1 Pet. iii. 18; Rom. i. 4.

CHAP. IV.—1. expressly, clearly, and certainly. latter, or 'after,' of devils, or concerning 'demons,' a kind of beings of a nature between God and man; and the souls of some departed men were also so called. These answer to the Romish saints. 2. Speaking lies, as popish legends, &c. seared, as though cauter-

fied. 3. Forbidding to marry, answers to popish celibacy. abstain from meats, some papists never eat flesh; some only a certain sort; some multiply fasts. 5. sanctified, 'set apart for use.' 7. fables, Jewish traditions. exercise thyself, alluding to discipline for the Olympic games. 8. bodily exercise, external worship. 9. This, i. e. this saying concerning godliness. 10. saviour, preserver. specially, in a more eminent manner. 12. Let no man despise, &c. i. e. give him no occasion for it. sword, discourse. conversation, behaviour. 16. gift, some spiritual gift peculiar to the time. by prophecy, by immediate direction from God. 14. in them, in attention to the preceding advices.

CHAP. V.—1. elder, i. e. in years, not in office. nephews, descendants.

and ^a specially for those of his own ^b house, he hath denied the faith, ^c and is worse than an infidel.

9 Let not a widow be ^d taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,

10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have ^e lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

11 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;

12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

13 And ^f withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, ^g give none occasion to the adversary ^h to speak reproachfully.

15 For some are already turned aside after Satan.

16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

17 Let ⁱ the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

18 For the scripture saith, ^j Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, ^k The labourer is worthy of his reward.

19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but ^l before ^m two or three witnesses.

20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without ⁿ preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

22 Lay ^o hands suddenly on no man, ^p neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine ^q for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

24 Some ^r men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some ^s men they follow after.

25 Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

CHAP. VI.

LET as many ^t servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, ^u because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are ^v faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

A. D. 65.

^a Is. 58. 7.

^b Ga. 6. 10.

^c or, *kindred*.

^d Mat. 18. 17.

^e Tit. 1. 1.

^f or, *chosen*.

^g or, *a fool*.

^h 1 Co. 8. 2.

ⁱ or, *rich*.

^j Ac. 16. 15.

^k He. 13. 2.

^l or, *Gallings one of another*.

^m 2 Pe. 2. 3.

ⁿ Ro. 16. 17.

^o Pr. 15. 16.

^p He. 13. 5.

^q Ec. 5. 15.

^r 2 Th. 3. 11.

^s Pr. 15. 27.

^t 20. 21.

^u 28. 20.

^v Mat. 13. 22.

^w ch. 6. 1.

^x Tit. 2. 8.

^y Ex. 23. 8.

^z De. 16. 19.

^{aa} for their railing.

^{ab} or, *been seduced*.

^{ac} 2 Ti. 2. 22.

^{ad} Ro. 12. 8.

^{ae} Phi. 2. 19.

^{af} He. 13. 7, 27.

^{ag} 1 Co. 9. 25, 26.

^{ah} Phi. 3. 12, 14.

^{ai} De. 25. 4.

^{aj} 1 Co. 9. 9.

^{ak} Jno. 5. 21.

^{al} Le. 19. 13.

^{am} De. 24. 14, 15.

^{an} Mat. 10. 10.

^{ao} Jno. 18. 37.

^{ap} or, *profession*.

^{aq} or, *under*.

^{ar} De. 19. 15.

^{as} Re. 17. 14.

^{at} 19. 16.

^{au} or, *pre-judice*.

^{av} Ex. 33. 20.

^{aw} Jno. 6. 45.

^{ax} Ac. 6. 6.

^{ay} 13. 5.

^{az} 2 Jno. 11.

^{ba} Ps. 52. 7.

^{bb} Pr. 23. 5.

^{bc} Mar. 10. 24.

^{bd} Ps. 104. 15.

^{be} the uncertainty of riches.

^{bf} Ga. 5. 19.

^{bg} Lu. 12. 21.

^{bh} Ro. 12. 13.

^{bi} or, *sociable*.

^{bj} He. 13. 16.

^{bk} Mat. 6. 20.

^{bl} Ep. 6. 5.

^{bm} 1 Ps. 2. 18.

^{bn} Col. 4. 1.

^{bo} or, *believing*.

3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^c and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

4 He is ^d proud, ^e knowing nothing, but ^f dotting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

5 ^g Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, ^h supposing that gain is godliness: ⁱ from such withdraw thyself.

6 But ^j godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For ^k we brought nothing into this world, ^l and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But ^m they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For ⁿ the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have ^o tattered from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But ^p thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12 Fight ^q the good fight of faith, ^r lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast ^s professed a good profession before many witnesses.

13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, ^t who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, ^u who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good ^v confession;

14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

15 Which in his times he shall shew, ^w who is the blessed and only Potentate, ^x the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; ^y whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom ^z be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, ^a nor trust in ^b uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

18 That they do good, that ^c they be rich in good works, ^d ready to distribute, ^e willing to ^f communicate;

19 Laying ^g up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace ^h be with thee. Amen.

ⁱ The first to Timothy was written from Laodicea, which is the chiefest city of Phrygia Pacatiana.

23. wine, among the Greeks and Romans, youth were not allowed wine before they were thirty.

CHAP. VI.—1. servants—yoke, converted servants in

slavery. 2. partakers, sharers of gospel blessings. 20. science, or knowledge, wrong interpretations of the law and prophets.

The Second Epistle of PAUL the Apostle to TIMOTHY.

CHAP. I.

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to ^b the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I thank God, ^a whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that ^c without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

5 When I call to remembrance ^a the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and ^b thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7 For ^m God hath not given us the spirit of fear; ⁿ but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me ^p his prisoner: ^q but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

9 Who hath saved us, and ^v called us with an holy calling, ^w not according to our works, but ^x according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began;

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, ^a who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

11 Whereunto ^b I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12 For ^c the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: ^d for I know whom I have ^e believed, and am persuaded that he is able to ^f keep that which I have committed unto him ^g against that day.

13 Hold fast ^h the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, ⁱ in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost ^j which dwelleth in us.

15 This thou knowest, that ^k all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

16 The Lord ^l give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:

17 But when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.

A. D. 66.

^a Mat. 25. 34

^b Ep. 3. 6.

^c He. 9. 15.

^d Ep. 6. 10.

^e Ga. 1. 14.

^f 1 Th. 1. 2.

^g 3. 10.

^h or, by.

ⁱ 1 Ti. 1. 18.

^j 1 Ti. 3. 2.

^k Tit. 1. 9.

^l 1 Ti. 1. 5.

^m 1 Co. 9. 25.

ⁿ Ac. 16. 1.

^o or, The husbandman, labouring

^p first, must be partaker

^q of the fruits

^r 1 Co. 9. 10.

^s Ro. 8. 15.

^t Lu. 24. 49.

^u Ac. 1. 8.

^v Ac. 2. 30.

^w 13. 23.

^x Ro. 1. 3, 4.

^y Ep. 3. 1.

^z 1 Co. 15. 14.

^{aa} 20.

^{ab} Col. 1. 24.

^{ac} Phi. 1. 7.

^{ad} Col. 4. 3, 18.

^{ae} Ac. 28. 31.

^{af} 1 Th. 4. 7.

^{ag} He. 3. 1.

^{ah} Ro. 3. 20.

^{ai} 9. 11.

^{aj} Tit. 3. 5.

^{ak} Ro. 8. 28.

^{al} Ro. 6. 5, 8.

^{am} 1 Co. 15. 54.

^{an} He. 2. 14.

^{ao} Ro. 8. 17.

^{ap} Mat. 10. 33.

^{aq} Ro. 3. 3.

^{ar} Ac. 9. 15.

^{as} Nu. 23. 19.

^{at} Ep. 3. 1.

^{au} 1 Pe. 4. 19.

^{av} or, trusted.

^{aw} 1 Ti. 6. 20.

^{ax} 2 Th. 1. 10.

^{ay} Ro. 6. 17.

^{az} 1 Ti. 6. 3.

^{ba} 1 Ti. 1. 14.

^{bb} or, gangrene.

^{bc} Ro. 8. 11.

^{bd} Ac. 19. 10.

^{be} 1 Jno. 2. 19.

^{bf} or, steady.

^{bg} Mat. 5. 7.

^{bh} Na. 1. 7.

^{bi} Jno. 10. 14.

^{bj} 27.

18 The Lord grant unto him ^a that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

CHAP. II.

THOU therefore, my son, ^a be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me ^b among many witnesses, ^c the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be ^d able to teach others also.

3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No ^e man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

5 And if a man also strive for masteries, ^f yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

6 ^g The ^h husbandman that laboureth must be ⁱ first partaker of the fruits.

7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

8 Remember that Jesus Christ ^j of the seed of David ^k was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, ^l even unto bonds; but ^m the word of God is not bound.

10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

11 *It is a faithful saying:* For ⁿ if we be dead with *him*, we shall also live with *him*:

12 If ^o we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*: if ^p we deny *him*, he also will deny us:

13 If ^q we believe not, ^r yet he abideth faithful: ^s he cannot deny himself.

14 Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, ^t but to the subverting of the hearers.

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

17 And their word will eat as doth a ^u canker: of whom is Hymenæus and Philetus;

18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

19 Nevertheless ^v the foundation of God standeth ^w sure, having this seal, The Lord ^x knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also

CHAP. I.—4. *tears*, of affection, shed at parting. 6. *stir up*, as fire is stirred up; by meditation and prayer. 7. *fear*, slavish fear. 8. *power*, or courage. 9. *sound mind*, or sober judgment. 10. *Hold fast*, by profession and preaching. 11. *sound*, as opposed to false doctrines. 12. *good thing*, his ministerial charge. 13. *they of Asia*, Asiatic Christians at Rome: see chap. iv. 16. 14. *day*, of retribution.

CHAP. II.—1. *in the grace*, in reliance on it. 2. *witnesses*, those present at his setting apart, 1 Tim. vi. 12. 3. *for masteries*, by wrestling in the games:

see 1 Cor. ix. 24. *lawfully*, according to the rules. 6. *The husbandman*, &c. should read, 'The husbandman must labour before he partake of the fruits.' 8. *Remember that*, or, 'Remember Jesus Christ,' &c. keep him in remembrance for encouragement. 9. *not bound*, not restrained. 11. *dead*, to the world and sin. *live*, eternally. 13. *believe not*, 'are unfaithful.' 15. *rightly dividing*, as sacrificial victims are dissected. 17. *canker*, mortification. 18. *resurrection*—past, interpreting it of a spiritual resurrection only. 19. *seal*, or inscription. 20. *in a great house*, so is the church.

of wood and of earth; * and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

21 If * a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

22 Flee * also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

24 And * the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, † patient,

25 In * meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may † recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are § taken captive by him at his will.

CHAP. III.

THIS know also, that * in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters proud, blasphemers, † disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, * false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, * lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For * of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now * as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, † reprobate * concerning the faith.

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, * as their s also was.

10 But thou * hast I fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me † at Antioch, * at Iconium, † at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out † of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and * all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But * continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known * the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All * scripture is given by inspiration

A. D. 66.

a Ro. 9. 21.

b Ro. 15. 4.

c Is. 52. 11.

d 1 Ti. 6. 11.

e or, per-

fect.

c Ps. 119. 9.

f Ac. 10. 42.

g Tit. 3. 2.

h Tit. 2. 15.

i 1 Ti. 4. 13.

† or, forbear-

ing.

k 1 Pe. 3. 15.

l awake.

§ taken alive

† Ac. 21. 8.

Ep. 4. 11.

|| or, fulfil.

Col. 4. 17.

m 2 Pe. 3. 3.

1 Jno. 2. 18.

Jude 18.

n Phi. 2. 17.

o Phi. 1. 23.

p 2 Pe. 1. 14.

q 1 Co. 9. 24, 25.

r Phi. 3. 14.

s Ro. 1. 30, 31.

t 1 Pe. 5. 4.

Re. 2. 10.

u ch. 1. 12.

v or, make-

bates.

Tit. 2. 3.

w Phi. 3. 19.

Jude 4. 19.

x 1 Jno. 2. 15.

y Mat. 23. 14.

z Ep. 6. 12.

† Ex. 7. 11.

† or, of no

judgment.

a Ro. 1. 28.

2 Co. 13. 5.

Tit. 1. 16.

b Ac. 19. 33.

c Ex. 9. 11.

d Ps. 18. 26.

28. 4.

e Phi. 2. 22.

1 Ti. 4. 6.

† or, been a

diligent fol-

lower of.

§ or, preach-

ings.

f Ac. 13. 45, 50.

g Ac. 14. 2, 5.

h Ac. 14. 19.

&c.

i ch. 1. 15.

k Ac. 7. 60.

l Ps. 34. 19.

m Jno. 17. 14.

1 Th. 3. 3.

n Ep. 3. 8.

o Ps. 22. 21.

p Re. 2. 10.

q Ps. 121. 7.

r Jno. 5. 39.

s Ac. 18. 2.

t Ac. 19. 22.

u Ac. 20. 4.

v 2 Ps. 1, 2, 21

of God, * and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That * the man of God may be perfect, * thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

CHAP. IV.

I CHARGE thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, † who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, * rebuke, † exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of † an evangelist, † make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For * I am now ready to be offered, and the time of * my departure is at hand.

7 I † have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me * a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me † at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

9 Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:

10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having * loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

12 And * Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

13 The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.

14 Alexander * the coppersmith did me much evil: † the Lord reward him according to his works:

15 Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our * words.

16 At my first answer no man stood with me, † but all men forsook me: * I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.

17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; * that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered * out of the mouth of the lion.

18 And * the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

19 Salute * Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus * abode at Corinth: but * Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

21. purge himself, &c. avoid the ways of inconsistent professors. 23. unlearned, 'untaught.' 26. recover —out of the snare, &c. like birds that have been snuffed by drugs scattered by the Fowler.

CHAP. III.—1. last days, gospel times. 6. creep, like serpents; thought by some to allude to monks and friars. laden with sins, and so glad to receive that which will reconcile the practice of sin with

hopes of salvation. 7. never able, &c. their teachers hiding the truth. 8. Jannes, &c. Pharaoh's chief magicians. reprobate, disapproved. 9. no further, shall have their limits.

CHAP. IV.—1. quick, living. 6. offered, as a libation. 7. fought—finished, &c. allusion to combats and races in the games. 16. first answer, to charges made before Nero.

Qualifications of ministers.

21 Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

TITUS.

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• *Cæsar Nero, or, the emperor Nero.*

Directions to Titus.

¶ The second *epistle* unto Timotheus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Ephesians, was written from Rome, when Paul was brought before Nero the second time.

The Epistle of PAUL to TITUS.

Titus was a converted Greek, left at Crete, a large island in the Mediterranean, to preside over the churches there; and this epistle contains advice for the performance of his sacred duties.

CHAP. I.

PAUL, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth ^h which is after godliness;

2 I in ^o hope of eternal life, which God, ^d that cannot lie, promised ^e before the world began;

3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, ^f which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

4 To ^a Titus, mine own son after ⁱ the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest ⁱ set in order the things that are [†] wanting, and ^m ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of riot, or unruly.

7 For a bishop must be blameless, as ^p the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, ^r not given to wine, no striker, ^s not given to filthy lucre;

8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good [§] men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

9 Holding fast ^t the faithful word ^{||} as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, ^y specially they of the circumcision;

11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

12 One ^o of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

15 Unto ^d the pure all things are pure: but ^o unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

16 They profess that they know God; but ⁱ in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, ^k and unto every good work [†] reprobate.

CHAP. II.

BUT speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

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• *or, vigilant.*

^a 1 Pe. 3. 3, 4.

^b 1 Ti. 3. 16.

[†] *or, holy women.*

[‡] *or, for.*

^c ch. 3. 7.

[§] *or, make-bates,*

² Ti. 3. 3.

^d Nu. 23. 19.

^e 1 Pe. 1. 20.

^{||} *or, wise.*

^f 1 Th. 2. 4.

[§] 1 Co. 14. 34.

^h Ga. 2. 3.

ⁱ Ro. 1. 12.

² Pe. 1. 1.

^k Ro. 2. 24.

• *or, discreet.*

ⁱ 1 Co. 11. 34.

[†] *or, left undone.*

^m Ac. 14. 23.

² Ti. 2. 2.

ⁿ Ne. 5. 9.

² Th. 3. 14.

^o Ep. 6. 5.

^p Mat. 21. 45.

^r Le. 10. 9.

^s Ep. 5. 18.

[†] *or, gain-saying.*

ⁱ 1 Pe. 5. 2.

[§] *or, things.*

[†] 1 Ti. 1. 15.

^{||} *or, in teaching.*

^u Ro. 5. 15.

^v 1 Pe. 5. 12.

• *or, to all men, hath appeared.*

^w Lu. 3. 6.

^x Lu. 1. 75.

^y Ac. 15. 1.

² Th. 1. 10.

^a Ac. 17. 28.

^b Ep. 2. 10.

¹ Pe. 2. 9.

^c Ro. 13. 1.

^d Lu. 11. 39.

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^e Ro. 14. 23.

^f Ep. 4. 31.

[§] Phi. 4. 5.

^h 1 Co. 6. 11.

ⁱ Ep. 2. 1.

^j Jude 4.

^k Ro. 1. 28.

[†] *or, void of judgment.*

[‡] *or, pity.*

ⁱ 1 Ti. 2. 3.

2 That the aged men be [•] sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged [•] women likewise, that *they* be in behaviour as becometh [†] holiness, not [§] false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be ^{||} sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, ^s obedient to their own husbands, ^k that the word of God be not blasphemed.

6 Young men likewise exhort to be [•] sober minded.

7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; ^m that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

9 *Exhort* ^o servants to be obedient unto their own masters, *and* to please *them* well in all *things*; not [†] answering again;

10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

11 For [•] the grace of God that bringeth salvation [•] hath [•] appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us [•] that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious [•] appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself ^b a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

CHAP. III.

PUT them in mind [•] to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

2 To [†] speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, *but* [§] gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

3 For ^a we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and [†] love of ⁱ God our Saviour toward man appeared,

CHAP. I.—1. according to, i. e. in order to the propagation of. 12. *slow bellies*, 'lazy gluttons.'

CHAP. II.—11. *grace*, the gospel. *appeared*, shone forth. *all men*, all nations. 13. *the great God and*

our Saviour, rather, 'great God and Saviour,' that is, our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHAP. III.—1. *subject*, the Jews were reckoned seditious, and opposed to the heathen yoke.

5 Not ^a by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by ^c the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which ^d he shed on us ^e abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That ^f being justified by his grace, ^g we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful ^h to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

10 A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition ⁱ reject;

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^a Ro. 3. 20.^b Ga. 2. 16.^c Ep. 2. 4, 8, 9.^d Ac. 13. 46.^e Jno. 3. 3, 5.^f Ep. 5. 26.^g 1 Pe. 3. 21.^h Joel 2. 28.ⁱ richly.^j Ro. 3. 24.^k Ro. 8. 23, 24.^l Ac. 18. 24.^m or, professⁿ honest^o trades.^p Ep. 4. 28.^q ch. 2. 14.^r Phi. 4. 17.^s Col. 1. 10.^t 2 Pe. 1. 8.^u Mat. 18. 17.^v 2 Jno. 10.

11 Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, ^b being condemned of himself.

12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

13 Bring Zenas the lawyer and ^c Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.

14 And let our's also learn to ^d maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be ^e not unfruitful.

15 All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

^f It was written to Titus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Cretians, from Nicopolis of Macedonia.

5. washing of regeneration, purifying grace of the Spirit. 10. heretick, 'schism maker.' reject, 'ex-

communicate.' 13. lawyer, a Jewish expounder, or a Roman lawyer.

The Epistle of PAUL to PHILEMON.

Onesimus, a slave, ran away from his master, Philemon, went to Rome, heard Paul there, and was converted. This Epistle was sent to Philemon, on Onesimus' returning to his service, urging him to receive him, both as a servant and a Christian.

PAUL, ^a a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy ^b our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

2 And to ^c our beloved Apphia, and ^d Archippus ^e our fellowsoldier, and to ^f the church in thy house:

3 Grace ^g to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I ^h thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

5 Hearing ⁱ of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;

6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual ^j by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints ^k are refreshed by thee, brother.

8 Wherefore, ^l though I might be much bold in Christ to injoin thee that which is convenient,

Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

10 I beseech thee for my son ^m Onesimus, ⁿ whom I have begotten in my bonds:

11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

13 Whom I would have retained with me, ^o that in thy stead he might have mini-

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^a Ep. 3. 1.^b 4. 1.^c 2 Ti. 1. 8.^d 2 Co. 9. 7.^e Col. 4. 17.^f Ge. 45. 5, 8.^g Phi. 2. 25.^h Ro. 16. 5.ⁱ 1 Co. 16. 19.^j Ep. 1. 2.^k Mat. 23. 8.^l 1 Ti. 6. 2.^m 1 Jno. 5. 1.ⁿ Ep. 1. 16.^o 1 Th. 1. 2.^p Col. 3. 22.^q Ep. 1. 15.^r Col. 1. 4.^s 2 Co. 8. 23.^t Phi. 1. 9, 11.^u 2 Co. 7. 13.^v 2 Ti. 1. 16.^w 1 Th. 2. 6.^x 2 Co. 7. 16.^y Phi. 1. 25.^z 2. 24.^{aa} 2 Co. 1. 11.^{ab} Col. 4. 9.^{ac} Col. 1. 7.^{ad} 4. 12.^{ae} 1 Co. 4. 15.^{af} Ga. 4. 19.^{ag} Ac. 12. 12, 25.^{ah} Ac. 19. 29.^{ai} Col. 4. 10.^{aj} Col. 4. 14.^{ak} 2 Ti. 4. 11.^{al} 2 Pe. 3. 18.^{am} 1 Co. 16. 17.^{an} Phi. 2. 30.

stered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

14 But without thy mind would I do nothing; ^b that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.

15 For ^c perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;

16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a ^d brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, ^e both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

17 If thou count me therefore ^f a partner, receive him as myself.

18 If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;

19 I Paul have written ^g it with mine own hand, I will repay ^h it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.

20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.

21 Having ⁱ confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for ^j I trust that ^k through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

23 There salute thee ^l Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;

24 ^m Marcus, ⁿ Aristarchus, ^o Demas, ^p Lucas, my fellowlabourers.

25 The ^q grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

^r Written from Rome to Philemon, by Onesimus a servant.

VER. 10. begotten in my bonds, converted in my imprisonment. 11. unprofitable—profitable, an allusion to the name, Onesimus signifying 'profit-

able.' 17. a partner, in the same grace with thyself 19. thou owest, &c. Paul having been the means of his conversion.

The Epistle of PAUL the Apostle to the HEBREWS.

The style and mode of argument, in connexion with other circumstances, prove this Epistle to have been written by the Apostle Paul. The design of it was to confirm the Hebrews in the faith of the gospel. A. D. 65.

CHAP. I.

GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days ^aspoken unto us by ^bhis Son, ^cwhom he hath appointed heir of all things, ^dby whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who ^ebeing the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and ^fupholding all things by the word of his power, ^gwhen he had by himself purged our sins, ^hsat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, ⁱThou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, ^j"I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?"

6 I And again, when he bringeth in ^kthe firstbegotten into the world, he saith, ^l"And let all the angels of God worship him."

7 And ^mof the angels he saith, ⁿ"Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire."

8 But unto the Son he saith, ^o"Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of ^prighteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, ^qeven thy God, ^rhath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

10 And, ^s"Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:"

11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, ^t"Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?"

14 Are ^uthey not all ministering spirits,

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^a Jno. 1. 17.

^b Ps. 2. 8.

^c Jno. 3. 35.

^d Jno. 1. 3.

^e 1 Co. 8. 6.

^f *run out as*

leaking

vessels.

^g Jno. 1. 14.

^h De. 33. 2.

ⁱ Ps. 68. 17.

^j Ga. 3. 19.

^k De. 27. 26.

^l Re. 4. 11.

^m ch. 7. 27.

ⁿ Ps. 110. 1.

^o Ac. 2. 22, 43.

^p Ps. 2. 7.

^q *or, distributions.*

^r 2 Sa. 7. 14.

^s Ps. 89. 26, 27.

^t *or, When*

he bringeth

again.

^u Re. 1. 5.

^v De. 32. 43.

^w LXX.

^x Ps. 97. 7.

^y Ps. 8. 4, &c.

^z *unto.*

^{aa} Ps. 104. 4.

^{ab} *or, a little*

while inferior

to.

^{ac} Ps. 45. 6, 7.

^{ad} *rightness,*

or, straight-

ness.

^{ae} Ep. 1. 22.

^{af} Is. 61. 1.

^{ag} 1 Co. 15. 25.

^{ah} Ps. 102. 25.

^{ai} Phi. 2. 7, 9.

^{aj} *or, by.*

^{ak} Jno. 3. 16.

^{al} 12. 32.

^{am} Ro. 11. 36.

^{an} ch. 5. 9.

^{ao} Lu. 13. 32.

^{ap} Lu. 20. 42.

^{aq} Ps. 34. 7.

^{ar} 103. 20, 21.

sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

CHAP. II.

THEREFORE we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should ^alet them slip.

2 For if the word ^bspoken by angels was stedfast, and ^cevery transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

4 God also bearing them witness, ^dboth with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and ^egifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, ^f"What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

7 Thou madest him ^ga little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

8 Thou ^hhast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing ⁱthat is not put under him. But now ^jwe see not yet all things put under him.

9 But we see Jesus, ^kwho was made a little lower than the angels ^lfor the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death ^mfor every man.

10 For it became him, ⁿfor whom are all things, and by whom ^oare all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation ^pperfect through sufferings.

11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified ^qare all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

reign thou over the universe. 14. ministering spirits, the most exalted are but the Lord's servants.

CHAP. II.—1. Therefore, that is, Christ being so pre-eminent. more earnest heed, from the majesty of the Speaker. slip, or 'run out,' like water from a leaky vessel. 2. word spoken, &c. i. e. the law. 7. set him, &c. spoken primarily of man's rule over animals, but strictly true of Christ's over creation. 8. But—we see not, &c. his universal dominion is not yet fully established. 9. crowned, by his resurrection and ascension. taste death, a Jewish expression for 'to die.' Matt. xvi. 28; John viii. 52. every man, who should come to trust in his salvation.—Scott. The connexion points out the heirs of salvation: see chap. i. 14; ii. 10–13. 10. became him, was suitable to his wisdom. make—perfect, bestow on him the highest rewards. The phrase is applied to the victor in the Olympic games. through sufferings, by a perfect satisfaction for sin. 11. of one human nature.

CHAP. I.—1. sundry times, in several parts and parcels, or by degrees. divers manners, by dreams, visions, types, &c. 2. days, of Messiah. appointed, 'constituted.' worlds, mean in Jewish phraseology the whole creation. 3. brightness, 'ray,' image, character. purged, expiated. right hand, denotes dignity and pre-eminence. 4. better, superior in authority. by inheritance, rightful title. 5. he, i. e. the Father. This day, that is, in and from eternity; some apply it to the day of the resurrection. again, I will be, &c. not only he 'is,' but 'will be' his Father, and he 'shall be' his Son, by wonderful conception;—a sonship the foundation of every gracious relation with fallen man.—Henry. 6. angels—worship him, hence he is above them. 7. of the angels he saith, &c. their highest title is that of God's messengers. 9. therefore, as the reward of his humiliation. anointed thee, so kings were anointed; a ceremony of great rejoicing. An honour above any of the angels. 12. the same, immutability is also his. 13. Sit on, &c.

12 Saying, ^a I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

13 And again, ^b I will put my trust in him. And again, ^c Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; ^d that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For verily he ^e took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him ^f to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be ^g a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

CHAP. III.

WHEREFORE, holy brethren, partakers of ^h the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

2 Who was faithful to him that ⁱ appointed him, as also ^j Moses was faithful in all his house.

3 For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as ^k he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

4 For every house is builded by some man; ^l but ^m he that built all things is God.

5 And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as ⁿ a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

6 But Christ as ^o a son over his own house; ^p whose house are we, ^q if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, ^r To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

A. D. 64.

^a Ps. 22. 22, 25.

^b If they shall enter.

^c Ps. 18. 2.

^d Is. 12. 2.

^e Is. 8. 18.

^f 1 Co. 15. 54.

^g Col. 2. 15.

^h 2 Ti. 1. 10.

ⁱ taketh not hold of

^j angels, but

^k of the seed of Abraham

^l he taketh hold.

^m Nu. 14. 2, &c.

ⁿ De. 1. 34, &c.

^o Phi. 2. 7.

^p ch. 4. 15.

^q Nu. 26. 65.

^r Ps. 106. 26.

^s ch. 4. 6.

^t Ro. 1. 7.

^u Ep. 4. 1.

^v Phi. 3. 14.

^w 2 Pe. 1. 10.

^x ch. 12. 15.

^y 2 Co. 7. 11.

^z made,

^{aa} 1 Sa. 12. 6.

^{ab} Nu. 12. 7.

^{ac} the word of

^{ad} hearing.

^{ae} or, because

^{af} they were

^{ag} not united

^{ah} by faith to.

^{ai} ch. 3. 14.

^{aj} Is. 26. 3.

^{ak} Phi. 4. 6, 7.

^{al} Col. 3. 15.

^{am} Zec. 6. 12.

^{an} Mat. 16. 18.

^{ao} Ps. 95. 11.

^{ap} Ep. 2. 10.

^{aq} 3. 9.

^{ar} Ex. 14. 31.

^{as} Jos. 1. 2.

^{at} Ge. 2. 2.

^{au} Ex. 20. 11.

^{av} ch. 1. 2.

^{aw} 1 Co. 3. 16.

^{ax} Ep. 2. 21, 22.

^{ay} 1 Pe. 2. 5.

^{az} Mat. 10. 22.

^{ba} 24. 13.

^{bb} Ro. 5. 2.

^{bc} or, the gos-

^{bd} pel.

^{be} Ps. 95. 7.

^{bf} That is,

^{bg} Joshua.

^{bh} or, keeping

^{bi} of a sabbath

11 So I swear in my wrath, ^c They shall not enter into my rest.)

12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

16 For ^d some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? ^e was it not with them that had sinned, ^f whose carcases fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom swore he ^g that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

19 So ^h we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

CHAP. IV.

LET ⁱ us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but ^j the word preached did not profit them, ^k not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

3 For ^l we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, ^m As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, ⁿ And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

5 And in ^o this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom ^p it was first, preached entered not in because of unbelief:

7 (Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

8 For if ^q Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

9 There remaineth therefore a ^r rest to the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest,

14. through death, as an expiatory sacrifice. had the power, &c. an 'usurped power,' and not by right; by sin he brought death. 15. were—subject, &c. i. e. previous to receiving this deliverance. 16. he took on him, &c. it means, he 'took fast hold' of fallen man, to save him. 17. pertaining to God, done for men with God, or for God with men. make reconciliation, or expiate.

CHAP. III.—1. heavenly calling, calling of the gospel which is from heaven. Apostle, sent by the Father. High Priest, superseding Aaron's priesthood. profession, or religion. 2. him, that is, the Father. house, or family of the Jewish church. 3. builded the house, founded the church. more honour than the house, than the church, or any member of it. 4. all things, Jewish and Christian dispensations. is God, this honour the Messiah therefore possessed. 6. as a son, therefore above a servant. whose house are we, see 1 Pet. ii. 5; Eph. ii. 20—22; 1 Cor. iii. 16. confidence, trust in Christ. hope, of eternal life. 7. To day, &c. i. e. Christ being superior to Moses,

guard against unbelief; for if those who disobeyed his servant were punished, much more shall those who disobey Christ himself. 15. While, or 'forasmuch as.'

CHAP. IV.—1. his rest, that is, heaven. 2. gospel, good news; presenting heaven to us, and Canaan, its type, to them. 3. do enter, present tense put for future, showing the certainty of the promise. if they shall, rather, 'they shall not.'—G. Holden, i. e. the unbelievers, ver. 2. The argument in this and the following verses, is directed against those who thought the rest mentioned in the Old Testament, meant Canaan only; the apostle argues it meant heaven, and brings the language of David, &c. to prove it, written 500 years after Canaan was possessed. although the works, &c. the threatening of exclusion of unbelievers from God's rest, was made although he entered into his sabbath: so that neither the enjoyment of the sabbatical rest, nor Canaan, was intended. 9. rest, Greek, 'a sabbatism,' that is, a happy and holy rest. 10. that is entered, that is,

he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.)

11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of ^a unbelief.

12 For the word of God is ^b quick, and powerful, and ^c sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is ^d a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13 Neither ^e is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are ^f naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, ^g that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15 For ^h we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but ⁱ was in all points tempted like as we are, yet ^j without sin.

16 Let ^k us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

CHAP. V.

FOR every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

2 Who can ^l have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.

3 And ^m by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.

4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as ⁿ was Aaron.

5 So ^o also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, ^p Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

6 As he saith also in another *place*, ^q Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had ^r offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard ^s in ^t that he feared;

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he ^u obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 And having made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

actually unto heaven. *ceased*, i. e. rested. 12. *the word*, i. e. the gospel, by which the secrets of hearts shall be judged. *is quick*, speaks with life and vigour. *dividing*, the language here is taken from the nice dissection of a sacrifice. *discerner*, close examiner. Some think Christ the essential Word is here meant, but it is not unusual in scripture to ascribe to the word of God what he himself performs; Ps. xix. 7; 2 Cor. x. 4, 5; James i. 18; 1 Pet. i. 23; 1 Thess. ii. 13. 13. *opened*, 'laid bare', as the opened victim. 14. *Seeing then*, &c. the apostle abruptly returns to Christ's priesthood previously mentioned, chap. i. 3; and ii. 17, 18.

CHAP. V.—1. *in things*, i. e. to officiate in things, &c. *gifts*, free-will offerings. 2. *infirmity*, the infirmities of flesh. 5. *glorified not himself*, did not intrude himself into the high office. 6. *after*, or 'according to;' after the similitude. This is simply said to prove that the office of high priest was conferred on Christ by Divine appointment. The Psalm quoted, Psalm cx. was understood as referring

A. D. 64.

* or, *disobedience*.
a Mat. 13. 15.
b Is. 49. 2.
c Je. 23. 29.
d Ep. 6. 17.
e Re. 2. 16.
f 1 Co. 14. 24.
g 1 Co. 3. 1. 3.
h Ps. 33. 13, 14.
i 139. 11, 12.

j hath no experience.
k Job 26. 6.

l Pr. 15. 11.
m or, *perfect*.
n ch. 9. 12, 24.

o or, *of an habit*, or, *perfection*.
p Is. 53. 3.

q Phi. 3. 12. 14.

r or, *word of the beginning of Christ*.

s Lu. 22. 28.
t ch. 7. 26.

u 2 Co. 5. 21.
v ch. 10. 21, 22.
w ch. 9. 14.

x Ac. 19. 4, 5.
y 1 Ti. 4. 14.
z Ac. 17. 31, 32.

aa Ro. 2. 16.
ab 2 Pe. 2. 20, 21.

ac 1 Jno. 5. 16.
ad Ep. 2. 8.

ae ch. 2. 4, 5.
af Ga. 3. 2, 5.

ag or, *reasonably bear with*.
ah Le. 9. 7.

ai 16. 6, 15. 17.
aj ch. 10. 29.

ak Ex. 28. 1.
al or, *for*.

am Jno. 8. 54.
an Ps. 65. 10.

ao Is. 5. 6.
ap Ps. 2. 7.

aq Ps. 110. 4.
ar Mat. 10. 42.

as Jno. 13. 20.
at Mat. 26. 39.

au or, *for his piety*.
av Lu. 22. 43.

aw Jno. 12. 27.
ax Phi. 2. 8.

ay ch. 10. 36.

10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are ^a dull of hearing.

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of ^b milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk ^c is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are ^d of full age, *even* those who by reason ^e of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

CHAP. VI.

THEREFORE ^f leaving the ^g principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from ^h dead works, and of faith toward God,

2 Of ⁱ the doctrine of baptisms, ^j and of laying on of hands, ^k and of resurrection of the dead, ^l and of eternal judgment.

3 And this will we do, if God permit.

4 For ^m it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of ⁿ the heavenly gift, and ^o were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; ^p seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put ^q him to an open shame.

7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them ^r by whom it is dressed, ^s receiveth blessing from God:

8 But ^t that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is ^u nigh unto cursing; whose end ^v is to be burned.

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

10 For ^w God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience ^x inherit the promises.

to Messiah: see also Matt. xxii. 44. 7. *and was heard*, &c. rather, 'and was delivered from his fear.'—G. Holden.

8. *Though*, &c. though God's only Son, his obedience was tried in his sufferings. 9. *made perfect*, constituted a complete Saviour. 10. *called*, 'constituted and proclaimed.' 11. *dull*, &c. i. e. slow of apprehension. 12. *oracles*, the Scriptures, so called because given by inspiration, 2 Tim. iii. 16; 2 Pet. i. 21. *strong meat*, the deeper doctrines.

CHAP. VI.—1. *the principles*, first elements. *perfection*, higher knowledge. *laying again*, commencing again with. 2. *baptisms*, by water and the Spirit, Matt. iii. 11. Not Jewish baptisms, for Christian topics are the connexion.—Ed. 3. *And this*, i. e. going on to perfection. 4. *enlightened*, by the gospel. *gift*, of the Spirit, or it may mean Christ himself. 5. *tasted the good word*, had some relish for its truths. *powers*, or, miracles. *world to come*, gospel age. 6. *fall away*, apostatize from Christ. *put him*, &c. by leaving him as an impostor. 11. *to the full assurance*, in order to preserve it.

13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, ^a he sware by himself.

14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

16 For men verily swear by the greater: and ^a an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto ^a the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, ^a confirmed it by an oath:

18 That by two immutable things, in which ^a it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope ^a set before us:

19 Which ^a hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, ^a and which entereth into that within the veil;

20 Whither ^a the forerunner is for us entered, ^a even Jesus, ^a made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

CHAP. VII.

FOR this ^a Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

3 Without father, without mother, without ^a descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

5 And verily ^a they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

6 But he whose ^a descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed ^a him that had the promises.

7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he ^a receiveth them, ^a of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes to Abraham.

A. D. 64.

^a Ge. 22. 16, 17.

Ps. 105. 9.

Lu. 1. 73.

^b ver. 18, 19.

ch. 8. 7.

Gal. 2. 21.

^c Ex. 22. 11.

^a ch. 11. 9.

Ro. 11. 29.

^a interposed

himself by.

^a Is. 11. 1.

Mat. 1. 3.

Lu. 3. 33.

Re. 5. 5.

^f Is. 40. 8.

^g ch. 12. 1.

^a ch. 9. 7.

Le. 16. 15.

ⁱ ch. 4. 14.

9. 24.

^a Ps. 110. 4.

ⁱ ch. 3. 1.

^m Ro. 8. 3.

Gal. 4. 9.

ⁿ Ge. 14. 18, &c.

^a Ac. 13. 39.

Ro. 3. 20, 28.

8. 3.

Gal. 2. 16.

⁺ or, it was

the bring-

ing in,

Gal. 3. 24.

^p Ro. 5. 2.

Ep. 2. 18.

3. 12.

⁺ or, swear-

ing of an

oath.

[§] pedigree.

^r Nu. 18. 21, 26

^{||} or, which

passeth not

from one to

another.

[•] or, ever-

more.

^a Ro. 8. 34.

1 Ti. 2. 5.

1 Jno. 2. 1.

⁺ or, pedigree

^r Jno. 14. 30.

^u Ep. 1. 20.

4. 10.

^v Ro. 4. 13.

Gal. 3. 16.

^z Le. 9. 7.

16. 6, 11.

^y Le. 16. 15.

ch. 5. 6.

6. 20.

^a ch. 10. 12.

Ro. 6. 10.

10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

11 If ^a therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need ^a was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,

16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

17 For he testifieth, ^a Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

18 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before ^a the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.

19 For ^a the law made nothing perfect, ^a but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which ^a we draw nigh unto God.

20 And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest:

21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:

24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

25 Wherefore he is able also to save them ^a to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth ^a to make intercession for them.

26 For such an high priest became us, ^a who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, ^a and made higher than the heavens;

27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, ^a first for his own sins, ^a and then for the people's: for ^a this he did once, when he offered up himself.

28 For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the

16. oath for confirmation, &c. i. e. it ends all further contention by causing assurance. 18. two, the word and oath. *Aed*, from the curse of the law. for refuge, alluding to the cities of refuge. *hope*, i. e. the gospel prize, or Christ the object of hope. 19. in anchor, securing the soul, as the anchor secures the ship in a storm. *within the veil*, thither ascends our hope in Christ. 20. *whither*, &c. alluding to the high-priest passing the veil once a year.

CHAP. VII.—1. *Melchisedec*, a name composed of two Hebrew words meaning 'king' and 'righteousness.' ver. 2. 2. *Salem*, perhaps Jerusalem, afterwards so called: the name means 'peace.' 3. *without father*, having no record in the sacerdotal genealogies. *neither beginning*, having no limited period fixed for his priesthood, as the Levitical priests had, Numb. iv. 3, &c. Nothing is known historically of Melchisedec's origin or end: hence he was a suitable type of Christ in the particulars

mentioned in this verse. a priest continually, doubtless he died, and his priesthood then ended; but it was not, like the Aaronical, subject to any limitation: see Numb. viii. 25; Luke i. 23. 4. *how great*, for Abraham acknowledged his superiority; and being a type of Christ, the Antitype must be then still greater. 5. *take tithes*, the Aaronical priesthood took tithes of Abraham's children, but Melchisedec was paid tithes by Abraham himself. —9. *in Abraham*, he being the common father of the Levites. 12. *being changed*, Psalm cx. a change also of the law, the introduction of a more perfect dispensation. 16. *carnal*, succeeding by natural generation. *an endless life*, as the eternal Son. 17. *he*, i. e. David, Psalm cx. 4. 19. *better hope*, priesthood of Christ, and Christ himself. 20. *he*, i. e. Christ. 21. *with an oath*, which always showed the certainty and immutability of the thing sworn. 22. *surety*, or 'mediator,' of a better testament, or 'covenant.'

oath, which was since the law, *maketh* the Son, who is * consecrated for evermore.

CHAP. VIII.

NOW of the things which we have spoken *this* is the sum: We have such an high priest, *d* who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; *2* A minister of *t* the sanctuary, and of *a* the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore *k* it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that *§* there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

5 Who serve unto the example and *u* shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle. for, *o* See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

6 But now *r* hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better *u* covenant, which was established upon better promises.

7 For *i* that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

8 For finding fault with them, he saith, *v* Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10 For *b* this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them *t* in their hearts: and *c* I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11 And *e* they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, *h* and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

13 In *i* that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

CHAP. IX.

THEN verily the first covenant had also *o* ordinances of divine service, and *t* a worldly sanctuary.

2 For *u* there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was *u* the candlestick,

28. consecrated, rather *v* perfected.

CHAP. VIII.—*2. true tabernacle*, heaven, of which the tabernacle was a type. *4. not be a priest*, Aaron's sons being so. *6. better promises*, more spiritual, and also eternal. *8. with them*, covenant and people. *10, 11. I will put, &c.* they shall have more ample means of spiritual knowledge, and more divine influence

CHAP. IX.—*1. ordinances*, rules and precepts. *worldly*, material. *6. ordained*, set in order. *8. this signifying*, by the exclusion of all but the high-priest from the inner sanctuary. *into the holiest*, into God's immediate presence. *while as the first*

A. D. 64.

a Ex. 25. 23, 30.

Le. 24. 5, 6.

** perfected*.

† or, holy.

b Ex. 26. 31, 33.

40. 3, 21.

c Ex. 25. 10.

&c.

d ch. 12. 2.

Ep. 1. 20.

Col. 3. 1.

e Ex. 16. 33, 34.

† Nu. 17. 10.

‡ or, holy things.

§ De. 10. 2, 5.

2 Ch. 5. 10.

h ch. 9. 11.

i Le. 16. 2.

k ch. 9. 14.

Ep. 5. 2.

l Nu. 28. 3.

Da. 8. 11.

§ or, they are priests.

m Ex. 30. 10.

Col. 2. 17.

n Ex. 25. 40.

Ac. 7. 44.

p Jno. 14. 6.

r ch. 7. 22.

2 Co. 3. 6, 8, 9.

q Ga. 3. 21.

u or, testa-

ment.

t ch. 7. 11, 18.

Ep. 2. 15.

Col. 2. 20.

o or, rites,

or, cere-

monies.

v Je. 31. 31, 34.

z ch. 3. 1.

ac Ac. 20. 28.

Col. 1. 14.

Re. 1. 5.

z Zec. 3. 9.

a Da. 9. 24.

b ch. 10. 16, 17.

† give.

‡ or, upon.

§ Zec. 8. 8.

d Ro. 1. 4.

§ or, fault.

e Is. 54. 13.

Jno. 6. 45.

† Jno. 2. 27.

† ch. 10. 22.

§ ch. 12. 24.

† Ti. 2. 5.

h Ro. 11. 27.

i 2 Co. 5. 17.

u or, be

brought in.

k Ga. 3. 15.

o or, cere-

monies.

l Ex. 25. 8.

† or, purified.

m Ex. 26. 1.

n Ex. 25. 31.

and *o* the table, and the shewbread; which is called *†* the sanctuary.

3 And *b* after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

4 Which had the golden censor, and the *c* ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was *s* the golden pot that had manna, and *f* Aaron's rod that budded, and *e* the tables of the covenant;

5 And *v* over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

6 Now when these things were thus ordained, *t* the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

7 But into the second *went* the high priest alone *u* once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

8 The Holy Ghost *this* signifying, that *v* the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

9 Which *was* a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, *s* that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience:

10 Which *stood* only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, *u* and carnal *o* ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

11 But Christ being come *s* an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but *v* by his own blood he entered in *s* once into the holy place, *a* having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, *d* who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without *§* spot to God, *f* purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

15 And for this cause *s* he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity *u* be the death of the testator.

17 For *k* a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

18 Whereupon neither the first *testament* was *†* dedicated without blood.

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the

tabernacle, &c. i.e. while the Jewish economy lasted.

10. time of reformation, of Messiah, who was expected to produce a change. *11. good things to come*, future blessings. *more perfect tabernacle*, heaven.

14. through the eternal Spirit, through his strength and aid. *dead works*, works of sin, which cause death. *15. testament*, 'covenant.'

redemption of the transgressions, &c. to redeem persons who transgressed the law or first testament. *16. testament*, 'covenant,' testator, 'victim.'

17. For a testament, &c. 'For a covenant is of force over dead [animals], otherwise it is of no strength at all while the confirmatory [animal] liveth.'

—*Keyworth*.

law, ^a he took the blood of calves and of goats, ^b with water, and ^c scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,

20 Saying, ^d This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

21 Moreover ^e he sprinkled likewise with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and ^f without shedding of blood is no remission.

23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 For ^g Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now ^h to appear in the presence of God for us:

25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once ⁱ in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

27 And ^j as it is appointed unto men once to die, ^k but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins ^l of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

CHAP. X.

FOR the law having ^m a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto ⁿ perfect.

2 For then ^o would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

4 For ^p it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, ^q Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body ^r hast thou prepared me:

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for a thou hast had no pleasure.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to thy will, O God.

8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering

A. D. 64.

^a Ex. 24. 5, 6, 8.

^b Le. 14. 4, &c.

^c or, purple.

^d Ex. 24. 8.

^e Ex. 29. 12, 36.

^f ch. 13. 12.

^g Jno. 17. 19.

^h Nu. 28. 3.

ⁱ Le. 17. 11.

^j ch. 1. 3.

^k Col. 3. 1.

^l ch. 1. 13.

^m Ps. 110. 1.

ⁿ 1 Co. 15. 25.

^o ch. 6. 20.

^p Ro. 8. 34.

^q 1 Jno. 2. 1.

^r ch. 8. 10, 12.

^s Je. 31. 33, 34.

^t Some copies have,

Then he said, And

their.

^u 1 Co. 10. 11.

^v Ga. 4. 4.

^w Ge. 3. 19.

^x Ec. 3. 20.

^y or, liberty.

^z Re. 20. 12, 13.

^{aa} Ro. 5. 2.

^{ab} Ep. 2. 18.

^{ac} Ro. 5. 15.

^{ad} Jno. 10. 9.

^{ae} 14. 6.

^{af} or, new made.

^{ag} ch. 4. 14.

^{ah} 1 Ti. 3. 15.

^{ai} Col. 2. 17.

^{aj} Ep. 3. 12.

^{ak} Ja. 1. 6.

^{al} 1 Jno. 3. 21.

^{am} Eze. 36. 25.

^{an} 2 Co. 7. 1.

^{ao} ver. 14.

^{ap} or, they would have ceased to be offered, because, &c.

^{aq} 1 Co. 1. 9.

^{ar} 1 Th. 5. 24.

^{as} Ac. 2. 42.

^{at} Mi. 6. 6, 7.

^{au} Ro. 13. 11.

^{av} Phi. 4. 5.

^{aw} 2 Pe. 3. 10.

^{ax} Ps. 40. 6, &c.

^{ay} Is. 1. 11.

^{az} ch. 6. 4.

^{ba} or, thou hast fitted me.

^{bb} 2 Th. 1. 8.

^{bc} A. D. 19. 15.

^{bd} Jno. 8. 17.

for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;

9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

10 By ^c the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 And every priest standeth ^d daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

12 But ^e this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins, for ever sat down on the right hand of God;

13 From henceforth expecting ^f till his enemies be made his footstool.

14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

16 This is ^g the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

17 ^h And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

19 Having therefore, brethren, ⁱ boldness ^j to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20 By ^k a new and living way, which he hath ^l consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 And having ^m an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart ⁿ in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and ^o our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for ^p he is faithful that promised;)

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not ^q forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and ^r so much the more, as ye see ^s the day approaching.

26 For ^t if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and ^u fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

28 He ^v that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

29 Of how much sorer punishment, sup-

almost all, metals and clothes excepted, Nu. xxi. Lev. xvi. 28. no remission under the law, showing need of Christ's atonement. 23. the pattern, the tabernacle, &c. with these, i.e. these means. 19-22. 26. put away sin, annul its penalty. 28. once to die, as men die once, so did Christ once to atone for sin. 28. without sin, without further sin-offering, and without any imputed sin.

CHAP. X.—1. good things, gospel blessings. image, substantial form—the picture filled up. perfect, in respect of pardon. 2. conscience, i.e. consciousness: their consciences would not have been burdened with past sins. 3. remembrance, rather an equal remembrance than the removal of their sin. 5. he saith, i.e. the Messiah, as represented David. 7. book, the Pentateuch: may allude to

Gen. iii. 14. 15. 9. first ordinance. second dispensation, founded on Christ's sacrifice. 10. sanctified, cleansed from our sins. 14. perfected, &c. completely atoned for sin, and so prepared a perfect salvation. 19. holiest, alluding to the holy of holies. 20. new and living, always efficacious. his flesh, his offered body, which obtains access, as passing through the veil did to the most holy place. 21. house, or family. 22. washed, &c. alluding to the washing mentioned Levit. xvi. 4: see also Numb. viii. 7. pure water, the influence of the Spirit on all our conversation. 24. provoke, or excite. 25. assembling in worship. day, primarily of Jerusalem's destruction: to us the day of judgment equally applies. 26. sin wilfully, i.e. wilfully and obstinately apostatize. no more sacrifice, the Jewish being abolished, and Christ rejected.

pose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, * and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know him that hath said, *a Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord.* And again, *f The Lord shall judge his people.*

31 *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32 But * call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;

33 Partly, whilst ye were made a gazing-stock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst * ye became companions of them that were so used.

34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and * took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing * in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, *p* which hath great recompence of reward.

36 For * ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, * ye might receive the promise.

37 For * yet a little while, and * he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

38 Now * the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

CHAP. XI.

NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence *a* of things not seen.

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3 Through faith we understand that * the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

4 By faith * Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead *||* yet * speaketh.

5 By faith *i* Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith *it* is impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

7 By faith *i* Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, *†* moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned

A. D. 64.

a Ro. 3. 22.

4. 13.

b Phi. 3. 9.

c Ge. 12. 1, 4.

d Mat. 12. 31.

Ep. 4. 30.

d De. 32. 35.

e ch. 6. 17.

f Ps. 50. 4.

135. 14.

g Lu. 12. 5.

h ch. 13. 14.

i ch. 3. 4.

Re. 21. 2, 10.

k Ga. 3. 4.

2 Jno. 8.

l Phi. 4. 14.

1 Th. 2. 14.

m Ge. 22. 17.

n Mat. 5. 12.

Ja. 1. 2.

o or, *that ye have in, or, for yourselves.*

† according to faith.

p Jno. 8. 56.

q Mat. 10. 32.

2 Ti. 1. 12.

r 1 Ch. 29. 15.

Ps. 39. 12.

1 Pe. 1. 17.

2. 11.

s ch. 12. 1.

Ga. 6. 9.

t Col. 3. 24.

1 Pe. 1. 9.

u Lu. 18. 8.

2 Pe. 3. 9.

v Hab. 2. 3, 4.

w Ro. 1. 17.

Ga. 3. 11.

y Ex. 3. 6, 15.

Mat. 22. 32.

z or, *ground, or, confidence.*

a Ja. 2. 21.

b Ro. 8. 24, 25.

2 Co. 4. 18.

c or, *To.*

d Ro. 9. 7.

e Ge. 1. 1.

Jno. 1. 3.

f Ge. 27. 27, 39.

g Ge. 4. 4.

h Ge. 48. 16.

|| or, *is yet spoken of.*

i Mat. 23. 35.

k Ge. 50. 24, 25.

l Ge. 5. 22, 24.

m or, *remembered.*

n Ex. 2. 2.

o Ge. 6. 13, 22.

† or, *being wary.*

p Ps. 84. 10.

the world, and became heir of *a* the righteousness which is by faith.

8 By faith *a* Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, *a* the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for *a* a city which hath foundations, *i* whose builder and maker is God.

11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore sprang there even of one and him as good as dead, *m* so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

13 These all died *in* faith, not having received the promises, but *†* having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and *†* confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of *that country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed *to* to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises *o* offered up his only begotten son,

18 *§* Of whom it was said, *b* That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 Accounting that God was able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

20 By faith *d* Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, *f* blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top of his staff.

22 By faith *a* Joseph, when he died, *•* made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

23 By faith *a* Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was* a proper child: and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 Choosing *•* rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

29. *he was sanctified*, i. e. Christ was set apart as a High-priest. *despite unto the Spirit*, by apostatizing after seeing his miraculous powers and gifts. 30. *judge his people*, try his visible church. 35. *Cast not—confidence*, as cowardly soldiers do their shields.

CHAP. XI.—1. *the substance*, giving unseen things a subsistence. *evidence*, demonstration. 2. *elders*, ancient Jews. *a good report*, in sacred history. 3. *worlds*, universe. *by the word*, by God's sole command. 4. *more excellent sacrifice*, Cain's merely acknowledging the Creator, but Abel's looking to the Messiah's atonement. *yet speaketh*, or 'is yet spoken of.' 5. *translated*, or 'removed.' *had this*

testimony, in his own conscience. 7. *fear*, i. e. reverential fear. *condemned the world*, for the unbelief. *the righteousness*, &c. i. e. justifying righteousness: see Rom. i. 17. 9. *dwelling in tabernacle* or tents, as a sojourner only. 10. *a city which hath foundations*, tents having none: a settled dwelling in heaven. 13. *the promises*, in their accomplishment. 16. *a city*, i. e. a heavenly city: see ver. 19. *figure*, 'typical representation' of the death and resurrection of the Messiah. 20. *blessed*, giving the younger brother the preference. 21. *leaning*, &c. 'he bowed himself upon the bed's head.'—Sep. 23. *proper*, beautiful, or fair.

26 Esteeming ^a the reproach ^{*} of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

27 By faith ^d he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

28 Through faith ^h he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

29 By faith ^h they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

30 By faith ⁱ the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

31 By faith ^k the harlot Rahab perished not with them that [†] believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of ^l Gedeon, and of ^m Barak, and of ⁿ Samson, and of ^o Jephthae; of ^p David also, and ^r Samuel, and of the prophets:

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, ^s stopped the mouths of lions,

34 Quenched ^t the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, ^u out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

35 Women ^v received their dead raised to life again: and others were ^w tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

36 And others had trial of ^x cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover ^y of bonds and imprisonment:

37 They ^z were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

40 God having ^{aa} provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be ^{ab} made perfect.

CHAP. XII.

WHEREFORE seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, ^{ac} let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and ^{ad} let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the ^{ae} author and finisher of ^{af} our faith; ^{ag} who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and ^{ah} is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that endured such

A. D. 64.

^a ch. 13. 13.^{* or, for.}^b Ga. 6. 9.^c 1 Co. 10. 13.^d Ex. 10. 28, 29^e Ex. 12. 21, &c^f Job 5. 17.^g Pr. 3. 11.^h Ex. 14. 22, 29ⁱ Ps. 119. 75.^j Pr. 3. 12.^k Re. 3. 19.^l Jos. 6. 20.^m Jos. 6. 23.ⁿ Ja. 2. 25.^{† or, were disobedient.}^o Ju. 6. 11.^p Ju. 4. 6.^q Ju. 13. 24.^r Ju. 11. 1.^s 1 Sa. 16. 1, 13.^t 1 Sa. 1. 20.^u Job 12. 10.^{† or, as seemed}^v good,^w or, meet to^x them.^y Da. 6. 22.^z 1 Pe. 1. 15, 16.^{aa} Da. 3. 25.^{ab} Job 42. 10.^{ac} Ja. 3. 18.^{ad} 1 Ki. 17. 22.^{ae} 2 Ki. 4. 35.^{af} Ac. 22. 25.^{ag} Job 4. 3, 4.^{ah} Is. 35. 3.^{† or, even.}^{ai} Je. 20. 2.^{aj} 37. 15.^{ak} Ga. 6. 1.^{al} Ps. 34. 14.^{am} Ro. 12. 18.^{an} 1 Ki. 21. 13.^{ao} 2 Ch. 24. 21.^{ap} Ac. 7. 58.^{aq} Mat. 5. 8.^{ar} Ep. 5. 5.^{† or, fall from.}^{as} ch. 3. 12.^{at} Ge. 25. 32.^{† or, foreseen}^{au} or, way to^{av} change his^{aw} mind.^{ax} Re. 6. 11.^{ay} Ex. 19. 1.^{az} Ro. 6. 14.^{ba} Col. 3. 8.^{bb} 1 Pe. 2. 1.^{bc} 1 Co. 9. 24.^{bd} Pm. 3. 13, 14.^{be} Ex. 20. 19.^{† or, begin-}^{bf} n-.^{bg} Lu. 24. 26.^{bh} Phi. 2. 8, &c.^{bi} 1 Pe. 1. 11.^{bj} Ps. 110. 1.^{bk} Ex. 19. 16.

contradiction of sinners against himself, ^b lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4 Ye ^c have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, ^d My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For ^e whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto ^f the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us: after their own pleasure; but he for ^g our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth ^h the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

12 Wherefore ⁱ lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

13 And make ^j straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; ^k but let it rather be healed.

14 Follow ^l peace with all men, and holiness, ^m without which no man shall see the Lord:

15 Looking diligently lest any man ⁿ fail of the grace of God; ^o lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, ^p who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no ^q place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

18 For ye are not come unto ^r the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which ^s voice they that heard ^t intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

21 And ^u so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

reproach of Christ, reproach cast on Israel for expecting the Messiah. 28. them, i.e. the Israelites. the promise, i.e. died before Messiah came. 40. after thing, Christ himself, and gospel blessings. made perfect, complete in gospel blessings.

CHAP. XII.—1. witnesses, mentioned in chap. xi. fight, or incomburance, alluding to racers in the games, who threw off their long garment. the sin, &c. very entangling sin, or unbelief. 2. Looking unto Jesus, as the racer to the judge in the games. joy, of accomplishing the work of salvation. 3. wearied, exhausted, still alluding to the games. 4. unto

blood, as martyrs. striving, or combating. 12. lift up, &c. alluding to the exhausted strength of pugilists in the games. 13. straight, smooth or even: still meaning, remove every obstacle in the race. turned, &c. 'put out of joint.' 14. Follow, &c. a metaphor from the chase. 15. fail, i.e. come short of. root, &c. gross sin, Acts viii. 23; or apostasy, or idolatry, Deut. xxix. 18. trouble, or 'hurry you along.' 17. no place of repentance, in his father. God has connected ruin with apostasy. 18. mount—touched, i.e. the material mount: see Ex. xix. 13.

22 But ye are come ^a unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, ^c and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church of ^e the firstborn, ^f which are ^g written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24 And to Jesus ^h the mediator of the new ⁱ covenant, and to ^j the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things ^k than that of Abel.

25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven :

26 Whose voice then shook the earth : but now he hath promised, saying, ^l Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth ^m the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us ⁿ have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear :

29 For ^o our God is a consuming fire.

CHAP. XIII.

LET ^p us brotherly love continue.

2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby ^q some have entertained angels unawares.

3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: ^r but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and ^s be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, ^t I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

6 So that we may boldly say, ^u The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

7 Remember them which ^v have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of ^w their conversation :

8 Jesus Christ ^x the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing

A. D. 64.

^a Re. 21. 2, 10.

^b Ro. 14. 17.

^c De. 33. 2.

^d Ps. 68. 17.

^e Ga. 5. 1, 2.

^f Ja. 1. 18.

^g Lu. 10. 20.

^h or, enrolled

ⁱ Ex. 29. 14.

^j ch. 8. 6.

^k or, testament.

^l 1 Pe. 1. 2.

^m Ge. 4. 10.

ⁿ Jno. 19. 17.

^o Mi. 2. 10.

^p Phi. 3. 20.

^q Ep. 5. 20.

^r 1 Pe. 2. 5.

^s Ps. 50. 14, 23.

^t Hag. 2. 6.

^u Ho. 14. 2.

^v or, confessing to.

^w Ps. 102. 26.

^x 2 Pe. 3. 10.

^y 2 Co. 9. 12.

^z Phi. 4. 18.

^{aa} or, may be.

^{ab} or, guide.

^{ac} Eze. 3. 17.

^{ad} Ac. 20. 26, 28

^{ae} or, hold fast

^{af} Is. 66. 15.

^{ag} 2 Th. 1. 8.

^{ah} Ro. 15. 30.

^{ai} 2 Co. 1. 12.

^{aj} 1 Jno. 3. 11.

^{ak} &c.

^{al} Ge. 18. 3.

^{am} 19. 2.

^{an} b Ro. 15. 33.

^{ao} 1 Th. 5. 23.

^{ap} c Ro. 4. 24.

^{aq} 1 Pe. 1. 21.

^{ar} d Je. 40. 11.

^{as} Jno. 10. 11.

^{at} ch. 10. 29.

^{au} Zec. 9. 11.

^{av} or, testament.

^{aw} f 1 Pe. 5. 10.

^{ax} g Col. 3. 5, 6.

^{ay} Re. 22. 15.

^{az} or, doing.

^{ba} h Phi. 2. 13.

^{bb} i Mat. 6. 25.

^{bc} k Ge. 28. 15.

^{bd} l Ps. 56. 11.

^{be} or, are the guides.

^{bf} m Re. 1. 4.

that the heart be established with grace; ⁶ not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

10 We ^d have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

11 For ^e the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, ⁱ suffered without the gate.

13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

14 For ^m here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

15 By ⁿ him therefore let us offer ^o the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, ^p the fruit of ^q our lips ^r giving thanks to his name.

16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for ^s with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

17 Obey them that ^t have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for ^u they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

18 Pray ^v for us: for we trust we have ^w a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

19 But I beseech ^x you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now ^y the God of peace, ^z that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, ^{aa} that great Shepherd of the sheep, ^{ab} through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 Make ^c you perfect in every good work to do his will, ^d working ^e in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom ^f be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

22 And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.

23 Know ye that ^g our brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

24 Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

25 Grace ^h be with you all. Amen.

¶ Written to the Hebrews from Italy by Timothy.

22. mount Sion, the church, of which it was a type. heavenly Jerusalem, i. e. not being of this world. company of angels, incorporated into one society with the saints, Eph. 1. 10. 23. assembly, alluding to the meetings of the tribes at Jerusalem to worship, and signifying true believers every where. Benson thinks it alludes to the concourse assembled joyously at the Olympic games, mentioned in contrast to the awful scene at Sinai. firstborn, those specially devoted to God. written, &c. as Moses enrolled them. the Judge, who will give the crown. spirits, &c. forming a part of the same family of heaven. 24. to Jesus, far above Moses or Aaron. blood, &c. Christ's blood, typified by the Levitical sprinklings. better things, crying for mercy, not vengeance. 25. him that speaketh, Christ, who speaks in the gospel. him that spake, Moses. 26. also heaven, abolishing the civil and ecclesiastical constitution of the Jews. 27. removing, &c. total subversion of the Jewish

commonwealth and church. as of things that are made, and only to last for a time. that those things — may remain, so introducing an unchangeable dispensation.

CHAP. XIII.—5. conversation, conduct. 7. rule, 'presided over you.'—Doddridge. end, &c. their blessed end. 8. Christ the same, from his unchangeableness, confide in him. 9. not with meats, Jewish distinctions about food. 10. an altar, &c. is here put for the victim on it. It means, Christians have a sacrifice, of which they cannot partake who rely on Jewish sacrifices. 12. gate, of Jerusalem. 13. go forth, forsake Jewish observances, temple, &c. 14. no continuing city, Jerusalem itself will soon fall. 17. have the rule, 'preside.' unprofitable, hurtful. 20. through the blood, means, according to some, that the ransom price being paid, Christ was liberated and raised; or, as others, that by virtue of Christ's blood, believers are made perfect.

The general Epistle of JAMES.

This and the six Epistles which follow, are called 'Catholic,' being written to Christians in general, without distinction of church. The design of this epistle was to encourage the Jewish Christians under persecution, and to guard them against abusing the doctrine of justification by faith.

CHAP. I.

JAMES, ^a a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, ^b to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

2 My brethren, ^c count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing ^d this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have ^e her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

5 If ^f any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all ^g men liberally, and upbraideth not; and ^h it shall be given him.

6 But ⁱ let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

9 Let the brother of low degree ^j rejoice in that he is exalted:

10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because ^k as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

12 Blessed ^l is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive ^m the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with ⁿ evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, ^o bringeth forth death.

16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

17 Every ^p good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, ^q with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

18 Of ^r his own will begat he us with the word of truth, ^s that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, ^t let every man be swift to hear, ^u slow to speak, ^v slow to wrath:

A. D. 60.

^a Jude 1.
^b Ac. 26. 7.
^c 1 Pe. 1. 1.
^d Mat. 5. 12.
^e 1 Pe. 1. 6.
^f Ac. 13. 26.
^g 1 Co. 15. 2.
^h Ro. 5. 3.
ⁱ Mat. 7. 21.
^j Ro. 2. 13.
^k 1 Jno. 3. 7.
^l Lu. 6. 47, &c.
^m Pr. 2. 3. 5.
ⁿ Mat. 7. 7.
^o Je. 29. 12.
^p 1 Jno. 5. 15.
^q 2 Co. 3. 18.
^r Mar. 11. 24.
^s 1 Ti. 2. 8.
^t 1 Jno. 13. 17.
^u or, doing.
^v Ps. 39. 1.
^w 1 Pe. 3. 10.
^x or, glory.
^y Mat. 25. 36.
^z Job 14. 2.
^{aa} Ps. 102. 11.
^{ab} Is. 40. 6.
^{ac} 1 Jno. 2. 17.
^{ad} Ro. 12. 2.
^{ae} 1 Jno. 5. 18.
^{af} Pr. 38. 21.
^{ag} synagogue.
^{ah} Job 5. 17.
^{ai} He. 12. 5.
^{aj} Re. 3. 19.
^{ak} 1 Co. 9. 25.
^{al} 2 Ti. 4. 8.
^{am} Pe. 5. 4.
^{an} Re. 2. 10.
^{ao} or, well, or, seemly.
^{ap} or, evils.
^{aq} 1 Co. 1. 26, 28.
^{ar} Ro. 6. 21, 23.
^{as} Re. 2. 9.
^{at} or, that.
^{au} Mat. 5. 3.
^{av} 1 Co. 2. 9.
^{aw} 2 Ti. 4. 8.
^{ax} Jno. 3. 27.
^{ay} 1 Co. 4. 7.
^{az} Nu. 23. 19.
^{ba} Mal. 3. 6.
^{bb} Ro. 11. 23.
^{bc} Jno. 1. 13.
^{bd} Ep. 1. 12.
^{be} Ec. 5. 1, 2.
^{bf} Le. 19. 18.
^{bg} Pr. 10. 19.
^{bh} Ec. 7. 9.

20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, ^c which is able to save your souls.

22 But ^d be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23 For ^e if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But ^f whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth ^g therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, ^h this man shall be blessed in his ⁱ deed.

26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and ^j bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, ^k To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

CHAP. II.

MY brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with ^l respect of persons.

2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here ^m in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

5 Harken, my beloved brethren, ⁿ Hath not God chosen the poor of this world ^o rich in faith, and heirs of ^p the kingdom ^q which he hath promised to them that love him?

6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, ^r Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye

CHAP. I.—1. twelve tribes, Jews scattered in various parts of the world, through the captivities. 2. temptations, trials. 3. perfect, &c. adorned with every Christian grace and virtue.—Benson. 4. to all, i.e. that ask aright.—ibid. upbraideth not, with unworthiness. 5. wavering, 'doubting.' 6. receive any thing while he dares not rely on God. 7. double-minded, signifies 'having two souls,' one for God and the other for the world. 8. exalted, as a son of God. made low, humbled in mind, and suffering by loss for Christ's sake. 13. tempted, to

sin. 14. drawn away, like a fish caught with a bait. 18. firstfruits, first consecrated to God, first called to the Christian faith. 19. to hear, teachable. 20. speak, not precipitate in judgment. slow, &c. with those that differ. 21. superfluity, &c. 'overflowings of malice,' engrafted, or implanted, living and growing in the soul. 25. law, &c. i.e. the gospel. deed, or doing.

CHAP. II.—1. have not, &c. as Christians, regard not men because of their rank.—Ed. 4. judges, influenced in judgment by evil thoughts.

commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, ^b he is guilty of all.

11 For [†] he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by ^f the law of liberty.

13 For [§] he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and [^] mercy [°] rejoiceth against judgment.

14 What ⁱ doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And ⁱ one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ^{ye} warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being [†] alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith [§] without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: [^] the devils also believe, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, [†] when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 [†] Seest thou [^] how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, "Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called [^] the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise also [†] was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

26 For as the body without the [†] spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

CHAP. III.

MY brethren, [†] be not many masters, [^] knowing that we shall receive the greater [†] condemnation.

2 For [^] in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, ^f the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

3 Behold, [§] we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a

A. D. 60.

^a Pr. 15. 2.

^b De. 27. 26.

^c Ga. 3. 10.

^d Ps. 73. 8, 9.

^e or, wood.

^f or, that law which said.

^g Pr. 16. 27.

^h Mat. 15. 11.

ⁱ 15. 20.

[†] wheel.

[§] nature.

^{||} Jno. 8. 32, 36.

[^] Ro. 8. 15.

[°] Mat. 25. 41.

[†] 42.

^{||} nature of man.

[^] 1 Jno. 4. 18.

[°] or, glorieth.

[†] Mat. 7. 26.

[^] Ge. 1. 26.

ⁱ 1 Jno. 3. 18.

[†] or, hole.

[†] by itself.

[§] Some copies read,

by thy.

[^] Lu. 4. 34.

[^] Ac. 16. 17.

[^] Ro. 2. 17, 23.

[^] Phi. 3. 19.

^{||} or, natural.

[^] Jude 19.

[^] Ge. 22. 9, 12.

[^] tumult, or unquietness.

[^] 1 Co. 2. 6, 7.

[†] or, Thou seest.

[^] He. 11. 17.

[†] or, tearing.

[†] 1 Jno. 3. 18.

[^] Ge. 15. 6.

[^] Ro. 4. 3.

[^] Mat. 5. 9.

[^] Is. 41. 8.

[§] or, brawling.

[^] Jos. 2. 1.

^{||} or, pleasures.

[^] ver. 3.

[^] or, envy.

[†] or, breath.

[^] Is. 1. 15.

[^] Ps. 66. 18.

[^] Ro. 2. 20, 21.

[^] Lu. 6. 37.

[†] or, judgment.

^d 1 Jno. 2. 15.

^e Ec. 7. 20.

^f 1 Jno. 1. 8.

^g Mat. 12. 37.

^h Ps. 32. 9.

^h Ge. 6. 5.

[§] or, enviously.

ⁱ Ps. 138. 6.

very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5 Even so ^a the tongue is a little member, and [°] boasteth great things. Behold, how great ^a a matter a little fire kindleth!

6 And ^d the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that [^] it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the [†] course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7 For every [§] kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of ^{||} mankind:

8 But the tongue can no man tame; [†] it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, [^] which are made after the similitude of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same [†] place sweet water and bitter?

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

13 Who is a wise man and ended with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, [^] glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This [°] wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, ^{||} sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is [°] confusion and every evil work.

17 But [^] the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without [†] partiality, [^] and without hypocrisy.

18 And [^] the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

CHAP. IV.

FROM whence come wars and [§] fightings among you? come they not hence, [^] even of your ^{||} lusts that war in your members?

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye [^] kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

3 Ye [^] ask, and receive not, [^] because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that ^d the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, [^] The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth [§] to envy?

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, [^] God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God.

10. guilty, liable to condemnation, as though all were broken. 12. so speak, &c. make consequence of gospel duties. 14. can faith? &c. can that faith? so the Greek. 21. justified, as to his sincerity and his faith, proved by his works. 22. made perfect, proved genuine. 23. scripture was fulfilled, spoken of him, Gen. xv. 6. 24. by works a man is justified, his faith is proved to be true.

CHAP. III.—1. masters, 'teachers.' greater condemnation, for intruding unqualified, 2. offend, are liable to stumble. perfect, arrived at a high degree of wisdom and grace. 14. glory not, in your Christian attainments. 17. partiality, of persons.

CHAP. IV.—1. wars, &c. strifes and contentions. lusts, wicked desires. 4. adulterers, by transferring their affections from God to the world. is enmity, a participation in the world's practices in rebellion against God. 5. saith, in its general tenor. 6. giveth more grace, to those who ask.

6 Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw ^b nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your hands, ye sinners*; and purify *your hearts, ye double minded*.

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your joy to heaviness*.

10 Humble ^d yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

11 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of *his brother*, ^e and judgeth *his brother*, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

12 There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

13 Go ^t to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what is your life? ^t It ^{is} even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15 For that ye *ought to say*, ^f If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

17 Therefore ^g to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

CHAP. V.

GO to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

2 Your riches are corrupted, and ^h your garments are moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. ⁱ Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

4 Behold, ^j the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and ^k the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

8. Cleanse, &c. from doing evil. purify, &c. from spiritual idolatry. 9. afflicted, for your crimes.

1. speaketh evil of the law, which forbids evil-speaking. 13. Go to now, Come now. continue there a year, the custom of eastern traders.

CHAP. V.—4. sabaoth, or hosts. 5. as in a day, &c. as the luxurious on festival days. 6. the just, the Just One, Acts iii. 14, &c. not resist you, by utterly destroying you. 7. Be patient addressed

A. D. 60.

a Ep. 6. 11.

1 Pe. 5. 9.

* or, Be long patient, or, Suffer with long patience.

b 2 Ch. 15. 2.

c He. 10. 25. 37.

d Job 22. 29.

e Lu. 14. 11.

1 Pe. 5. 6.

† or, Groan, or, Grieve not.

c Mat. 24. 33.

1 Co. 4. 5.

f He. 11. 35, &c.

g Mat. 7. 1.

Ro. 2. 1.

1 Co. 4. 5.

h Ps. 94. 12.

i Job. 1. 21. 22.

k Job. 42. 10, &c.

l Pr. 27. 1.

m Lu. 12. 18,

&c.

n Mat. 5. 34,

&c.

o or, For it.

p ch. 1. 10.

q Ps. 102. 3.

1 Pe. 1. 24.

r 1 Jno. 2. 17.

s Ep. 5. 19.

t Col. 3. 16.

u He. 6. 3.

v Mar. 6. 13.

w Lu. 12. 47.

x Jno. 9. 41.

y 15. 22.

z Ro. 2. 17. 23.

1 Is. 33. 24.

a Job 13. 28.

b Mat. 6. 20.

c Ps. 145. 18.

d Jno. 9. 31.

e 1 Jno. 3. 22.

f 1 Ki. 17. 1.

g or, in prayer.

h Ro. 2. 5.

i Le. 19. 13.

j Mal. 3. 5.

k 1 Ki. 18. 42.

l De. 24. 15.

m Ro. 11. 14.

n 1 Co. 9. 22.

o 1 Pe. 4. 8.

7 * Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: ^a for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

9 † Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge ^b standeth before the door.

10 Take, ^c my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

11 Behold, ^d we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of ^e the patience of Job, and have seen ^f the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

12 But above all things, my brethren, ^g swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and *your nay*, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? ^h let him sing psalms.

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, ⁱ anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; ^j and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess ^k your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. ^l The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and ^m he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 And ⁿ he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;

20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way ^o shall save a soul from death, and ^p shall hide a multitude of sins.

to the oppressed. 9. Grudge not, groan not with impatience. 12. swear not, be not provoked to that. 14. anointing, a custom connected with miraculous cures; not to fit for death, but to restore to life. 15. save, from sickness. sins, causing bodily affliction, as 1 Cor. xi. 30, 32. 16. faults, i.e. against each other. 20. a multitude of sins, which shall be forgiven the convert, and not come to his condemnation.

The First Epistle general of PETER.

Addressed to converted Jews in the provinces near the southern shore of the Black Sea.

CHAP. I.

PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers ^a scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

A. D. 60.

a Ro. 8. 29.

b 2 Th. 2. 13.

c Jno. 7. 35.

2 Elect ^a according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, ^b through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

CHAP. I.—1. strangers, being driven to foreign lands. 2. Elect, God's decree for man's salvation

always operates through sanctification of the Spirit and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus.—M. Henry.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which ^a according to his ^a abundant mercy ^a hath begotten us again unto a lively hope ^a by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven [†] for you,

5 Who [†] are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now [§] for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That [†] the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, ^m though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

9 Receiving ^o the end of your faith, even the salvation of ^o your souls.

10 Of [†] which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace [†] that should come unto you:

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand [†] the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not [†] unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with [†] the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; [†] which things the angels desire to look into.

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, ^a be sober, and hope [†] to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you ^a at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But [†] as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, [§] Be ye holy; for I am holy.

17 And if ye call on the Father, [†] who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning [†] here in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as

A. D. 60.

^a Tit. 3. 5.

^b Eze. 20. 18.

^c much.

^c Jno. 3. 3, 5.

^d 1 Co. 15. 20.

^e Is. 53. 7.

^f Jno. 1. 29, 36.

[†] or, for us.

^f Jno. 10. 28.

^g Jude 1.

^h 2 Co. 4. 17.

ⁱ Ac. 15. 9.

^j ch. 4. 12.

^k Jno. 1. 13.

^l Ja. 1. 18.

^m Jno. 3. 9.

ⁿ Jno. 20. 29.

^o He. 11. 1, 27.

[†] or, For that

^p Ps. 103. 15.

^q Is. 51. 12.

^r Ro. 6. 22.

^s Ge. 49. 10.

^t Hag. 2. 7.

^u Zec. 6. 12.

^v Ps. 22. 6.

^w Is. 53. 3, &c.

^x Da. 9. 26.

^y Mat. 18. 3.

^z Ro. 6. 4.

[†] He. 11. 13.

[†] Ps. 34. 8.

[†] Ac. 2. 4.

[†] Ex. 25. 20.

[†] Ep. 3. 10.

[†] Ps. 118. 22.

[†] Ac. 4. 11.

[†] Ep. 2. 21, 22.

[§] or, be ye.

^a Lu. 21. 34.

^b 1 Th. 5. 6, 8.

[†] perfectly.

^c Is. 61. 6.

^c Ho. 14. 2.

^c He. 13. 15, 16.

^d 2 Th. 1. 7.

^e Is. 28. 16.

^f He. 12. 14.

[†] or, an honour.

[†] Is. 43. 4.

[†] Le. 11. 44.

^h Mat. 21. 42.

ⁱ De. 10. 17.

ⁱ Ro. 2. 11.

^k Is. 8. 14.

^l Ro. 9. 33.

^l 1 Co. 1. 23.

^m Jno. 3. 18.

ⁿ 1 Th. 5. 9.

ⁿ ch. 1. 2.

^o De. 10. 15.

^o Re. 1. 6.

silver and gold, from your vain conversation ^b received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ [†] as of a lamb without blemish and with out spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing ye ^a have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, [†] see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being [†] born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, [†] by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24 [†] For [†] all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

CHAP. II.

WHEREFORE laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

2 As [†] newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

3 If so be ye have [†] tasted that the Lord is gracious.

4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, [†] disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

5 Ye [†] also, as lively stones, [†] are built up a spiritual house, [†] an holy priesthood, to offer up [†] spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, [†] Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you therefore which believe [†] he is [†] precious: but unto them which be disobedient, [†] the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

8 And [†] a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, [†] even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: [†] whereunto also they were appointed.

9 But ye are [†] a chosen generation, [†] a

3. *begotten us*, in regeneration. *lively hope*, 'living' hope. *by the resurrection of Jesus Christ*, the pledge and earnest of ours.

5. *kept*, as in a garrison. *power*, or mighty power. *last time*, judgment day.

6. *Wherein*, i.e. in such a secure state. *temptations*, trials.

7. *trial*, proof. 9. *end*, or reward. 10. *sought diligently*, like miners. *the grace*, displayed in and through Christ.

11. *Searching*, to ascertain the coming of Messiah. 12. *unto yourselves*, in their time. *which things*, respecting the gospel dispensation. *desire to look into*, long to understand.

13. *gird up the loins*, &c. gather up your affections, that they hang not down to hinder you in your race.—*Abp. Leighton*. *be sober*, use the world moderately.

for the grace, &c. the further favour of Christ at judgment.

14. *in your ignorance*, when you knew not better things.

17. *if ye call*, or, as you expect audience from. *work*, i.e. actions. *fear*, reverential fear of God.

18. *redeemed*, or ransomed. *vain conversation*, sinful ways. *received by tradition*, delivered to them by parental example.

19. *as of a lamb*, Christ's sacrifice is here compared to that

of the paschal lamb, and the lambs daily offered as sin offerings. 20. *foreordained*, intended to be the true propitiatory Sacrifice, before the shadows were instituted. *manifest*, i.e. in the flesh: Jno. i. 14; 1 Jno. iii. 8.

21. *by him do believe in God*, i.e. through him as Mediator do trust in a reconciled God. *glory*, at his right hand.

22. *purified—in obeying the truth*, the word of God is the great instrument of purification, and is effectual if obeyed. John xvii. 17.

23. *born again*, &c. the word of God is the great mean of regeneration: James i. 18. *by the word*, &c. 'by the doctrine of the living God, which shall never change.'—*Dr. A. Clarke*.

CHAP. II.—2. *sincere*, 'unadulterated', i.e. pure gospel doctrines.

3. *If so be*, or 'Since.' *tasted*, i.e. experienced, alluding to Psalm xxxiv. 8.

4. *living stone*, so Christ the foundation of his church is called, being the Source of spiritual life.

5. *lively*, 'living,' deriving life from Christ. *priesthood*, not only God's temple, but priests in it.

7. *builders*, Jewish scribes, priests, &c. Psalm cxviii. 22. 8. *appointed*, 'God himself hath appointed everlasting

royal priesthood, ^a an holy nation, ^b a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the [†] praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which ^a in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you ^a as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, [†] whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, [‡] which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 Submit [‡] yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

16 As [†] free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

17 [†] Honour [‡] all men. ^a Love the brotherhood. [‡] Fear God. Honour the king.

18 Servants, ^a be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

19 For this [†] is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

21 For ^a even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered [‡] for us, ^b leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

22 Who ^a did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

23 Who, [†] when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed [‡] himself to him that judgeth righteously:

24 Who [‡] his own self bare our sins in his own body [†] on the tree, [‡] that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned [‡] unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

CHAP. III.

LIKEWISE, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey

A. D. 60.

a Jno. 17. 19.

b Tit. 2. 14.

c or, purchased.

† or, virtues.

c Ho. 1. 9, 10.

Ro. 9. 25.

d Tit. 2. 3, &c.

e He. 11. 13.

f Ps. 45. 13.

Ro. 2. 29.

† or, wherein.

e Mat. 5. 16.

a Mat. 22. 21.

i Ge. 18. 12.

‡ children.

k 1 Co. 7. 3.

l Ga. 5. 1, 13.

† having.

c or, loving to the brethren.

m Ro. 12. 10.

† or, Esteem.

n Phi. 2. 3.

o He. 13. 1.

p Mat. 22. 21.

r Pr. 20. 22.

Mat. 5. 39.

‡ Ep. 6. 5.

† Mat. 25. 34.

‡ Ps. 34. 12, &c.

† or, thank,

Lu. 6. 32.

c Re. 14. 5.

‡ Is. 1. 16, 17.

3 Jno. 11.

y He. 12. 14.

z Jno. 9. 31.

a Mat. 16. 24.

1 Th. 3. 3.

§ upon.

|| Some read, for you.

b Jno. 13. 15.

1 Jno. 2. 6.

c Mat. 5. 10.

12.

d Is. 53. 9, &c.

Jno. 8. 46.

e Is. 8. 12, 13.

Je. 1. 8.

Jno. 14. 1, 27.

f He. 12. 3.

c or, his cause.

e Mat. 8. 17.

2 Co. 5. 21.

† or, reverence.

† or, to.

a Ro. 6. 2, 11.

7. 6.

i He. 13. 18.

k Jno. 10. 11.

l Ro. 5. 6.

He. 9. 26, 28.

not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

3 Whose ^a adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

4 But let it be [†] the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, [†] calling him lord: whose [‡] daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

7 Likewise, [‡] ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, ^a love [‡] as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

9 Not [†] rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, [†] that ye should inherit a blessing.

10 For [†] he that will love life, and see good days, [†] let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

11 Let him [‡] eschew evil, and do good; [†] let him seek peace, and ensue it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, [‡] and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is [‡] against them that do evil.

13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

14 But [†] and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and [‡] be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and [†] fear:

16 Having [†] a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

18 For Christ also hath [†] once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death

destruction to all those who stumble at the word, being disobedient.'—Henry. 9. shew, in your lives. praises, 'virtues' or 'energies' in the efficacy of his grace. darkness, of paganism and Judaism. light, of the gospel. 10. a people, i.e. a peculiar people, verse 9.—Ed. 12. conversation honest, 'behaviour comely.' visitation, awful affliction. 13. ordinance, human form of government. for the Lord's sake, not to reflect on religion. 15. ignorance of foolish men, who reviled them as seditious persons. 16. free, from sin's slavery. as a cloke, a covering for wickedness. 18. fear, reverence, submission. froward, bad-tempered. 21. example, 'pattern,' to be copied or imitated. 24. bare our sins, i.e. the punishment which they righteously

deserved. 25. Bishop, or 'Overseer,' i.e. Christ.

CHAP. III.—3. let it not be, i.e. let it not be merely external.—Doddridge. If this be taken without qualification, then the putting on of any apparel must be the same, but Christian prudence will dictate as to what becomes modest, economical, and pious persons. Profusion of ornaments was the ancient attire of harlots. 4. the hidden, &c. i.e. the soul. 6. not afraid, &c. do not suffer yourselves to be unguardedly made to swerve, as she did, from truth. 9. knowing, &c. knowing that to this purpose ye were called. that, &c. the expectation of which blessing should sustain you: so Doddridge. 10. love, i.e. enjoy. 13. followers, 'imitators.' 15. sanctify, or 'glorify,' or 'reverence,' Lev. x. 3; Numb. xx. 12,

in the flesh, but ^b quickened by the Spirit:

19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits ^d in prison;

20 Which sometime were disobedient, ^e when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

21 The ^f like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, ^g but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

22 Who is gone into heaven, and ^h is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

CHAP. IV.

FORASMUCH then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for ^m he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, ^p but to the will of God.

3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, ^q speaking evil of you:

5 Who shall give account to him that is ready ^r to judge the quick and the dead.

6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

7 But ^s the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

8 And ^t above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for ^u charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

9 Use ^v hospitality one to another without grudging.

10 As ^w every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of ^x the manifold grace of God.

11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that ^y God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to ^z whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try

A. D. 60.

^a Col. 1. 21, 22.

^b Ro. 1. 4.

^c 8. 11.

^d Ro. 8. 17.

^e Phi. 3. 10.

^f ch. 4. 6.

^g Is. 61. 1.

^h Ge. 6. 3, 5, 13.

ⁱ Mat. 5. 11.

^j 2 Co. 12. 10.

^k Ep. 5. 26.

^l Ro. 10. 10.

^m Ps. 110. 1.

ⁿ Ro. 8. 34.

^o He. 1. 3.

^p Ac. 5. 41.

^q Is. 10. 12.

^r Eze. 9. 6.

^s Ro. 6. 2, 7.

^t Ga. 5. 24.

^u Col. 3. 3, 5.

^v Pr. 11. 31.

^w Lu. 23. 31.

^x Ps. 31. 5.

^y Lu. 23. 46.

^z Ti. 1. 12.

^a Ro. 6. 11.

^b 2 Co. 5. 15.

^c Ja. 1. 18.

^d Phil. 9.

^e Lu. 24. 48.

^f Ac. 1. 8, 22.

^g Ro. 8. 17, 18.

^h ch. 3. 16.

ⁱ Ac. 13. 45.

^j or, as much as in you is.

^k 1 Co. 15. 51,

52.

^l or, over-

ruling.

^m Eze. 34. 4.

ⁿ 2 Co. 1. 24.

^o He. 13. 20.

^p He. 10. 25.

^q 2 Pe. 3. 10.

^r 2 Ti. 4. 8.

^s He. 13. 1.

^t Pr. 10. 12.

^u 1 Co. 13. 7.

^v Ja. 5. 20.

^w or, will.

^x Ja. 4. 6.

^y Ro. 12. 13.

^z Is. 57. 15.

66. 2.

^a Ro. 12. 6.

^b 1 Co. 4. 7.

^c 1 Co. 12. 4.

^d Ep. 4. 11.

^e Ps. 55. 22.

^f Mat. 6. 25.

^g He. 13. 5.

^h Job 1. 7.

ⁱ Re. 12. 12.

^j Ep. 5. 20.

^k Re. 1. 6.

^l Ep. 6. 11, 13.

^m Ac. 14. 22.

you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ⁿ ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

14 If ^o ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye: for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; ^p but let him glorify God on this behalf.

17 For the time is come ^q that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

18 And ^r if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God ^s commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

CHAP. V.

THE elders which are among you I exhort, who am also ^t an elder, and ^u a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also ^v a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Feed the flock of God ^w which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 Neither as ^x being ^y lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

4 And when ^z the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive ^a a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for ^b God resisteth the proud, and ^c giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting ^d all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because ^e your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 Whom ^f resist stedfast in the faith, ^g knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10 But the God of all grace, who hath

&c.; Matt. vi. 9. 19. preached, &c. by His Spirit in Noah, he preached to the antediluvians, now confined till judgment, Jude 6. 21. like figure, anti-type save, as an instrument. not the putting, &c. the outward rite must, however, be accompanied by renewing grace. save us—by the resurrection, of which salvation was the effect: so Scott.

CHAP. IV.—1. Forasmuch, a continuation from chap. iii. 18; after which, is a digression. Since Jesus suffered for you, fortify yourselves against impatience, &c. after his example. he that hath suffered, &c. who enduring sufferings finds them productive of holiness. 3. abominable idolatries, idolatries joined with impure and cruel rites. 5. quick, living. 6. them that are dead, is variously explained, but the application of the passage to Christian martyrs, seems to accord best

with the connexion.—Ed. 7. the end, of the Jewish church, say some; of human life, others. 8. cover, see James v. 20, note. 10. the gift, i. e. any gift.—G. Holden. manifold grace, various favours. 11. speak, or preach. oracles, scriptures. minister, exercise the ministerial office. 12. fiery trial, as metals are tried; means fierce persecutions. 14. the spirit of glory, &c. 'the glorious Spirit of God.'—G. Holden. 17. house, &c. the Christian church itself. 18. righteous scarcely be saved, in Jerusalem's destruction; or, if good men get to heaven with difficulty, where, &c.

CHAP. V.—6. mighty hand, chastisements. 7. care, anxious care, Matt. vi. 25. 8. sober, temperate in all things, and govern well the passions. vigilant, over your hearts, and against surrounding snares.

called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered ^a a while; make ^b you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly,

A. D. 60.

^a ch. 1. 6.
² Co. 4. 17.
^b He. 13. 21.
^c Jude 24.
^d Ac. 12. 12, 25.
^e Jno. 14. 27.
^f Ep. 6. 23.

exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

13 The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth ^a Marcus my son.

14 Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. ^d Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

10. perfect, in Christian knowledge, experience, and practice. 13. Babylon, some think in Assyria;

others, with probability, understand it to signify Rome, then the metropolis of idolatry.

The Second Epistle general of PETER.

Confirming the doctrines and instructions in the First Epistle, and guarding against false teachers and scoffers.

CHAP. I.

* SIMON Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness [†] of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord;

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, ^a through the knowledge of him ^d that hath called us [†] to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby ^f are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be ^g partakers of the divine nature, ^h having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue ⁱ knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and ^j to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be ^k barren ^l nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was ^m purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence ⁿ to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ^o ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore ^p I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

A. D. 66.

* or, Symeon, Ac. 15. 14.
^a De. 4. 21, 22.
² Ti. 4. 6.

[†] of our God and Saviour.
^b Jno. 21. 18.
^c Jno. 17. 3.
^d 1 Th. 2. 12.

^e or, by.
^f Mat. 17. 1, 2.
^g Jno. 1. 14.
^h 1 Jno. 1. 1.

ⁱ 2 Co. 7. 1.
^j He. 12. 10.
^k 1 Jno. 3. 2.
^l ch. 2. 18, 20.

^m 1 Pe. 3. 7.
ⁿ Ps. 119. 105.
^o Jno. 5. 35.
^p Ga. 6. 10.

^q 1 Jno. 4. 21.
^r 2 Co. 4. 4, 6.
^s Re. 2. 28.

^t idle.
^u Jno. 15. 2.
^v Tit. 3. 14.

^w or, at any time.
^x 2 Sa. 23. 2.
^y Ep. 5. 26.

^z De. 13. 1.
^{aa} 1 Jno. 3. 19.
^{ab} Mat. 24. 11.

^{ac} ch. 3. 17.
^{ad} 1 Co. 6. 20.
^{ae} Ep. 1. 7.

^{af} He. 10. 29.
^{ag} 1 Pe. 1. 18.
^{ah} Re. 5. 9.

^{ai} or, lascivious ways, as some copies read.
^{aj} Phi. 3. 1.

^{ak} 1 Jno. 2. 21.
^{al} Ro. 16. 18.
^{am} De. 32. 35.

13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

14 Knowing ^a that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as ^b our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were ^c eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto ^d a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and ^e the day star arise in your hearts:

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not ^f in old time by the will of man: ^g but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

CHAP. II.

BUT ^h there were false prophets also among the people, even as ⁱ there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord ^j that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their ^k pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And ^l through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: ^m whose judgment now of a long

and mighty deeds. 19. a more sure, &c. rather, 'we have the prophetic word more firm,' i.e. confirmed in the Messiah, so G. Holden, and others. day, of gospel-light dawn. day star, Christ. 20. private, the prophet's own opinion.

CHAP. I.—1. through the righteousness, &c. through the merits, i.e. for his sake. of God, &c. of our God and Saviour. 2. through the knowledge, &c. by the acknowledging of, &c. 3. knowledge of him, acknowledgment of him. 4. Whereby, 'by whom,' of the divine nature, rather, of a divine nature; of purity and holiness. 5. beside this, for this very reason. virtue, or courage. 9. blind, spiritually. cannot, &c. short-sighted, seeing only earthly things. 10. sure, the only way of knowing our election is by our conversion or calling; if called, it is because elected. Our calling must be known by our loving God: Rom. viii. 28; James ii. 5.—Scott. 16. the power and coming, his powerful coming, with wonders

CHAP. II.—1. people, Jews, you, Christians. damnable, 'destructive.' denying, &c. considering themselves as redeemed with Christ's blood, yet denied his authority: so Scott. Some include a denial of his dignity and glory. never, i.e. irresistible. 3. make merchandise, Macknight considers this a prediction respecting the Romish clergy, but it may include others who traffic in souls. now of a long

time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

4 For if God spared not ^a the angels that sinned, but ^d cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

5 And spared not the old world, but saved ^f Noah the eighth person, ^g a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 And ^h turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, ⁱ making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

7 And ^j delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, ^m in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

9 The ⁿ Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise ^o government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

11 Whereas ^p angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

12 But these, ^q as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

13 And ^r shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure ^s to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while ^t they feast with you;

14 Having eyes full of ^u adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of ^v Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that ^w were ^x clean escaped from them who live in error.

19 While they promise them ^y liberty, they themselves are ^z the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

A. D. 66.

^a Mat. 12. 45.
He. 6. 4, &c.
10. 26, 27.

^b ch. 1. 2.

^c Job 4. 18.

Jno. 8. 44.

^d 1 Jno. 3. 8.

^e Re. 20. 2, 3.

^f Lu. 12. 47, 48

Jno. 9. 41.

15. 22.

^g Ge. 7. 1, 23.

He. 11. 7.

^h 1 Pe. 3. 19.

ⁱ Ge. 19. 24.

^j Nu. 26. 10.

^k Pr. 26. 11.

^l Ge. 19. 16.

^m Ps. 119. 158.

ⁿ Je. 9. 1, 2.

^o ch. 1. 13.

^p Ps. 34. 17, 19.

^q 1 Co. 10. 13.

^r 1 Ti. 4. 1.

^s 2 Ti. 3. 1.

^t or, dominion.

^u Is. 5. 19.

^v Lu. 17. 15.

^w Lu. 12. 45.

^x Jude 9.

^y Some read, against themselves.

^z Je. 12. 3.

^a Ge. 1. 6, 9.

^b Ps. 33. 6.

^c He. 11. 3.

^d consisting.

^e Phil. 3. 19.

^f Ro. 13. 13.

^g Mat. 25. 41.

^h 2 Th. 1. 8.

ⁱ 1 Co. 11. 20.

^j an adulteress.

^k Ps. 90. 4.

^l Hab. 2. 3.

^m He. 10. 37.

ⁿ Is. 30. 18.

^o Nu. 22. 5, &c.

^p Ro. 2. 4.

^q Mat. 24. 43.

^r 1 Th. 5. 2.

^s Ps. 102. 26.

^t Is. 51. 6.

^u ch. 1. 4.

^v Ac. 2. 40.

^w or, for a little, or, a while, as some read.

^x Tit. 2. 13.

^y or, hasting the coming.

^z Ga. 5. 13.

^a 1 Pe. 2. 16.

^b Jno. 8. 31.

^c Ro. 6. 16.

^d Ps. 50. 3.

^e Is. 34. 4.

20 For ^a if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world ^b through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

21 For ^c it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, ^d The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

CHAP. III.

THIS second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I ^e stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

3 Knowing ^f this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, ^g Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that ^h by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth ⁱ standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto ^j fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and ^k a thousand years as one day.

9 The ^l Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but ^m is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but ⁿ that all should come to repentance.

10 But ^o the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which ^p the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking ^q for and ^r hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall ^s be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

time, rather, 'threatened of old.' Jude iv. 16.—G. Holden.

5. eighth, i. e. himself with seven others.

9. temptations, trials. 10. despise government, so the Jews did the heathen magistracy. presumptuous, audacious. selfwilled, uncontrollable.

11. railing, the angels, as ministers of Providence, bring not railing against wicked governors of whom they report, but only state facts as they are.

12. as natural brute beasts, their rage resembles that of brutes when opposed.

13. of unrighteousness, i. e. of their unrighteousness. Spots, &c. in society. feast, at the holy table.

18. speak, &c. these allured not by miracles, but by the arts of address. allure, &c. causing apostasies.

19. liberty, from every yoke. 20. For if, &c. if after relinquishing heathenism they returned to it, their end would be more miserable.

CHAP. III.—1. pure, sincere and upright. 4. Where is the promise, i. e. its fulfilment. 6. Whereby, by which constitution of things.—Dodridge.

9. slack, procrastinating and slow. repentance, to this all are invited. 10. as a thief, unexpectedly—suddenly.

12. hasting, 'expecting,' or 'earnestly desiring.'

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look ^a for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent ^b that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

15 And account *that* ^d the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, ^e speaking

A. D. 66.

- ^a Is. 65. 17.
- ^b 1 Co. 15. 58.
- ^c Ep. 4. 14, 15.
- ^d 1 Pe. 3. 20.
- ^e Ho. 6. 3.
- ^f 1 Pe. 2. 2.
- ^g 2 Ti. 4. 18.
- ^h Re. 1. 6.
- ⁱ Ro. 8. 19.
- ^j 1 Co. 15. 24.
- ^k 1 Th. 4. 15.

in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, ^o beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

18 But ^p grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. ^q To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

13. *new heavens*, &c. seems to mean the heavenly state, it being after the destruction of the world.

14. *in peace* with your consciences and your Judge. 15. *is salvation*, i. e. meant for salvation.

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Written to correct certain errors respecting the person of Christ, and the obligations of Christians.

CHAP. I.

THAT ^b which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and ^d our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life ^c was manifested, and we have seen *it*, ^f and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly ^e our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, ^g that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that ^h God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If ⁱ we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and ^j the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If ^k we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If ^l we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to ^m cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

CHAP. II.

MY little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, ⁿ we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

A. D. 90.

- ^a Ro. 3. 25.
- ^b Jno. 1. 1.
- ^c ch. 4. 14.
- ^d Jno. 1. 29.
- ^e Lu. 24. 39.
- ^f Ro. 16. 26.
- ^g 1 Ti. 3. 16.
- ^h Jno. 21. 24.
- ⁱ Ac. 2. 32.
- ^j Mat. 5. 48.
- ^k Phi. 3. 15.
- ^l Jno. 15. 45.
- ^m Mat. 11. 29.
- ⁿ Jno. 13. 15.
- ^o 1 Pe. 2. 21.
- ^p Jno. 17. 21.
- ^q 1 Co. 1. 9.
- ^r ch. 3. 11.
- ^s 2 Jno. 5.
- ^t Jno. 15. 11.
- ^u 16. 24.
- ^v Jno. 1. 9.
- ^w 8. 12.
- ^x 12. 35, 36.
- ^y Ep. 5. 8.
- ^z 1 Th. 5. 5, 8.
- ^{aa} 2 Co. 6. 14.
- ^{ab} Ep. 1. 7.
- ^{ac} He. 9. 14.
- ^{ad} 1 Pe. 1. 19.
- ^{ae} Re. 1. 5.
- ^{af} 2 Pe. 1. 10.
- ^{ag} scandal.
- ^{ah} Job 15. 14.
- ^{ai} Ec. 7. 20.
- ^{aj} Jno. 12. 35.
- ^{ak} Ps. 32. 5.
- ^{al} Ps. 51. 2.
- ^{am} Is. 43. 25.
- ^{an} Lu. 24. 47.
- ^{ao} Ac. 4. 12.
- ^{ap} 13. 38.
- ^{aq} Ro. 8. 34.
- ^{ar} He. 7. 25.
- ^{as} 9. 24.

2 And ^a he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but ^c also for *the sins* of the whole world.

3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But ^e whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

6 He ^f that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment ^g which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: ^h because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and ⁱ there is none ^j occasion of stumbling in him.

11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and ^k walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

12 I write unto you, little children, because ^l your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

CHAP. I.—1. *That*, i. e. the Word, John 1. we have seen, we, the apostles. *looked upon*, contemplated. *handled*, the apostles bore witness to Christ's humanity, which the Docetæ disputed. 3. *fellowship*, communication and participation of benefits. 5. *light*, holiness. 6. *darkness*, sin. 9. *faithful*, to his promises. *just*, to his covenant engagements to Christ's surety.

CHAP. II.—1. *little children*, an affectionate appellation. *sin not*, live not in sin. *advocate*, or intercessor. *the righteous*, the Just One. 2. *propitiation*, appeasing sacrifice. *whole world*, Gentiles as well as Jews. 3. *if we keep*, sincere, though imperfect obedience, is the great evidence of savingly knowing

Christ. 5. *perfected*, with a perfection of sincerity. 7. *old commandment*, love was written on Adam's heart in innocence, and published in the law. *beginning* of the gospel: see Matt. v. and John xv. 17. 8. *new*, &c. see John xiii. 34, note; it was new in respect of its exercise, motives, rules, and obligations. *darkness* the old dispensation. 9. *brother*, or fellow-Chr. tian. 10. *light* of the gospel. *occasion of stumbling*, causing the weak to fall. 12. *little children*, means here, recently converted. 13. *fathers*, old discipl. whose experience should increase their love and zeal for God. *young men*, above the rank of young Christians, yet not old in experience; who had resisted the tempter, and were in the prime of

14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is from the beginning*. I have written unto you, young men, because ^a ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

15 Love ^d not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. ^f If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, ^h and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And ^k the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

18 Little children, ^m it is the last time: and as ye have heard that ^o antichrist shall come, ^p even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know ^r that it is the last time.

19 They ^t went out from us, but they were not of us; for ^u if they had been of us, they would ^v not doubt have continued with us: but *they went out*, ^v that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

20 But ^y ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ^y ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

23 Whosoever ^b denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [*but*] ^d he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

25 And ^f this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even eternal life*.

26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ⁱ ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing ⁱ teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in ⁱ him.

28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

29 If ^m ye know that he is righteous, ^t ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

CHAP. III.

BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that ^o we

A. D. 90.

- a Ep. 6. 10.
- b Is. 56. 5.
- c Ga. 3. 26.
- d Ro. 8. 19.
- e 2 Co. 4. 17.
- f Ro. 12. 2.
- g Ro. 8. 29.
- h 1 Co. 15. 49.
- i Mat. 6. 24.
- j Ga. 1. 10.
- k Ja. 4. 4.
- l Job 19. 26.
- m Ps. 16. 11.
- n Ec. 5. 11.
- o Ro. 4. 15.
- p 1 Co. 7. 31.
- q Ja. 1. 10.
- r 1 Pe. 1. 24.
- s Is. 53. 5, 6, 11.
- t 1 Ti. 1. 15.
- u 2 Co. 5. 21.
- v 1 Pe. 2. 22.
- w He. 1. 2.
- x 2 Th. 2. 3, &c.
- y Mat. 24. 5, 24.
- z 2 Jno. 7.
- a 1 Ti. 4. 1.
- b 2 Ti. 3. 1.
- c Eze. 18. 5, 9.
- d Ro. 2. 13.
- e De. 13. 13.
- f Ps. 41. 9.
- g Ac. 20. 30.
- h Jno. 6. 37.
- i 10. 28, 29.
- j 1 Co. 11. 19.
- k Ga. 3. 15.
- l Lu. 10. 18.
- m He. 2. 14.
- n 2 Co. 1. 21.
- o He. 1. 9.
- p 1 Pe. 1. 23.
- q Jno. 10. 4, 5.
- r or, commandment.
- s Ac. 7. 51, 52.
- t Jno. 15. 12.
- u Jno. 14. 7, 9.
- v Ge. 4. 4, 8.
- w He. 11. 4.
- x ch. 5. 11.
- y Jno. 17. 3.
- z Mat. 5. 21, 22.
- a Ga. 5. 21.
- b Je. 31. 33, 34.
- c He. 8. 10, 11.
- d Jno. 3. 16.
- e Ep. 5. 2, 25.
- f Jno. 16. 13.
- g or, it.
- h De. 15. 7.
- i Lu. 3. 11.
- j Ac. 22. 14.
- k Eze. 33. 31.
- l Ja. 2. 15.
- m 1 Pe. 1. 22.
- n or, knowye.
- o persuade.
- p Ho. 1. 10.
- q Jno. 1. 12.
- r 2 Co. 6. 18.

should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, ^b now are we the sons of God, and ^c it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, ^c we shall be like him; for ^e we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for ⁱ sin is the transgression of the law.

5 And ye know that he was manifested ^t to take away our sins; and ^m in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: ^u he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, ^r that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for ^s his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

10 In this the children of God are manifested, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

11 For this is the ^o message that ye heard from the beginning, ^e that we should love one another.

12 Not as ^o Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

15 Whosoever ^s hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know ^k that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

16 Hereby ^j perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But ^t whose bath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of *compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, ^m let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall ^s assure our hearts before him.

20 For if our heart condemn us, God

fitness for active service. 15. world of wicked men. things, its vanities, &c. 16. of the flesh, sensuality, of the eyes, vain magnificence, pride, of titles and riches. &c. 17. passeth away, vanishes like a pageant. doeth, means constantly and habitually.—Ed. 18. last time, last dispensation. antichrists, false Christians. 19. They, these deceivers. 20. unction, grace of the Spirit. all things connected with truth. 21. lie, false doctrine. 23. Whosoever, &c. those virtually denied the Father, who denied Jesus to be the Son. The italics in this verse are wrong, the passage being genuine, and not supplied.—T. H. Horne.

CHAP. III.—1. knoweth us not, dislikes us. 2. he shall appear, to judgment. like, in body and mind.

see, which shall produce a transforming effect. 3. purifieth, aims at all possible purity. even as, studying the purest pattern: the comparison is of quality rather than equality. 5. manifested, in human nature. 6. sinneth not, habitually. 8. committeth sin, i.e. lives in it. destroy, &c. by recovering man from the effects of sin. 9. not commit, &c. see verse 8, note. seed of grace. cannot sin as he once did. he is born, &c. the new nature hates sin. 14. from death, &c. from a state of condemnation to justification. the brethren, true disciples of Christ. 15. a murderer, having the elements of murder in him. 16. lay, &c. i.e. suffer death for the good of the church. 20. condemn us of not loving indeed.

is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

21 Beloved, ^a if our heart condemn us not, ^b then have we confidence toward God.

22 And ^a whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

23 And ^f this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, ^e and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

24 And he that keepeth his commandments ^a dwelleth in him, and he in him. And ^e hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

CHAP. IV.

BELOVED, ⁱ believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because ^m many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: ^e Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and ^e even now already is it in the world.

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than ^e he that is in the world.

5 They ^e are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

6 We are of God: ^a he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we ^e the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not ^e knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In ^b this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, ^a that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, ^f not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son ^e to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, ^e if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No ⁱ man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in

A. D. 90.

^a Job 22. 26.

He. 10. 22.

^b Jno. 1. 14.^c Jno. 3. 17.^d Ps. 34. 15.

Pr. 15. 29.

Je. 29. 12.

Mat. 7. 8.

^e Ro. 10. 9.^f Jno. 6. 29.

17. 3.

^g Jno. 13. 34.^h love with usⁱ Jno. 17. 21.^j &c.^k Ja. 2. 13.^l Ro. 8. 9.^m Je. 29. 8.

Mat. 24. 4.

ⁿ Mat. 24. 5, 24.^o Ac. 20. 30.^p 1 Co. 12. 3.^q Mat. 22. 37.

39.

^r 2 Th. 2. 7.^s De. 18. 15, 19.^t Ac. 3. 22, 23.^u 1 Co. 2. 12.^v Ep. 2. 2.

6. 12.

^w Jno. 3. 31.^x Jno. 8. 47.

10. 27.

^y 1 Co. 14. 37.^z 2 Co. 10. 7.^{aa} Mi. 6. 8.^{ab} Mat. 11. 30.^{ac} Is. 8. 20.^{ad} Jno. 14. 17.^{ae} Jno. 16. 33.^{af} z ch. 2. 4.

3. 6.

^{ag} 1 Co. 15. 57.^{ah} Ro. 5. 8.

8. 32.

^{ai} Jno. 19. 34.^{aj} Jno. 16. 13.^{ak} 1 Ti. 3. 16.^{al} ch. 5. 11.^{am} Jno. 15. 16.^{an} Ro. 5. 8, 10.^{ao} Tit. 3. 4.^{ap} ch. 2. 2.^{aq} Jno. 1. 1.^{ar} Re. 19. 13.^{as} Mat. 18. 33.^{at} Jno. 15. 12.^{au} 13.^{av} Jno. 10. 30.^{aw} Ex. 33. 20.^{ax} Jno. 1. 15.^{ay} 1 Ti. 6. 16.^{az} Jno. 8. 17, 18.^{ba} Mat. 3. 16, 17.

17. 5.

him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And ^b we have seen and do testify that ^c the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever ^a shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is ^a our love made perfect, that ⁱ we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And ^c this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

CHAP. V.

WHOSOEVER ^a believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and ^a his commandments are not grievous.

4 For ^a whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but ^a he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he that came ^a by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. ^a And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, ^a the Word, and the Holy Ghost: ^a and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

9 If we receive ^m the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for ⁿ this

God is greater, i. e. He must still more condemn us who scrutinizes hearts. 21. condemn us not of allowed or unrepented sin. confidence to approach him as children. 22. whatsoever, i. e. agreeable to his will. because, &c. i. e. we ask in a proper, though not meritorious character. 24. dwelleth in him, as his members do.

CHAP. IV.—1. every spirit, i. e. every seeming prophet. 2. Every spirit that, &c. i. e. that believes in God incarnate. 4. overcome them, i. e. the false teachers. 5. of the world, worldly in their views, and expect a worldly Messiah. 9. In this was manifested, &c. in this great event is a splendour eclipsing all that has been seen elsewhere. 12. No man hath seen God, i. e. in his Divine essence; hence we can only show our love by admiring his image in his people. 13. Spirit, i. e. of holy love. 14. world, Jews and Gentiles. 15. shall confess, confession then was indeed a test of faith, proving it to be genuine in the face of danger and death. 16. dwelleth in love, as his element. dwelleth in God, by communion. 17. made perfect, proved to be au-

cere. as he is, love. so we are, in resemblance. 18. no fear, i. e. no tormenting fear about the Divine favour.

CHAP. V.—1. believeth, evidently means from the context, with an influential faith. loveth him, i. e. every genuine Christian, of whatever sect or nation. 2. By this, &c. love to God is the proof that our love to his people is genuine, and for his sake. 3. not grievous, 'not burdensome.' 4. the victory, i. e. the means of it. 5. believeth, see ver. 1. 6. by water, the emblem of purity. blood, the emblem of atonement: it means, Christ came both to purify and pardon. beareth witness, by miracles confirming the gospel, and by consolations bestowed on believers. 7, 8. For, &c. eminent critics omit from 'in heaven,' &c., ending with 'in earth,' as spurious, and contained in only three Greek MSS. out of 170: the doctrine the passage contains is, however, sufficiently confirmed elsewhere. the Spirit, in his gifts. and the water, in Christ's baptism. and the blood, shed on the cross, bear testimony to Christ, as the Messiah of the prophets.—Ed.

is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

10 He that believeth on the Son of God ^a hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God ^a hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and ^f this life is in his Son.

12 He ^h that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13 These ^k things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

14 And this is the confidence that we have ⁱ in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we

A. D. 90.

^a Ro. 8. 16.

^b Ga. 4. 6.

^c Job 42. 8.

Ja. 5. 14, 15.

^d Jno. 3. 33.

5. 38.

^e Mat. 12. 31.

He. 6. 4. 6.

10. 26.

^f Je. 7. 16.

^g Jno. 1. 4.

^h 1 Pe. 1. 23.

ⁱ Jno. 5. 24.

^j Ja. 1. 27.

^k Jno. 20. 31.

^l Ga. 1. 4.

^m Lu. 21. 45.

ⁿ Jno. 17. 3.

^{*} or, concerning.

^o Is. 9. 6.

Ac. 20. 28.

He. 1. 8.

^p 1 Co. 10. 14.

have the petitions that we desired of him.

16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and ^b he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. ^d There is a sin unto death: ^e I do not say that he shall pray for it.

17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

18 We know that ^f whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God ^g keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

19 And we know that we are of God, and ^h the whole world lieth in wickedness.

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and ⁱ hath given us an understanding, ^j that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. ^k This is the true God, and eternal life.

21 Little children, ^l keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

10. witness in himself, in his Christian hopes and feelings. made him a liar, treats his word as a lie. 11. in his Son, 'through his Son.' 12. hath the Son, i.e. hath an interest in him. hath life, life spiritual, the earnest of life eternal. 15. have the petitions, in the best manner, though perhaps not as expected.

16. he shall give him life, i.e. life shall be given him. a sin unto death, apostasy, connected with diabolical enmity, in the face of extraordinary evidence. 17. a sin, includes an entire class. 18. sinneth not, habitually. keepeth, is watchful against sin. 21. idols, of the eye and heart.

The Second Epistle of JOHN.

Addressed to a pious lady of eminence, to caution her against some false teachers.

THE elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known ^a the truth;

2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.

3 Grace ^b be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, ^c that we love one another.

6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ^d ye should walk in it.

7 For many deceivers are entered into

A. D. 90.

^a Mar. 13. 9.

^b Ga. 3. 4.

He. 10. 32, 35.

^c Jno. 8. 32.

Ga. 2. 5, 14.

^{*} or, gained:

some co-

pies read,

which ye

have gain-

ed, but that

ye, &c.

[†] shall be.

^d Ro. 16. 17.

Ga. 1. 8, 9.

^e Jno. 13. 34.

Ep. 5. 2.

1 Pe. 4. 8.

1 Jno. 3. 23.

[†] mouth to

mouth.

[§] or, your.

^f 1 Pe. 5. 13.

the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

8 Look ^a to yourselves, ^b that we lose not those things which we have ^c wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, ^d neither bid him God speed:

11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak ^e face to face, that ^f our joy may be full.

13 The ^g children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen.

VER. 1. elder, John so in years, surviving apostle, and so emphatically elder of the church of Christ. elect, bears various meanings, but generally thought to mean truly Christian. 4. children, some think sons naturally: might they not have been the spiritual children of this eminently useful Christian?—Ed. 8. to yourselves, to your principles,

spirit, and conduct. that we lose not, that our labour be not in vain. reward, of "glory and joy." 9. transgresseth, habitually. hath not God, has no interest in him. 10. God speed, i.e. good success. Have no intercourse, even by usual courtesies. 13. children, either relatives of a sister, or perhaps spiritual children of another useful woman.—Ed.

The Third Epistle of JOHN.

Written to commend Gaius, supposed to have been a private Christian of property, for his hospitality.

THE elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love ^a in the truth.

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that

A. D. 90.

^{*} or, truly.

[†] or, pray.

thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth

that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

4 I have no greater joy than to hear that ^a my children walk in truth.

5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;

6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey *after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:

7 Because that for his name's sake *they went forth, / taking nothing of the Gentiles.

8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.

9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrefes, ^a who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remem-

A. D. 90.

^a 1 Co. 4. 15.

^b Phil. 10. 15.

^c Ps. 37. 27.

^d Is. 1. 16, 17.

^e 1 Pe. 3. 11.

^f 1 Jno. 2. 29.

^g 3. 6, 9.

^h worthy of God.

ⁱ 1 Ti. 3. 7.

^j Ac. 8. 4.

^k Col. 1. 24.

^l Re. 2. 3.

^m 1 Co. 9. 12, 15.

ⁿ Jno. 21. 24.

^o Ga. 5. 26.

^p Phi. 2. 3.

^q mouth to mouth.

^r Ro. 16. 5, &c.

^s 1 Co. 16. 20.

ber his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbid-
deth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

11 Beloved, ^b follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. ^c He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

12 Demetrius ^d hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; ^e and ye know that our record is true.

13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

14 But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak ^f face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. ^g Greet the friends by name.

6. bring forward by necessary help. 9. Diotrefes, he seems to have been a deacon or pastor; and from

jealousy to have obstructed the messengers of the gospel. 10. casteth them out, denying them relief.

The general Epistle of JUDE.

Probably written to caution against the same deceivers as those against whom the Second Epistle of Peter was written.

JUDE, the servant of Jesus Christ, and ^a brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and ^b preserved in Jesus Christ, and ^c called:

2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of ^d the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort ^e you that ^f ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, ^g who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, ^h turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward ⁱ destroyed them that believed not.

6 And the angels which kept not their ^j first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

7 Even as ^k Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after ^l strange flesh, are set forth

A. D. 66.

^a Lu. 6. 16.

^b Ac. 1. 13.

^c Jno. 17. 11.

^d 12, 15.

^e 1 Pe. 1. 5.

^f Ro. 1. 7.

^g Ex. 22. 28.

^h Ro. 12. 7.

ⁱ Tit. 1. 4.

^j Zec. 3. 2.

^k Phi. 1. 27.

^l 1 Pe. 2. 8.

^m Ge. 4. 5.

ⁿ 1 Jno. 3. 12.

^o Nu. 22. 7, 21.

^p He. 12. 15.

^q Nu. 16. 1, &c.

^r Pr. 25. 14.

^s P. Nu. 14. 37.

^t 26. 64.

^u He. 3. 17, 19.

^v Mat. 15. 13.

^w Is. 57. 20.

^x Phi. 3. 19.

^y or, principality.

^z 2 Pe. 2. 4.

^{aa} Re. 20. 10.

^{ab} Ge. 5. 18.

^{ac} Ge. 19. 24.

^{ad} De. 29. 23.

^{ae} De. 32. 2.

^{af} Da. 7. 10.

^{ag} Zec. 14. 5.

^{ah} other.

for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

8 Likewise also these ^{ai} filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and ^{aj} speak evil of dignities.

9 Yet ^{ak} Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, ^{al} The Lord rebuke thee.

10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way ^{am} of Cain, and ^{an} ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished ^{ao} in the gainsaying of Core.

12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: ^{ap} clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, ^{aq} plucked up by the roots;

13 Raging ^{ar} waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame: wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

14 And Enoch also, ^{as} the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, ^{at} the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

15 To execute judgment upon all, and

VER. 1. preserved in Jesus, kept by his power. 3. common, to Jew or Gentile. contend, striving, like restless champions in the Grecian games. once delivered, 'delivered once for all.' 4. unawares, privately. ordained, &c. not to their sin, but to condemnation for it. turning the grace, perverting the gospel to licentious purposes. denying the only Lord God, 'denying our only Lord God Jesus Christ.'—loomfield; i. e. by acknowledging heathen deities. dreamers, following delusive fancies and errors. body of Moses, some conjecture when an infant in the bulrushes,—others when dead, the evil spirit having wished to discover it, and make it an object

of idolatry. durst not, &c. that is, he had so much reverence for God, that he would only speak with moderation and gentleness even to the great enemy: so Doddridge. 11. way of Cain, unrighteousness and envy. error of Balaam, proffering gain to godliness. Numb. xxii. gainsaying of Core, or contradiction of Korah, in the way of ambitious presumption.—Keyworth. 12. feasts of charity, love feasts, friendly feasts after the Lord's supper. without fear of punishment from God, or disgrace from man. clouds, &c. unstable, unfruitful, hardened. 13. raging, &c. tumultuous, mere meteors of the church. 14. seventh in lineal

to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, ^d having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

18 How that they told you ^e there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

19 These be they ^f who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

descent. 22. making a difference, between the weak and wicked. 23. with fear, alarm for their sins. pulling, lose no time with them. 23. gar-

A. D. 66.

- ^a Col. 2. 7.
- ^b 1 Ti. 1. 4.
- ^c Ro. 8. 26.
- ^d Ep. 6. 18.
- ^e Tit. 2. 13.
- ^f Pr. 28. 21.
- ^g Ja. 2. 1, 9.
- ^h Ro. 11. 14.
- ⁱ Am. 4. 11.
- ^j Zec. 3. 2.
- ^k 1 Co. 3. 15.
- ^l Re. 3. 4.
- ^m Ro. 16. 25, 27.
- ⁿ Ep. 3. 20.
- ^o Col. 1. 22.
- ^p 1 Ti. 4. 1.
- ^q 2 Pe. 2. 1.
- ^r Ho. 9. 10.

20 But ye, beloved, ^a building up yourselves on your most holy faith, ^b praying in the Holy Ghost,

^c 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, ^d looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

^e 22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:

^f 23 And others ^g save with fear, ^h pulling them out of the fire; hating even ⁱ the garment spotted by the flesh.

^j 24 Now ^k unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and ^l to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

^m 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

ment spotted, or leprous. 25. dominion, supreme power and goodness triumphing over all opposition. —J. P. Smith.

The REVELATION of S. JOHN the Divine.

Predicts the destinies of the church from a period shortly after the fall of Jerusalem to the end of time.

CHAP. I.

THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which ^a God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things ^b that he saw.

3 Blessed ^c is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for ^d the time is at hand.

4 JOHN to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace ^e be unto you, and peace, from him ^f which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

5 And from Jesus Christ, ^g who is the faithful witness, and the ^h first begotten of the dead, and ⁱ the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him ^j that loved us, ^k and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath ^l made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; ^m to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, ⁿ he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and ^o they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 I ^p am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and ^q in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for

A. D. 96.

- ^a Jno. 12. 49.
- ^b Jno. 20. 26.
- ^c Ac. 20. 7.
- ^d 1 Co. 16. 2.
- ^e 1 Jno. 1. 1.
- ^f Lu. 11. 23.
- ^g ch. 22. 10.
- ^h 1 Pe. 4. 7.
- ⁱ Ex. 25. 37.
- ^j Zec. 4. 2.
- ^k Ex. 3. 14.
- ^l Ps. 90. 2.
- ^m Jno. 1. 1.
- ⁿ Eze. 1. 26.
- ^o Da. 10. 16.
- ^p Lu. 12. 50.
- ^q Jno. 8. 14.
- ^r 1 Ti. 6. 13.
- ^s 1 Co. 15. 20.
- ^t Col. 1. 18.
- ^u Ep. 1. 20.
- ^v Da. 7. 9.
- ^w Jno. 15. 9.
- ^x Ga. 2. 20.
- ^y Ro. 8. 34.
- ^z Ep. 2. 13.
- ^{aa} He. 9. 14.
- ^{ab} 1 Jno. 1. 7.
- ^{ac} Eze. 1. 7.
- ^{ad} 1 Pe. 2. 5, 9.
- ^{ae} Eze. 43. 2.
- ^{af} He. 13. 21.
- ^{ag} 1 Pe. 5. 11.
- ^{ah} He. 4. 12.
- ^{ai} Da. 7. 13.
- ^{aj} Mat. 24. 30.
- ^{ak} Ac. 1. 11.
- ^{al} Ac. 26. 13.
- ^{am} Zec. 12. 10.
- ^{an} Jno. 19. 37.
- ^{ao} Is. 44. 6.
- ^{ap} 48. 12.
- ^{aq} Is. 41. 4.
- ^{ar} Ro. 6. 9.
- ^{as} Ro. 8. 17.

the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 I was in the Spirit on ^b the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, ^c I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks ^d one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head and ^e his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And ^f his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and ^g his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and ^h out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: ⁱ and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; ^j I am the first and the last:

18 ^k I ^l am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

CHAP. I.—1. shortly come to pass in their commencement. 4. seven spirits, seven, in prophecy, means perfection, i.e. the most perfect Spirit of God. 7. with clouds, to judge the world, Matt. xxvi. 64. 9. Patmos, in the Archipelago. 11. Smyrna, a port in the Archipelago. Pergamos, now called Bergamo. Sardis, now a wretched village called Sarte. Philadelphia, a city of Lydia, now Allah-shehr: for the rest,

see Acts xix.; xvi. 14; Colos. ii. 1; iv. 16. 12. candlesticks, lamp-stands: see ver. 20. 13. clothed, &c. i.e. like a high-priest. 14. white, emblem of purity and wisdom. eyes, &c. omniscience. 15. feet, &c. stability. voice, &c. authority. 16. stars, see v. 20. sword, divine word. sun, indicating majesty and glory. 18. keys, power.

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

CHAP. II.

UNT() the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

CHAP. II.—5. *First works*, of love. *remove thy candlestick*, take away thy light. 6. *Nicolaitanes*, a licentious sect. 7. *tree*, &c. emblem of eternal life. 9. *rich*, in faith. *blasphemy*, or calumny. *Jews*, true Israelites. 10. *ten days*, may mean the ten Roman persecutions. 11. *second death*, hell. 13. *Satan's seat*, where he has great power. 14. *doctrine of Balaam*, luring to idolatry. 17. *manna*, explained John vi. 51. *white stone*, the colour op-

A. D. 96.

a 1 Ti. 4. 1.

b Mal. 2. 7.

c Zec. 4. 2.

d Mat. 5. 15.

e Phi. 2. 15.

f Is. 11. 4.

g 2 Th. 2. 8.

h ch. 1. 16, 20.

i ch. 3. 1, 8, 15.

j Ps. 1. 6.

k 2 Co. 11. 13.

l 2 Pe. 2. 1.

m 1 Jno. 4. 1.

n Ga. 6. 9.

o He. 12. 3, 5.

p 1 Ki. 16. 31.

q 21. 25.

r Mat. 21. 41.

s 43.

t Ex. 34. 15.

u Ac. 15. 20, 29.

v 1 Co. 10. 19.

w 20.

x ch. 9. 20.

y Ro. 2. 4.

z 1 Pe. 3. 20.

aa Mat. 11. 15.

ab 13, 9, 43.

ac ch. 22. 2. 14.

ad Ge. 2. 9.

ae Ps. 7. 9.

af Je. 17. 10.

ag Jno. 2. 24, 25.

ah Ac. 1. 24.

ai Ro. 8. 27.

aj ch. 1. 8, 17, 18.

ak Pr. 8. 22. 31.

al Mat. 16. 27.

am Ro. 2. 6.

an 14. 12.

ao 2 Co. 5. 10.

ap Ga. 6. 5.

aq Lu. 12. 21.

ar 1 Ti. 6. 13.

as Ja. 2. 5.

at Ro. 2. 24, 29.

au 9. 6.

av Mat. 10. 22.

aw Jno. 6. 29.

ax 1 Jno. 3. 23.

ay ch. 20. 4.

az Mar. 19. 28.

ba 1 Co. 6. 3.

bb Mat. 24. 13.

bc Ps. 2. 8, 9.

bd 49. 14.

be Da. 7. 22.

bf Ja. 1. 12.

bg 2 Pe. 1. 19.

bh ch. 20. 14.

bi Mat. 10. 28.

bj Ep. 2. 1, 5.

bk 1 Ti. 5. 6.

bl Mat. 24. 42.

bm .51.

bn Ep. 6. 15.

bo 1 Pe. 4. 7.

bp Lu. 22. 31, 32.

bq Ac. 18. 23.

br Nu. 25. 1.

bs 31. 16.

bt 2 Pe. 2. 15.

bu Jude 11.

bv 1 Co. 8. 9, 10.

bw 10. 19, 20.

bx 1 Ti. 6. 20.

by 2 Ti. 1. 13.

15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

CHAP. III.

AND unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

3 Remember therefore how thou hast

posed to the black, in deciding the guilt of a criminal by suffrage, as practised by the Romans in judgment. 20. *Jezebel*, may signify a sect of seducers. 22. *bed of affliction*. 23. *with death*, a reprobation here denoting certainty. 26. *to him—power*, he sharing in Christ's triumphs. 28. *morning star*, dignity and pre-eminence.—*Schleusner*. Christ, Nu. xxiv. 17.—*W. Jones*. CHAP. III.—1. a name, for religion. dead, formal and cold. 2. not perfect, essentially defective.

received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. ^a If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

⁴ Thou hast ^a a few names even in Sardis which have not ^a defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

⁵ He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the ^a book of life, but ⁱ I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

⁶ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

⁷ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith ^a he that is holy, ^p he that is true, he that hath ⁱ the key of David, ^p he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and ⁱ shutteth, and no man openeth:

⁸ I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee ^a an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

⁹ Behold, I will make ^a them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, ⁱ I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, ^a I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon ^a all the world, to try them that dwell ^d upon the earth.

¹¹ Behold, ⁱ I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

¹² Him that overcometh will I make ^a a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is ^a new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

¹³ He ^a that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

¹⁴ And unto the angel of the church ^a of the Laodiceans write; ^a These things saith the Amen, ⁱ the faithful and true witness, ^a the beginning of the creation of God;

¹⁵ I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

¹⁶ So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

¹⁷ Because thou sayest, ^a I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need

A. D. 96.

^a 1 Th. 5. 2, 6.

^b 2 Pe. 3. 10.

^c Is. 55. 1.

^d Mat. 13. 44.

^e 25. 9.

^f Ac. 1. 15.

^g ch. 19. 8.

^h 2 Co. 5. 3.

ⁱ Jude 23.

^j Job 5. 17.

^k Pr. 3. 11, 12.

^l He. 12. 5, 6.

^m Ja. 1. 12.

ⁿ Ex. 32. 32.

^o Ps. 69. 29.

^p Phi. 4. 3.

^q Lu. 12. 8.

^r Ca. 5. 2.

^s Lu. 12. 37.

^t Jno. 14. 23.

^u Mat. 19. 28.

^v 1 Co. 6. 2.

^w Ac. 3. 14.

^x 1 Jno. 5. 20.

^y Is. 22. 22.

^z Lu. 1. 32.

^{aa} Mat. 16. 19.

^{ab} Job 12. 14.

^{ac} 1 Co. 16. 9.

^{ad} 2 Co. 2. 12.

^{ae} ch. 2. 9.

^{af} ch. 11. 12.

^{ag} Is. 49. 23.

^{ah} 60. 14.

^{ai} Is. 6. 1, &c.

^{aj} Je. 17. 12.

^{ak} Eze. 10. 1.

^{al} Da. 7. 9.

^{am} 2 Pe. 2. 9.

^{an} Eze. 1. 28.

^{ao} Lu. 2. 1.

^{ap} Is. 24. 17.

^{aq} ch. 11. 16.

^{ar} Phi. 4. 5.

^{as} 1 Kl. 7. 21.

^{at} Ga. 2. 9.

^{au} ch. 16. 18.

^{av} Ex. 37. 23.

^{aw} 2 Ch. 4. 20.

^{ax} Eze. 1. 13.

^{ay} Zec. 4. 2.

^{az} Ka. 4. 26.

^{ba} He. 12. 22.

^{bb} ch. 15. 2.

^{bc} Ex. 38. 8.

^{bd} Eze. 1. 5.

^{be} Mat. 11. 15.

^{bf} or, in Laodicea.

^{bg} Is. 65. 16.

^{bh} Nu. 2. 2, &c.

^{bi} Eze. 10. 14.

^{bj} ch. 22. 6.

^{bk} Col. 1. 15.

^{bl} Is. 6. 2.

^{bm} + have no rest.

^{bn} Ho. 12. 8.

^{bo} 1 Co. 4. 8.

of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

¹⁸ I counsel thee ^b to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and ^d white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and ^{that} the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

¹⁹ As ^a many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

²⁰ Behold, ^a I stand at the door, and knock: ⁱ if any man hear my voice, and open the door, ⁱ I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

²¹ To him that overcometh ^a will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

²² He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

CHAP. IV.

AFTER this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, ^a Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

² And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, ^a a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

³ And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: ^b and ^{there} was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

⁴ And ^a round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

⁵ And out of the throne proceeded ^a lightnings and thunderings and voices: ⁱ and ^{there} were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

⁶ And before the throne ^{there} was ^a a sea of glass like unto crystal: ^a and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

⁷ And ^a the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

⁸ And the four beasts had each of them ^a six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they ⁱ rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

⁹ And when those beasts give glory and

³ come, &c. by unexpected judgments. ⁴ not defiled, &c. lived holily. ^{white}, the purity of heaven. ⁷ key, &c. sovereign authority. ⁸ open door, opportunity of proclaiming the gospel, Acts xiv. 27, &c. ⁹ worship, pay thee homage. ¹⁰ temptation, severe trial. ¹² pillar, to be perpetually fixed in heaven. ^{write upon him}, inscriptions being written on such pillars in the temple. ¹⁶ spue, expresses aversion. ¹⁷ Thou sayest, &c. art conceited of thy attainments. ¹⁸ buy, part with all to obtain. ^{gold}, faith: comp. 1 Pet. i. 7. ^{white raiment}, righteousness, holiness. ^{eyesalve}, the Spirit's light and unction. ²⁰ door, of the heart. ^{knock}, implies importunity. ^{sup}, expresses communion.

CHAP. IV.—³ jasper, thought to mean the diamond—emblem of purity. ^{sardine}, fiery red—

emblem of justice. ^{emerald}, bright green, prevailing colour of the rainbow—emblem of mercy and faithfulness. ⁴ seats, or thrones. ^{elders}, their numbers amounting to the courses of Jewish priests—emblems of God's Israel or church. ⁵ lightnings, &c. expressions of awful majesty. ^{seven spirits}, see chap. i. 4. ⁶ sea of glass, alluding to the brazen sea: see Exod. xxx. 18; 1 Kings vii. 23. This symbolized Christ's blood, Zech. xiii. 1: comp. Rev. xii. 11, &c. ^{beasts}, 'living creatures' comp. Is. vi.; Ezek. i. 10. ^{Scott} takes them for emblems of ministers. ^{eyes}, implying vigilance. ⁷ lion, emblem of courage. ^{calf}, or young bullock—patient labour. ^{man}, intelligence and sympathy. ^{eagle}, soaring heavenwards. ⁸ wings, zeal. ^{eyes}, knowledge and vigilance. ^{rest not}, never grow weary of their work.

honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

CHAP. V.

AND I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times as many as the stars of heaven.

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be

A. D. 96.

a De. 32. 4.

b Ps. 18. 3.

c Ps. 96. 7, 8.

d Ge. 1. 1.

e Ac. 17. 24.

f Ep. 3. 9.

g Col. 1. 16.

h Zec. 6. 3.

i Ps. 45. 4, 5.

j LXX.

k Zec. 6. 11.

l Eze. 2. 9, 10.

m Is. 29. 11.

n Da. 12. 4.

o Ge. 49. 10.

p He. 7. 14.

q ch. 22. 16.

r Is. 11. 1, 10.

s Je. 23. 5, 6.

t Ro. 15. 12.

u The word

chamiz

signifieth

a measure

containing

one wine

quart, and

the twelfth

part of a

quart.

k Is. 53. 7.

l Jno. 1. 29, 36.

m 1 Pe. 1. 19.

n ch. 9. 4.

o Zec. 3. 9.

p ch. 4. 10.

q Jno. 2. 29.

r or, to him.

s Eze. 14. 21.

t or, incense.

u Ps. 141. 2.

v Le. 26. 22.

w Ps. 40. 3.

x ch. 20. 4.

y 2 Ti. 1. 8.

z Ac. 20. 28.

a Ro. 5. 24.

b Ep. 1. 7.

c He. 9. 12.

d 1 Pe. 1. 18, 19.

e 1 Jno. 1. 7.

f Da. 4. 1.

g ch. 6. 25.

h Zec. 1. 12.

i ch. 1. 6.

j Ex. 19. 6.

k 1 Pe. 2. 5, 9.

l He. 11. 40.

m De. 33. 2.

n Ps. 68. 17.

o Da. 7. 10.

p He. 12. 22.

q ch. 16. 18.

r Joel 2. 10, 31.

s ch. 3. 15.

t Mat. 24. 29.

u Ac. 2. 20.

v Phi. 2. 10.

w ch. 8. 10.

x or, green

figs.

y 1 Ch. 29. 11.

z 1 Pe. 5. 11.

a Ps. 102. 26.

b Is. 34. 4.

unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

CHAP. VI.

AND I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll

CHAP. V.—1. book, or roll. on the backside, read, on the back side sealed, &c. sealed, to show the inscrutability of God's decrees. seven, marking the periods of the prophecy. 6. horns, Christ's power, &c. knowledge. 8. harps, emblems of praise. 9. or, basins. which are, i.e. represent. 10. we all reign, the Christian cause shall prevail. 11. &c. that is, innumerable. 14. for ever, the Christian church shall praise Christ through all ages.

CHAP. VI.—1. I saw, the scene is in heaven: the things were to come to pass on earth. 2. white horse, indicated the triumphs of the pure gospel. 4. horse—red, war. 5. black horse, famine. 8. pale horse, death. 9. souls—slain, great persecution. 12. earthquake, changes and revolutions. 12, 13. sun—moon—stars, governments. 14. heaven, ecclesiastical state. The revolutions and changes in this chapter are generally understood as from the Christian era to Constantine.

when it is rolled together; and ^a every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, ^b hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And ^d said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For ^f the great day of his wrath is come; ^h and who shall be able to stand?

CHAP. VII.

AND after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, ⁱ holding the four winds of the earth, ^j that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, ^k Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have ^l sealed the servants of our God ^m in their foreheads.

4 And ⁿ I heard the number of them which were sealed: ^o and there were sealed ^p an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthali were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, ^q a great multitude, which no man could number, ^r of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, ^s clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, ^t Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: ^u Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, ^v be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

A. D. 96.

^a ch. 16. 20.

^b Je. 3. 23.

^c ch. 4. 24.

^d Is. 2. 19.

^e ch. 1. 5.

^f Is. 1. 18.

^g Zec. 3. 3-5.

^h He. 9. 14.

ⁱ 1 Jno. 1. 7.

^j ch. 9. 6.

^k Ho. 10. 8.

^l Lu. 23. 30.

^m ch. 21. 3. 4.

ⁿ Is. 4. 5, 6.

^o Is. 13. 6, &c.

^p Zep. 1. 14, &c.

^q Is. 49. 10.

^r Ps. 76. 7.

^s Ps. 121. 6.

^t Ps. 23. 1.

^u 36. 8.

^v Jno. 10. 11, 14.

^w Da. 7. 2.

^x Is. 25. 8.

^y ch. 9. 4.

^z ch. 6. 1.

^{aa} Mat. 18. 10.

^{ab} Lu. 1. 19.

^{ac} 2 Ch. 29. 25.

^{ad} ch. 6. 6.

^{ae} Ex. 12. 12, 13.

^{af} Is. 26. 20.

^{ag} Mat. 24. 15.

^{ah} ch. 22. 4.

^{ai} ch. 9. 16.

^{aj} or, add it to the prayers

^{ak} Ro. 9. 27.

^{al} Ps. 141. 2.

^{am} Lu. 1. 10.

^{an} or, upon.

^{ao} ch. 16. 18.

^{ap} 2 Sa. 22. 8.

^{aq} 1 Ki. 19. 11.

^{ar} Ac. 4. 31.

^{as} Eze. 38. 22.

^{at} ch. 9. 4.

^{au} Is. 2. 13.

^{av} Je. 51. 25.

^{aw} Am. 7. 4.

^{ax} Ro. 11. 25.

^{ay} Eze. 14. 19.

^{az} ch. 5. 9.

^{ba} Mat. 8. 11.

^{bb} ch. 3. 5, 18.

^{bc} 4. 4.

^{bd} Is. 61. 10.

^{be} Is. 14. 12.

^{bf} ch. 19. 1.

^{bg} Ps. 3. 8.

^{bh} Is. 43. 11.

^{bi} Je. 3. 23.

^{bj} Ho. 13. 4.

^{bk} Ru. 1. 20.

^{bl} Ex. 15. 23.

^{bm} Je. 9. 15.

^{bn} 23. 15.

^{bo} Ro. 9. 5.

^{bp} 16. 27.

^{bq} 1 Ti. 6. 16.

^{br} Is. 13. 10.

^{bs} Am. 8. 9.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have ^c washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall ^d dwell among them.

16 They ^e shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; ^f neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne ^g shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: ^h and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

CHAP. VIII.

AND ⁱ when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

2 And ^j I saw the seven angels which stood before God; ^k and to them were given seven trumpets.

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should ^l offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And ^m the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it ⁿ into the earth: and ^o there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, ^p and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7 The first angel sounded, ^q and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part ^r of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, ^s and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea ^t became blood;

9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

10 And the third angel sounded, ^u and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

11 And ^v the name of the star is called Wormwood: ^w and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And ^x the fourth angel sounded, and

CHAP. VII.—1. winds, commotions. wind—not blow, church not be hurt. 3. sealed, alludes to the ancient custom of marking servants. 4. an hundred, &c. i.e. a great number, twelve times twelve, the number of the tribes so multiplied, signifying the true Israel of Israel. 9. a great multitude, saved Gentiles. white, purity. palms, victory. 17. living, or springing. fountains, spiritual and refreshing enjoyments.

CHAP. VIII.—1. silence, indicates great expectation, or the peace and rest of the church for a season. half an hour, a little while. 2. trumpets, these are thought to foretell the state of the corrupted church. 3. angel, generally thought to signify Christ. much incense, his own merit and mediation. 5. are, judgments. voices, &c. commotions. 7–12. The first angel sounded, &c. predicts the overthrow of Pagan Rome.

the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars: so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

13 And I beheld,^b and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice,^d Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

CHAP. IX.

AND the fifth angel sounded,^f and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of^a the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 And it was commanded them^m that they should not hurt^e the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not^o the seal of God in their foreheads.

5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them,^a but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

6 And in those days^g shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

7 And^h the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle,^h and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold,^a and their faces were as the faces of men.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and^c their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings wasⁱ as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

11 And^k they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, and in the Greek tongue hath his name^l Apollyon.

12 Oneⁿ woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

A. D. 96.

ch. 16. 12.

Ge. 2. 14.

or, at.

ch. 19. 17.

Ps. 103. 20.

Ps. 68. 17.

Eze. 38. 4.

Da. 7. 10.

ch. 9. 12.

11. 14.

Ja. 5. 1.

ch. 7. 4.

Lu. 10. 18.

1 Ch. 12. 8.

Is. 5. 28, 29.

ch. 17. 8.

20. 1.

Lu. 8. 31.

Joel 2. 2, 10.

Is. 9. 15.

Ex. 10. 4.

Ja. 7. 12.

ch. 6. 6.

7. 3.

De. 31. 29.

ch. 8. 7.

Le. 17. 7.

De. 32. 17.

Ps. 106. 37.

135. 15.

Da. 5. 23.

1 Co. 10. 20.

Ex. 12. 23.

Eze. 9. 4.

ch. 11. 7.

ch. 22. 15.

ch. 6. 16.

Job 3. 21.

Is. 2. 19.

Je. 8. 3.

Joel 2. 4.

Eze. 1. 25.

Na. 3. 17.

ch. 1. 16.

Mat. 17. 2.

Da. 7. 8.

Mat. 23. 18.

Joel 1. 6.

ch. 8. 5.

Ps. 29. 3.

Joel 2. 5, 7.

Da. 8. 26.

12. 4, 9.

Ex. 6. 8.

De. 32. 40.

Jno. 12. 31.

2 Co. 4. 4.

Ep. 2. 2.

1 Jno. 5. 19.

1 Ne. 9. 6.

Ps. 95. 3, 6.

145. 6.

Ro. 1. 20.

† That is to say, a destroyer.

Jno. 8. 44.

1 Pe. 5. 8.

ch. 8. 13.

ch. 16. 17.

Da. 12. 7.

Ro. 16. 25.

14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound^a in the great river Euphrates.

15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared^a for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

16 And^c the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: and for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues^a yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship^p devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

CHAP. X.

AND I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth.

3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,^f Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth^g lifted up his hand to heaven,

6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever,^h who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound,^m the mystery of God should be

CHAP. IX.—1. *5th angel sounded*, predicting the rise and spread of Mahometanism. *star*, Mahomet and his successors. 2. *smoke*, the impostor spread darkness and error. 3. *locusts*, Saracen armies. 4. *not hurt*, perhaps means, not corrupt genuine Christians.—Ed. 5. *not kill*, wholly extirpate. *five months*, 150 years, the chief period of Mahometan ravages. 6. *seek death*, be weary of life. 7. *horses*, imply speed. *crowns*, dominion. 8. *hair of women*, lowliness. *teeth*, &c. ferocity. 9. *breastplates*, strength. *wings*, impetuosity. 13. *sixth*, &c. sounded, the second woe trumpet. 14. *four*, i. e. from every quarter, let loose the whole power of the destroyers. 15. *for an hour—day*, &c. pro-

phetically making 331 years and a month—a day being a year. *third part*, this portion of the Christian world was conquered. 16. *two hundred*, &c. signify mighty armies of cavalry. 17. *Are*, &c. thought to allude to the use of gunpowder. 19. *like serpents*, poisoning. 20. *the rest*, &c. became increasingly corrupted by superstition.

CHAP. X.—1. *mighty angel*, thought to signify Christ. *rainbow*, emblem of God's covenant. 2. *foot—sea—earth*, may mean universal dominion. 3. *seven thunders*, some interpret seven distinct prophecies, and some wars. 5. *lifted*, &c. a sort of very ancient oath, Gen. xiv. 22; Exod. vi. 6, &c. 6. *time*, 'delay' no longer of punishing the church's enemies.

finished, as he hath declared to his ſervants the prophets.

8 And the voice which I heard from heaven ſpake unto me again, and ſaid, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which ſtandeth upon the ſea and upon the earth.

9 And I went unto the angel, and ſaid unto him, Give me the little book. And he ſaid unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it ſhall make thy belly bitter, but it ſhall be in thy mouth ſweet as honey.

10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth ſweet as honey: and as ſoon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

11 And he ſaid unto me, Thou muſt prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

CHAP. XI.

AND there was given me a reed like unto a rod; and the angel ſaid, ſaying, Rise, and meaſure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worſhip therein.

2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and meaſure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles; and the holy city ſhall they tread under foot forty and two months.

3 And I will give power unto my two witneſſes, and they ſhall prophesy a thouſand two hundred and threeſcore days, clothed in ſackcloth.

4 Theſe are the two olive trees, and the two candleſticks ſtanding before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he muſt in this manner be killed.

6 Theſe have power to ſhut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to ſmite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

7 And when they ſhall have finiſhed their teſtimony, the beaſt that aſcendeth out of the bottomleſs pit ſhall make war againſt them, and ſhall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies ſhall lie in the ſtreet of the great city, which ſpiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where alſo our Lord was crucified.

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations ſhall ſee their dead bodies three days and an half, and ſhall not ſuffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth ſhall rejoice over them, and make merry,

A. D. 96.

a Es. 9. 19, 22.

b Eze. 37. 5, &c.

c Ho. 3. 5.

d Je. 15. 16.

e Eze. 2. 8.

f Is. 60. 8.

g Ac. 1. 9.

h 2Ki. 2. 1, 5, 7.

i names of men.

k ch. 3. 4.

l Ps. 19. 9, 10.

m 119. 103.

n Aze. 2. 10.

o Jos. 7. 19.

p Je. 25. 15, 17.

q ch. 21. 15.

r Eze. 40. 3, &c.

s Zec. 2. 1.

t Nu. 23. 18.

u Da. 2. 44.

v 7. 14, 18, 27.

w Eze. 40. 17, 20.

x cast out.

y Ps. 79. 1.

z Lu. 21. 24.

a Da. 8. 10.

b or, unto my two witneſſes that they may prophesy.

c Da. 7. 9, 10.

d 2 Co. 5. 10.

e Ps. 52. 8.

f Je. 11. 16.

g Zec. 4. 3, 11, 14.

h 2Ki. 1. 10, 12.

i Je. 5. 14.

j Eze. 43. 3.

k Ho. 6. 5.

l or, corrupt.

m Nu. 16. 29.

n 1 Ki. 17. 1.

o Ja. 5. 16, 17.

p Ex. 19. 16.

q He. 12. 18.

r Ex. 7. 19.

s Lu. 13. 32.

t or, ſign.

u Da. 7. 21.

v Zec. 14. 2.

w Is. 66. 7.

x Ga. 4. 19.

y or, ſign.

z He. 13. 12.

a ch. 17. 3.

b ch. 9. 10, 19.

c 17. 18.

d Ps. 79. 2, 3.

e Da. 8. 10.

f Ex. 1. 16.

a and ſhall ſend gifts one to another; becauſe theſe two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth.

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they ſtood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which ſaw them.

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven ſaying unto them, Come up hither. And they aſcended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

13 And the ſame hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were ſlain of men ſeven thouſand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The ſecond woe is paſt; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

15 And the ſeventh angel ſounded; and there were great voices in heaven, ſaying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Chriſt; and he ſhall reign for ever and ever.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which ſat before God on their ſeats, fell upon their faces, and worſhipped God,

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and waſt, and art to come; becauſe thou haſt taken to thee thy great power, and haſt reigned.

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they ſhould be judged, and that thou ſhouleſt give reward unto thy ſervants the prophets, and to the ſaints, and them that fear thy name, ſmall and great; and ſhouleſt deſtroy them which deſtroy the earth.

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was ſeen in his temple the ark of his teſtament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

CHAP. XII.

AND there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the ſun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve ſtars:

2 And ſhe being with child cried, travelling in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having ſeven heads and ten horns, and ſeven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the ſtars of heaven, and did caſt them to the earth: and the dragon ſtood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as ſoon as it was born.

9. eat, digeſt the contents. bitter, from its painful predictions. ſweet, from its conſolations.

CHAP. XI.—1. reed, for meaſuring. This reſpects the ſtate of the church of Chriſt, the figures being taken from the temple. 2. forty and two months, make 1260 days, or prophetic years, marking the time of Antichriſt's reign from the period when the Pope was declared univerſal Biſhop, A. D. 606. 3. two witneſſes, perhaps mean a ſmall number of faithful defenders of the truth. ſackcloth, affliction, this being the coſtume of mourning in diſtreſs. 2 Sa. iii. 31; 1 Ki. ii. 31, &c. 4. two olive trees, alluding to Zec. iv. 3, 12, &c. ſignifying the witneſſes are to be ſteady lights during the dark period of 1260 years. 5. fire, denouncing the Divine judgments. 6. have power, &c. alluding to ancient miracles, and ſhowing the ſame protection. 7. kill them, ſeems to indicate that the witneſſes will

at laſt be ſilenced for a ſhort period. 8. great city, anti-chriſtian church.

11. life, &c. predicts a remarkable reſtoration—deſcribed as a reſurrection and aſcenſion: ſee in ver. 12. 13. earthquake, commotions. tenth part, much of its power. ſeven thouſand, i. e. great numbers; thought to allude to the French revolution. 15. ſounded, the third and laſt woe trumpet, predicts the ruin of Antichriſt. 19. temple—opened, bringing new diſcoveries.

CHAP. XII.—1. woman, church. ſun, Chriſt. moon, world. ſtars, apoſtolic doctrines. 2. travelling, multiplying her children amidſt perſecution. 3. dragon, Satan. ſeven heads, alludes to the ſeven hills of Rome, ch. xvii. 9, 10. ten horns, kingdoms of the Roman empire. ſeven crowns, imperial power. 4. drew, ſeduced. ſtars, miniſters. her child, the body of true Chriſtians.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there: a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, who which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

CHAP. XIII.

AND I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

A. D. 96.

a ch. 2. 27.

19. 15.

Ps. 2. 9.

b ch. 12. 9.

* slain.

c ch. 11. 3.

d 1 Jno. 5. 19.

e Da. 10. 13, 21.

12. 1.

f ch. 20. 2.

g ch. 18. 18.

h Da. 7. 8, 11, 25.

11. 36.

i Lu. 10. 18.

j Ju. 12. 31.

k Ge. 3. 1, 4.

† or, make

war.

l ch. 9. 1.

m Jno. 1. 14.

n Col. 2. 9.

o ch. 11. 15.

19. 1.

p Da. 7. 21.

q Job 1. 9.

2. 5.

r Zec. 3. 1.

Lu. 22. 31, 32.

Ro. 8. 33, 34.

37.

s ch. 20. 12, 15.

21. 27.

t Ex. 32. 32.

Da. 12. 1.

u Phi. 4. 3.

v Lu. 14. 26.

w ch. 17. 8.

x ch. 18. 20.

y Ps. 96. 11.

Is. 49. 13.

z Is. 33. 1.

aa ch. 8. 13.

bb ch. 11. 10.

cc Ge. 9. 6.

dd Mat. 26. 52.

ee ch. 14. 12.

ff ch. 10. 6.

gg ch. 11. 7.

hh Ex. 19. 4.

ii Da. 7. 25.

12. 7.

jj De. 13. 1, 3.

kk Mat. 24. 24.

ll 2 Th. 2. 9.

mm 2 Ki. 1. 10, 12.

nn Is. 59. 19.

oo 2 Th. 2. 9, 10.

pp 2 Ki. 20. 7.

qq Ge. 3. 15.

rr 1 Pe. 5. 8.

† breath.

ss 1 Co. 2. 1.

tt 1 Jno. 5. 10.

uu Da. 7. 2, 7.

§ give them.

vv ch. 17. 3, 9, 12.

|| or, names.

pp ch. 14. 11.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he caused all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the

5. to rule, &c. denoting the universality of Christ's kingdom: comp. Ps. ii. 9. 6. fled, &c. denotes obsecration and affliction. 7. war in heaven, persecutions and contentions in the church. Michael and his angels, Christ and his followers. 9. cast out, Christ gains the final victory. 14. winz, denote the care of Providence: see Deut. xxxii. 10. 11. 15. flood, of persecution. 16. earth helped, earthly powers have often defended the church.

CHAP. XIII.—1. *beast*, means here a wild beast—Antichrist. *sea*, commotions. *heads*—horns, power. *like a lamb*, pretending meekness. *two horns*, denote the spiritual and temporal power of the papacy. *trotns*, kingly authority. *blasphemy*, alluding to the pretensions of papal Rome. 2. *leopard*—bear

—lion, emblems of cruelty. and his seat, i. e. his influence: an eastern seat is given according to rank. 4. *worshipped the beast*, submitted to popery. 5. *forty*, &c. 1260 years. The popish sutes are to last as long as the afflictions of the church. 8. *all that dwell*, expresses the wide extent of popery. 11. *another*, the papal hierarchy: some think the Greek church. *horns*—*lamb*—*dragon*, power; professing meekness, yet terrible. 12. *worship the first*, submit to popish states. 13. *wonders*, false miracles, 1 Thess. ii. 9. 14. *image*, the Pope himself with his authority. 15. *he had power*, the lamb-horned beast, or popish clergy. 16. *a mark*, as soldiers and slaves received a mark from their sovereigns and masters. Scott takes this to mean the sign of the cross.

name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

CHAP. XIV.

AND I looked, and, lo, ^a a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him ^a an hundred forty and four thousand, ^f having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, ^a as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

3 And ^a they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; ^a for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These I were redeemed from among men, ^a being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And ^a in their mouth was found no guile: ^a for they are without fault before the throne of God.

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, ^a having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: ^a and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And there followed another angel, saying, ^a Babylon is fallen, is fallen, ^a that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same ^a shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and ^a he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And ^a the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship

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^a ch. 20. 6.
^b Ec. 4. 1, 2.
^c 1 Co. 15. 18.
^d 1 Th. 4. 16.
^e or, from henceforth saith the Spirit, Yea.
^f Is. 53. 7, 8.
^g Jno. 1. 29, 36.
^h 1 Pe. 1. 19.
ⁱ 2 Th. 1. 7.
^j He. 4. 9, 10.
^k ch. 7. 4.
^l Lu. 12. 8.
^m Jude 21.
ⁿ ch. 1. 13.
^o Exe. 1. 26.
^p Da. 7. 13.
^q ch. 1. 15.
^r ch. 5. 9.
^s 15. 3.
^t Mat. 13. 39.
^u Jc. 51. 33.
^v or, dried.
^w 2 Co. 11. 2.
^x were bought.
^y Ja. 1. 18.
^z Ps. 32. 2.
^{aa} Zep. 3. 13.
^{ab} Jno. 1. 47.
^{ac} ch. 16. 8.
^{ad} Ep. 5. 27.
^{ae} Jude 24.
^{af} Joel 3. 13.
^{ag} Ep. 3. 9, 11.
^{ah} Tit. 1. 2.
^{ai} Is. 63. 3.
^{aj} La. 1. 15.
^{ak} Ne. 9. 6.
^{al} Ps. 33. 6.
^{am} 146. 5, 6.
^{an} Is. 21. 9.
^{ao} Je. 51. 7.
^{ap} ch. 21. 9.
^{aq} ch. 4. 6.
^{ar} 21. 18.
^{as} Mat. 3. 11.
^{at} Ps. 75. 8.
^{au} Is. 51. 17.
^{av} Je. 25. 15.
^{aw} ch. 20. 10.
^{ax} ch. 5. 8.
^{ay} Ps. 33. 1, 3.
^{az} 150. 1, 3.
^{ba} Ex. 15. 1.
^{bb} De. 31. 30.
^{bc} De. 32. 4.
^{bd} Ps. 111. 2.
^{be} 139. 14.
^{bf} Is. 34. 10.
^{bg} Ps. 145. 17.
^{bh} Ho. 14. 9.
^{bi} or, nations, or, ages.
^{bj} Je. 10. 7.

the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, ^a Blessed are the dead ^b which die in the Lord ^c from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, ^d that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud ^a one sat ^b like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, ^a Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest ^a of the earth is ^a ripe.

16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel came out from the altar, ^a which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, ^a Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast ^a it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

20 And ^a the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, ^a even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

CHAP. XV.

AND I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, ^a seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

2 And I saw as it were ^a a sea of glass ^b mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, ^a having the harps of God.

3 And they sing ^a the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, ^a Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; ^a just and true are thy ways, thou King of ^a saints.

4 Who ^a shall not fear thee, O Lord, and

17. number, &c. cattle were anciently marked with a number, equivalent to that formed by the entire letters of the owner's name. 18. beast, popish ecclesiastical power. number of a man, such as men commonly use. six hundred, &c. must be reckoned in Greek letters; but the meaning is as yet conjectural.

CHAP. XIV.—1. And I looked, &c. here opens a vision of the triumphs of the church. Lamb, Christ. mount Zion, church. an hundred, &c. multitudes. name written, bold profession. 3. new song, to redeeming grace. no man could learn, &c. the unconverted cannot sing it. 4. virgins, opposed to spiritual fornicators or idolaters. firstfruits, alluding to the consecration of the firstfruits under the law. 5. no guile, sincere profession. are without fault, justified and sanctified. 6. another angel, &c. emblematical of the rapid spread of the gospel. 8. Babylon, Rome. wine, &c. alluding to an intoxicating love-potion, which was given by impure

women. 9. third angel, each describing a succession of ministers. 10. wine, may allude to the stupefying cup given by the Jews to malefactors. 12. the patience, what has been patiently waited for. here are they, i.e. they are brought to a state of triumph. 14. white cloud, signifying the holiness of God's judgments. 15. the time, the end of the 1260 years. harvest—ripe, expressive of judgment. 16. earth—reaped, enemies of God destroyed. 18. power over fire, the office of inflicting Divine vengeance. grapes—ripe, measure of crime filled up. 19. winepress, vengeance. 20. blood, &c. describes vast slaughter. the space of, singularly describes the length of the papal territories.

CHAP. XV.—1. another sign, of the destruction of popery. 2. sea of glass, &c. may signify tempestuous and dangerous times. 3. sing, as the escaped Israelites. song, &c. expressive of triumph over Antichrist.

glorify thy name? for ^a *thou only art holy*: for ^b all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

5 And after that I looked, and, behold, ^c the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, ^d clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, ^e who liveth for ever and ever.

8 And ^f the temple was filled with smoke ^g from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

CHAP. XVI.

AND I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of ^h the wrath of God upon the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and ⁱ there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

3 And the second angel poured out his vial ^j upon the sea; and ^k it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, ^l *Thou art righteous, O Lord,* ^m which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

6 For ⁿ they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, ^o and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, ^p true and righteous are thy judgments.

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were ^q scorched with great heat, and ^r blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: ^s and they repented not to give him glory.

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; ^t and they gnawed their tongues for pain.

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; ^u and

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a Ps. 22. 3.

99. 3.

111. 9.

b Is. 6. 3.

c Is. 66. 22.

He. 8. 11.

d 1 Jno. 4. 1. 3.

e ch. 11. 19.

f Nu. 1. 50.

g 1 Ti. 4. 1.

h Ja. 3. 15.

i ch. 1. 13.

j Ex. 28. 6, 8.

k Eze. 44. 17.

l Ex. 7. 22.

m 2 Th. 2. 9.

n Lu. 2. 1.

o ch. 3. 3.

p Mat. 24. 43.

q 1 Th. 5. 2.

r 2 Pe. 3. 10.

s Ps. 90. 2.

t 1 Th. 1. 9.

u 2 Co. 5. 3.

v Ex. 40. 34.

w 1 Ki. 8. 10.

x Is. 6. 4.

y 2 Th. 1. 9.

z Eze. 9. 5, 8.

aa Mat. 13. 41.

ab Da. 12. 1.

ac Mar. 13. 19.

ad Ex. 9. 9, 11.

ae ch. 17. 18.

af Is. 51. 17, 22.

ag Je. 25. 15, 16.

ah ch. 8. 8.

ai Ex. 7. 17, 20.

aj Ro. 2. 5.

ak 3. 5, 6.

al ch. 1. 4, 8.

am Ex. 9. 23, 25.

an Mat. 23. 34.

ao 35.

ap Is. 49. 26.

aq Ps. 19. 9.

ar 55. 10, 11.

as Is. 25. 1.

at ch. 19. 2.

au Je. 51. 13.

av Na. 3. 4.

aw ch. 18. 3.

ax Je. 51. 7.

ay • or, burned.

az f 2 Ch. 28. 22.

ba Je. 5. 3.

bb ch. 12. 6, 14.

bc ch. 9. 20.

bd Da. 5. 22, 23.

be Lu. 13. 32.

bf 2 Co. 12. 21.

bg i Mat. 24. 54.

bh ka Da. 11. 38.

bi † gilded.

bj l 2 Th. 2. 7.

bk m Is. 41. 2, 25.

bl Je. 50. 38.

bm 51. 36.

bn ch. 18. 9.

the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean ^c spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For ^d they are the spirits of devils, ^e working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth ^f and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 Behold, ^g I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, ^h lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, ⁱ such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

19 And ^j the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon ^k came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, ^l every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of ^m the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

CHAP. XVII.

AND there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of ⁿ the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With ^o whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he carried me away in the spirit ^p into the wilderness; and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, ^q and ^r decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, ^s MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, ^t THE MOTHER OF

5. temple, &c. exhibits the state of the church. 6. clothed, &c. representing the holiness and righteousness of these dispensations. 7. golden vials, emblems of judgment. 8. smoke, &c. emblematical of God's presence in his church. able to enter, the happy entrance will be when the last plagues are over.

CHAP. XVI.—1. pour, &c. expressive of God's vengeance upon Antichrist. 2. sore, alludes to Exod. ix. 10. 3. blood, alludes to Exod. vii. 20. 21. 8. sun, anti-christian government. 10. darkness, alludes to Exod. x. 21, &c. 12. dried up, alluding to Is. xlii. 2; xlv. 11: may signify the destruction of the resources of Antichrist. kings, &c. foes of the anti-christian states. 13. spirits, emissaries of

Satan. frogs, symbols of impurity, an allusion also to Exod. viii. 5, 6. false prophet, anti-christian ecclesiastical state. 14. battle, some dreadful struggle to come. 15. as a thief, unexpectedly. 16. Armageddon, i.e. 'the mountain of destruction.' 17. air, Satan's seat, Eph. ii. 2. done, the conflict is over. 20. every island, &c. anti-christian power extirpated.

CHAP. XVII.—1. judgment, punishment. waters, nations, ver. 15. 2. fornication, spiritual adultery. 3. woman, church of Rome. beast, temporal power, supporting the woman. scarlet, denoting cruelty. seven, &c. see ver. 9. 4. purple, &c. pride and pomp. golden cup—full, &c. see chap. xiv. 8, note. 5. mystery, of iniquity, 2 Thess. ii. 7. mother of

* HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

CHAP. XVIII.

AND after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit,

harlots, inventor of idolatries, abominations, &c. with which the earth has been corrupted. 8. *was*, the Roman empire pagan. *is not*, in the apostle's time not become papal. 9. *the mind*, &c. here is exercise for it. *seven mountains*, Rome. 10. *kings*, or governments in succession. *five*, &c. i.e. kings, consuls, dictators, decemvirs, and military tribunes. *one is*, imperial then existing. *the other*, supposed to mean the dukedom to which Rome sank. 11. *beast that was*, &c. mentioned ver. 8. *he is the eighth*, i.e. the papal government. *of the seven*, principal ones, the last one being for a short time. 12. *ten kings*, ten kingdoms of Europe. *as yet*, at the time of this vision. *one hour with*, at the same period. 14.

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* or, *formations*.

^a Is. 14. 23.

Mar. 5. 2. 3.

^b Ps. 73. 2, &c.

Hab. 1. 13.

^c Is. 47. 15.

† or, *power*.

^d Is. 48. 20.

52. 11.

Mt. 2. 10.

2 Co. 6. 17.

^e Ge. 18. 20. 21.

Jon. 1. 2.

Lu. 19. 41..

^f Mat. 25. 34.

Ep. 1. 4.

Tit. 1. 2.

^g Ps. 137. 8.

2 Ti. 4. 14.

^h ch. 14. 10.

ⁱ Ho. 14. 9.

Mat. 13. 11.

Mar. 13. 14.

^k Eze. 28. 2, &c.

^l Is. 47. 7-9.

Zep. 2. 15.

^m ch. 17. 16.

ⁿ Je. 50. 34.

1 Co. 10. 22.

^o ch. 13. 1.

Da. 7. 20.

Zec. 1. 18, 19.

^p Eze. 26. 16.

17.

^r ch. 16. 14.

19. 19.

^s Is. 21. 9.

^t Ps. 2. 7-12.

110. 5.

1 Co. 15. 21.

^u ch. 19. 16.

De. 10. 17.

1 Ti. 6. 15.

^v ch. 14. 4.

Je. 50. 44, 45.

^x Eze. 27. 27-36.

^y Is. 8. 7.

† or, *sweet*.

^z Je. 50. 41, 42.

^a ch. 13. 16.

Eze. 16. 37..

44.

^b 2 Th. 2. 11.

^c ch. 10. 7.

§ or, *bodies*.

^d Eze. 27. 13.

^e Eze. 43. 2.

Mat. 24. 27.

^f Is. 13. 19.

21. 9.

Je. 51. 8.

^g Is. 34. 14.

Je. 50. 39.

and ^a a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, ^a and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, ^d Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

5 For ^e her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

6 Reward ^e her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: ^k in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

7 How ^e much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a ^e queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and ^m she shall be utterly burned with fire: ⁿ for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

9 And ^p the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning.

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, ^r Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

11 And ^s the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all ^t thyne wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and ^u slaves, and ^v souls of men.

14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

16 And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

make war, &c. oppose Christ's kingdom. 16. *hate the whore*, finally destroy popery. 17. *God hath put*, &c. left them to a fatal infatuation. 18. *city*, Roman church.

CHAP. XVIII. — 1. *angel*, here may mean some gospel minister or ministers. 2. *Babylon*, &c. figures are here taken from Babylon's fall: Isaiah xiii. 34, and Jer. 1. li. 6. *Reward her*, &c. this is a prediction, and not a command. 8. *in one day*, suddenly. 11. *the merchants*, &c. figures borrowed from the lamentation over Tyre, Ezek. xxvi. xxvii. 13. *and souls*, by penances, indulgences, &c. popery has dealt largely in souls.

17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, 18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

CHAP. XIX.

AND after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and all ye that fear him, both small and great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she

A. D. 96.

a Is. 23. 14.

• or, bright.

b Ps. 132. 9.

c Lu. 14. 15, 16.

22. 30.

d Jos. 7. 6.

1 Sa. 4. 12.

Job 2. 12.

Eze. 27. 30.

e ch. 23. 8, 9.

f Ac. 10. 26.

14. 14, 15.

g Ps. 119. 24.

1 Jno. 5. 10.

h Is. 44. 23.

49. 13.

i ch. 19. 2.

Lu. 11. 49, 50.

k ch. 15. 5.

Ge. 28. 12.

Ac. 7. 56.

10. 11.

2 Co. 12. 4.

l Ps. 45. 3, 5.

Is. 11. 4.

m Je. 51. 64.

n ch. 1. 14.

o Is. 24. 8.

Je. 7. 31.

16. 9.

p Is. 63. 2, 3.

1 Jno. 1. 1.

1 Jno. 5. 7.

q Mat. 28. 3.

r Je. 25. 10.

s Je. 16. 9.

33. 11.

t 2 Th. 2. 8.

u ch. 2. 27.

v Ps. 2. 9.

y Is. 23. 8.

z ch. 14. 19, 20.

aa 2 Ki. 9. 22.

Na. 3. 4.

b ch. 17. 14.

Da. 2. 47.

1 Ti. 6. 15.

c ch. 11. 15.

He. 12. 22, 23.

d Eze. 39. 17.

20.

e De. 32. 43.

Ob. 15.

Hab. 3. 13.

Ro. 12. 19.

f ch. 16. 16.

g Is. 34. 10.

h 1 Ch. 16. 36.

Ne. 5. 13.

8. 6.

i Ex. 15. 2.

Ps. 134. 1.

135. 1.

Phi. 4. 4.

k ch. 20. 10.

l Eze. 1. 24.

43. 2.

m ch. 14. 10.

n ch. 21. 2, 9.

Mat. 22. 2.

25. 10.

o 2 Co. 11. 2.

Ep. 5. 32.

p ch. 1. 18.

q Ps. 45. 13, 14.

Eze. 16. 10.

should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

CHAP. XX.

AND I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

CHAP. XIX.—1. *heaven*, the church, or heaven self. 7. *marriage*, &c. the period supposed to be millennium. *Lamb*, Christ. *wife*, true church. *do it not*, hence worship no created being. 11. *white horse*, emblem of holiness, called *Faithful*, i. e. the Messiah. 12. *many crowns*, numerous conquests and kingdoms. *name*, signifies his unsearchable perfections. 13. *dipped*, &c. comp. i. xlii. 1. *Word*, &c. see John i. 1. 14. *white*, &c. may denote victory and purity. 15. *And*

out, &c. comp. chap. i. 16; ii. 27; xii. 5: Psalm ii. 9; Is. lxiii. 3. 16. *thigh*—written, an ancient custom on statues. 17. *angel*, a minister or ministers. *sun*, betokens a diffusion of light. *supper*, comp. Ezek. xxxix. 17, 18, notes. 18. *flesh*, symbolically riches, &c. 20. *beast*—false prophet, anti-christian powers, civil and ecclesiastical. *lake*, &c. signifies the utter extirpation of Antichrist.

CHAP. XX.—1. *angel*, Christ.

2 And he laid hold on ^a the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and ^c set a seal upon him, ^d that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

4 And I saw ^e thrones, and they sat upon them, and ^f judgment was given unto them: and I saw ^g the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and ^h reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such ⁱ the second death hath no power, but they shall be ^j priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, ^k Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

9 And ^l they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

11 And ^m I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, ⁿ from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; ^o and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; ^p and the books were opened: and another ^q book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, ^r according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and ^s hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And ^t death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

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^a ch. 12. 9.² Pe. 2. 4.^b Jude 6.^b Is. 65. 17.^{66.} 22.² Pe. 3. 13.^c Da. 6. 17.^d Jno. 17. 11, 15^e Is. 52. 1.^{Ga.} 4. 26.^{He.} 11. 10.^{12.} 22.^{13.} 14.^f Is. 54. 5.^{61.} 10.² Co. 11. 2.⁸ Mat. 19. 28.^{Lu.} 22. 30.^A 1 Co. 2. 3.ⁱ Le. 26. 11, 12.^{Eze.} 43. 7.² Co. 6. 16.^k ch. 6. 9.^l ch. 7. 17.^{Is.} 25. 8.² Co. 4. 17.^m Ro. 8. 17.² Ti. 2. 12.ⁿ Is. 35. 10.^{65.} 19.^o Is. 43. 19.² Co. 5. 17.^p ch. 2. 11.^q ch. 1. 8.^r ch. 1. 6.^{Is.} 61. 6.¹ Pe. 2. 9.^{Is.} 12. 3.^{55.} 1.^{Jno.} 4. 10, 14^{7.} 37.^s or, these.^z Ec. 8. 8.^{He.} 8. 10.¹ Co. 6. 9, 10.^{Ga.} 5. 19, 21^{Ep.} 5. 5.¹ Ti. 1. 9.^{He.} 12. 14.^x Eze. 38. 2.^y Is. 8. 8.^{Eze.} 38. 9, 16² Eze. xlviii.^a Da. 7. 9.^b 2 Pe. 3. 7, 10.^{11.}^c Da. 2. 35.^d Da. 7. 10.^e Ps. 69. 28.^f Da. 12. 1.^g Phi. 4. 3.^h ch. 22. 12.^{Je.} 17. 10.^{Mat.} 16. 27.^{Ro.} 2. 6.^t or, the^{grave.}⁸ Mat. 16. 18.^{Ga.} 2. 9.^{Ep.} 2. 20.^h 1 Co. 15. 26.^{54, 55.}ⁱ zec. 2. 1.

CHAP. XXI.

AND ^b I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw ^c the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared ^d as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, ^e the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And ^f God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, ^g neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, ^h Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. ⁱ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. ^j I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit ^k all things; and ^l I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

8 But ^m the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me ⁿ that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

12 And had a wall great and high, and ^o had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates and on the west three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and ^p in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he that talked with me ^q had golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he

2. bound, &c. restrained Satan during the millennium.

3. loosed, Satan will resume power for a short time.

4. thrones, &c. shows the dominion of Christians over their enemies. souls of them, &c. i.e. men possessed of their spirit.

5. the rest, the remnant slain, chap. xix. 21. first resurrection, a term expressing the flourishing state of the church, when its Pauls and Peters will as it were rise again.

6. that hath part, &c. who is among those having the spirit of holy men departed. second death, i.e. of the soul's eternal happiness.

a thousand years, generations of such a spirit shall live during that period.

8. Gog and Magog, enemies of the church: see Ezek.

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9. beloved city, i.e. the church

fire, God's wrath. Fuller supposes in the general

conflagration: see 2 Pet. iii. 10; 2 Thess. i. 8.

great white throne, denotes majesty, dominion, power

righteousness. 12. books, records of life.

CHAP. XXI.—1. a new heaven, the order of the

prophecy seems to justify the opinion that this means

the heavenly state. sea, troubles and commotion

2. coming down, suspended in draught or model

see Acts x. 11. 9. vials, now emptied. Lamb

wife, pure church 11.—19. like, &c. all these sim-

ilitudes and expressions are to show the glory, &c.

11, 18, &c.; security, 12; stability, 14; vast extent, &c.

measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, bergl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

CHAP. XXII.

AND he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the

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Ps. 26. 9.

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b ch. 3. 21.

Da. 7. 27.

Ro. 5. 17.

2 Ti. 2. 12.

c ch. 1. 3.

d Is. 54. 11.

e ch. 10. 4.

Da. 8. 23.

f Eze. 3. 27.

Da. 12. 10.

2 Ti. 3. 13.

Is. 66. 1.

Juo. 4. 23.

Is. 40. 10.

62. 11.

i Is. 24. 23.

k Ro. 2. 6.

14. 12.

2 Co. 5. 10.

l ch. 1. 8, 11.

Pr. 8. 22, 31.

Is. 41. 4.

44. 6.

m Is. 60. 3, 5, 11.

66. 12.

n De. 12. 12.

Juo. 6. 29.

1 Jno. 3. 24.

o 1 Co. 6. 3, 10.

Gal. 5. 19, 21.

Col. 3. 6.

p Phi. 3. 2.

Pr. 4. 19.

Is. 60. 20.

64. 4.

q Zec. 14. 7.

r Is. 35. 8.

52. 1.

s Joel 5. 17.

t Nu. 24. 17.

Zec. 6. 12.

2 Pe. 1. 19.

u ch. 3. 5.

20. 12.

v Phi. 4. 3.

Is. 55. 1.

Jno. 7. 37.

w Eze. 47. 1.

Zec. 14. 8.

y De. 4. 2.

Pr. 30. 6.

z ch. 2. 7.

Ge. 2. 9.

a Ex. 32. 33.

Ps. 69. 28.

b Zec. 14. 11.

c or, from

the tree of

life.

d Mat. 5. 8.

1 Co. 13. 12.

e 1 Jno. 3. 2.

f Jno. 21. 25.

g Ca. 8. 14.

Jno. 21. 22.

h 2 Ti. 4. 8.

i He. 9. 28.

j Ro. 16. 20, 24.

k Ep. 6. 24.

sun; for the Lord God giveth them light:

8 and they shall reign for ever and ever.

6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly; Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

&c. of heaven. twelve thousand furlongs, fifteen hundred miles. 22. no temple, means of grace being then unnecessary. 25. shall be shut, shows liberty, peace, security.

CHAP. XXII.—1. shewed me, here is Paradise restored. water of life, emblem of immortality. 2. tree, &c. the same. fruits, holy enjoyments. healing, rather, service: healing implies disease.—T. W. R.

liams. 3. curse, as in Paradise. 4. name—in their foreheads, as on the high-priest's mitre, indicating their holiness and near approach to God. 5. night, affliction. 15. dogs, profane persons. 16. mine angel, i.e. John. morning star, betokening day. 17. bride, church. 20. I come quickly, may writer and reader be prepared to meet their Judge at his coming. Amen.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF ORDERS OF MEN AND SECTS, MENTIONED IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

- APOSTLES** .. Missionaries or persons sent.
- BISHOPS** or overseers, an order of officers in the church
- CENTURION** . A Roman captain over a hundred soldiers, Matt. 8. 5; Acts 10. 1; 23. 23.
- CHILDREN OF THE PROPHETS**. Their disciples or scholars.
- COUNCIL** A name given to the Sanhedrim, Divinely appointed, consisting of seventy-two elders, six from each tribe, Numb. 11. 16, 24, 25; Luke 22. 66, &c.
- DEACONS**.... Officers chosen by the apostles to take care of the poor, Acts 6. 1—6; Phi. 1. 1: 1 Tim. 3. 9—12.
- DISPUTERS** . Those who raised or determined questions out of the law.
- ELDERS** Heads of chief families among the ancient Israelites in repute for experience and wisdom, Exod. 3. 16; 24. 1; Deut. 31. 28; Numb. 11. 25: 2 Kin. 10. 1; Ezra 10. 14. Expounders of the law, Matt. 15. 2. Elder in Christian churches was a title assumed by the apostles, 1 Pet. 5. 1; 2 John 1; 3 John 1. It was also given to the governors of Christian churches, Acts 11. 30; 14. 53; 15. 4, 6; 16. 4; 20. 17; 1 Tim. 3. 1; 5. 1, 19; Tit. 1. 5; 1 Pet. 5. 1.
- EPICUREANS**. A sensual sect of infidel philosophers, followers of Epicurus, an Athenian philosopher, 300 years B.C., Acts 17. 18.
- GALILEANS** . (1.) Inhabitants of Galilee, a province of Canaan, Josh. 20. 7; 1 Kin. 9. 11: bordering on the sea of Gennesaret or Tiberias, Matt. 14. 15—18; John 6. 1. (2.) Being a mingled people in Christ's time, they had a peculiar dialect. Jesus being brought up in one of the Galilean cities, and his disciples being taken from among them, were called *Galileans*, John 7. 52; Mar. 14. 70. (3.) A turbulent political faction was so called; their chief, Judas, being a Galilean.
- GREECIANS** .. Were those Jews who resided in the cities of Greece or elsewhere, and used the Greek language, Acts 6. 1; 11. 20.
- HEBREW**.... An Israelite by original extraction, Gen. 40. 15; 43. 32; Phi. 3. 5, &c.
- HERODIANS** . Political partisans of Herod Antipas, and differing from the Pharisees by agreeing to pay tribute to Caesar, Matt. 22. 16.
- ISRAELITES** . Descendants from Jacob, Exod. 9. 7. After the captivity of Judah in Babylon, they were all called Jews.
- JEWS** Originally the men of Judah, to whom the name was given to distinguish them from the ten tribes, first mentioned, 2 Kings 16. 6.
- JUDGES** Persons appointed to try causes, and pronounce sentence according to law, Exod. 2. 14; Deut. 17. 9—12; 2 Sam. 15. 4. *Judges* were also an extraordinary set of men, inspired with peculiar wisdom and courage, to govern the Israelites from the days of Joshua to Saul.
- KINGS** Sovereign princes. Nimrod is supposed to have been the first, Gen. 10. 8—10. Their numbers were in ancient times very great, for the name was given to the independent rulers of cities or districts, Josh. 12. 17—24; Gen. 36. 31.
- LEVITES** Of the tribe of Levi, but not of Aaron's family. They were chosen by God, instead of the first-born of Israel, for the service of his tabernacle and temple, Numb. 3. 6. They sang and played on instruments in the daily service, &c. They had tithe of corn, fruit, and cattle, out of which they paid a tenth to the priests. They had forty-eight cities to reside in, with fields, pastures, and gardens, Numb. xxxv. When employed in the temple, they were supported from the stores there, and by the daily offerings: see Deut. 12. 18, 19; 18. 6—8. There were several classes, named after the several sons of Levi,—the Gershonites, the Kohathites, and the Merarites, to whom some distinct duties were assigned.
- LIBERTINES**. Were freedmen of Rome, who being Jews or proselytes, had a synagogue for themselves. It has been thought by some writers, that they were Jews of Lybia, Acts 6. 9.
- MINSTRELS** . Players on the harp, 2 Kings 3. 15. Musical performers at funerals, a later custom borrowed by the Jews from the heathen, Matt. 9. 23.
- MOURNING WOMEN**. Elder women who anciently attended funerals, and strove in sad modulation to extort lamentations from those who were present, 2 Chron. 35. 25; Jer. 9. 17, &c. The Jewish doctors inform us, that this custom was so common that the poorest man in Israel when his wife died, never had less than two pipes, and one mourning woman.
- MURDERERS**. From the number 4,000, mentioned Acts 21. 38, it appears that these were a large body of assassins. The original word for their name means 'cut-throats,' 'short swordsmen.' They went up to Jerusalem at the feasts, with daggers or short swords under their cloaks, and often assassinated persons even in the temple, and hired themselves out as assassins.
- NAZARENE**.. A name given by the Jews to Jewish Christians, as an epithet of contempt, in consequence of Christ having dwelt at Nazareth, Acts 24. 5.
- NAZARITE** .. An Israelitish man or woman, engaged by law for a given period, or even for life, to abstain from intoxicating liquors, not to cut the hair, nor to enter any house polluted by the dead, or attend a funeral: see Numb. 6. 2—20; Judges 13. 5; 15. 17; Luke 1. 15.
- NETHERINGS** . Servants dedicated to the service of the tabernacle and temple, to perform the most laborious offices, as carrying of wood and water. They consisted of captives and slaves: see Ezra 2. 58. 8. 20; 1 Kings 9. 20, 21; Josh. 9. 21, 23, 27.

NICOLAITANES. Professors of Christianity, who denied the real humanity of Christ, and whose practices were grossly immoral, Rev. 2. 6—15.

OFFICERS .. Public servants, Gen. 36. 36. *Magistrates*, Deut. 1. 15. *Constables*, John 7. 3; Acts 5. 22.

PATRIARCH. The father, chief, or ruler of a large family, as David, Acts 2. 29, or Abraham, Heb. 7. 4. The sons of Jacob are called the twelve patriarchs, Acts 7. 8.

PHARISEES.. A popular sect among the Jews, about 140 years B.C. They affected great mortification and abstraction from the world, imposed on themselves frequent stated fasts, and made long prayers at the corners of the streets. They believed in a future state of rewards and punishments, and therefore held the Sadducees in great abhorrence, who did not so believe. Their notion of the resurrection, however, was nothing more than the Pythagorean transmigration. They held the doctrine of predestination, and that all things were under the government of an irreversible fatality. In fine, the scrupulous performance of a thousand trifling minutenesses, made up their religion: the love and acquisition of power, and the reputation of superior sanctity, were the end and aim of all their actions. The name of this sect was derived from a Hebrew word, *perushim*, signifying, separated from others: see Matt. 15. 1—14; 23. 2; John 7. 45—49.

PRESIDENTS. Governors under a king, having the direction of other rulers, Dan. 6. 2, 7.

PRIEST One who offers sacrifice for sin, and intercedes with God, for sinners, Heb. 5. 1; 8. 3; 10. 11. On the fall of man, the head of every family performed the functions of priest. Moses performed the office of priest for all Israel, assisted by young men, until the giving of the ceremonial law, when the tribe of Levi was chosen as the Lord's lot or clergy, the priesthood being restricted to the family of Aaron, Exod. 28. 1; xxix.; Lev. 8. 9; Numb. 8. 6—26. It is supposed that the priests entered upon their office at about the age of thirty, having previously learned their duties from the age of twenty-five; and at the age of fifty, if they wished it, they might retire. They were forbidden to marry widows, or women who had been divorced; but might marry virgins or widows of priests, Ezek. 44. 22; and it was reckoned disgraceful to marry into families either of bad character, or bearing hereditary diseases, Lev. 21. 7. Great care was taken to prevent the ministers of the sanctuary from being polluted by any ceremonial defilement, and consequently, disqualified for public service. For the priest's dress, see Exod. 28. 40, 42; 39. 27—29; Lev. 6. 11. They had the charge of the sanctuary, altar service, and all the vessels connected with it, to keep them in order, free them from pollution, and preserve decency through the whole of the ritual: see Numb. 18. 3, 5, 7; Lev. 10. 9; Ezek. 44. 21. They were also judges in civil matters in the thirteen cities appropriated to them, 1 Chron. 6. 54—60; 19. 8—10; Ezek. 44. 24. They also read, explained, and translated the law, Deut. 33. 10; Neh. 8. 2—8; 2 Chron. 17. 8, 9. They also finally conducted the service of the synagogues. Their maintenance was from the thirteen cities, with their suburbs allotted to them, 1 Chron. 6. 54—60; portions of the sacrifices; first fruits, Lev. 22. 10—16; firstlings of the cattle, first fleece of the sheep, Deut. 18. 4; the price paid for the redemption of the first-born, Numb. 8. 17; 18. 16; the tenth of the tithes, Numb. 18. 26—31: the fifth part that was added to the information of trespass in the things of the Lord, Lev. 5. 15, 16; and the fruit of all trees of the fourth year, after they were planted, Lev. 19. 23, 24. In the time of David they were so numerous that he divided them into twenty-four courses, each of which was to serve a week in its turn, 1 Chron. 24. 1—19; 2 Chron. 23. 4—8. Each of these courses had its head or chief. There were two orders of priesthood—the superior was that of the high priest, which was allotted to Aaron himself and to his successors. He was subject to the like ceremonial restrictions with the priests. He was very solemnly consecrated to his office, by ablution, arrayed in splendid robes, and anointed with holy oil: see Exod. xxviii. to xxx.; Lev. 8. 6, 12. Sacrifices were also offered up. The high priest's duties were to offer sacrifices; to bless the people, Numb. 6. 23—27; to judge, Zech. 3. 6, 7; Deut. 17. 12. The high priest held his office for life, but towards the end of the Jewish policy his office was sometimes sold, and he deposed by the state. The high priest was a striking type of Christ, a grand argument in the Epistle to the Hebrews.

PROPHET .. A messenger of God, inspired to declare his will, 1 Sam. 3. 20; 9. 9; 1 Kings 18. 36; Ezra 5. 1; 6. 14. The business of the prophets was not merely to reveal secret things, whether past, present, or future; but also to instruct the people, and interpret the law and will of God. Their mode of living was frugal, and their apparel plain. There were schools of the prophets, and the students were called sons of the prophets, and were instructed in religion and sacred music: see 2 Kings 2. 3, 5; 4. 38; 1 Kings 13. 4; 1 Sam. 10. 5; 19. 20. The name is also given to false teachers, 1 Kings 18. 19, 40; Acts 13. 6; 2 Pet. 2. 16. Moses, Nathan, and others were eminent prophets of God, but the appellation is commonly limited to the sixteen who have left us their inspired books.

PROSELYTES. These were persons who on their abjuration of idolatry, and submission to the worship of the true God, were admitted to certain privileges of the Jewish church. Proselytes were of three kinds: slaves who were foreigners, or the children of foreigners, serving in Jewish families, as Gen. 15. 2, 3. Proselytes of the gate, who were not circumcised, yet engaged to worship the true God, as Naaman, 2 Kings 5. 18; and proselytes of righteousness, who might trade,

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marry, and enter the sacred fence with the Jews, and partake of the annual feasts.—(*Prideaux, Connexion*, A.C. 428.)

- PUBLICAN**.. An officer of the revenue, who was employed in collecting taxes, Matt. 9. 10, 11; Luke 5. 27. Publicans were commonly extortioners: and, being officers of the Roman government, and living monuments of Jewish degradation, they were abhorred by the whole nation of the Jews, Luke 5. 30; 19. 2.
- RABBIES, OR DOCTORS.** Teachers of Israel, of the higher order. Rabbi signifies 'my master,' and the title was given to those educated in Judea; but those educated in foreign countries were called *rab*, or 'master.'
- RECHABITES.** A family in Israel whose observance of the injunctions of their ancestor Jonadab, to abstain from wine and dwell in tents, became for 300 years, a reproof to the Israelites, for disobeying the commands of God, Jer. 35. 6, 19.
- SADDUCEES.** A sect so named from Sadoc, 263 years B.C., and pupil of an eminent Jewish doctor, Antigonus Socheus. They regarded no other sacred books than the Five Books of Moses. Those of the apostolical age denied the resurrection and the existence of angel or spirit. They were mostly of the higher classes of society, and in the corrupt state of the Jewish church, filled the highest offices.
- SAMARITANS.** Descendants of the remains of the Israelites, not carried into captivity, and afterwards intermixed with Gentiles. They retained various forms of idolatry, with some of the institutions of Moses, 2 Kings 17. 25, 32; see also Ezra 4. 1—4; Neh. 2. 10—20; John 4. 49; Acts 8. 1—14.
- SCRIBES** These were the literati among the Jews. They were generally Pharisees, and devoted to the ministry. Their knowledge of the law procured them a seat in the Sanhedrim, or supreme council of the nation. Ultimately they were looked to as oracles interpreting the law at their pleasure, and were consulted on all difficult points of doctrine and duty, Matt. 7. 29; 15. 1—9; 23. 2, 13, 15, 23—25, 27, 29. The term was also applied to a scholar or amanuensis, 1 Chron. 27. 32; Jer. 36. 26, 27; Ezra 7. 6, 16; Mark 12. 28—32, compared with Matt. 22. 34; 2 Sam. 8. 17; 20. 25; 1 Kings 4. 3; 2 Kings 19. 2; 22. 8. The term was further applied to a commissary or secretary at war, 2 Kings 25. 19; 2 Chron. 26. 11.
- STOICS**..... A sect of heathen philosophers, so named from the Greek *stoa*, a porch or portico, because Zeno, its founder, held his school in a porch of the city of Athens. They placed the supreme happiness of man in living agreeably to nature and reason; affecting the same stiffness, patience, apathy, austerity, and insensibility as the Pharisees: see Acts 17. 18.
- TETRARCHS.** Princes or kings of the fourth part of a former kingdom, Matt. 14. 1; Luke 3. 1.
- TIRSHATEA.** The governor of the Jews, appointed by the Persian kings, subsequent to the Babylonian captivity: see on Ezra 2. 63.
- WISE MEN**.. Counsellors, astrologers, magicians, pretenders to the knowledge of futurity, Gen. 41. 8; Exod. 7. 11. These who paid their adorations to Jesus were from Eastern Arabia: see Matt. 2. 1, 11, 16; Numb. 24. 17, &c.

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- Cubit*, about one foot six or eight inches, being the measure of the arm of a full-sized man, taken from the elbow to the extremity of the middle finger. Some think the Hebrew cubit was twenty-two inches, Gen. 6. 15, 16; 1 Sam. 18. 4; Dan. 3. 1.
- Fathom*, about six feet eight inches; properly a man's grasp, extending his arms, and including his breast, Acts 27. 28.
- Finger-breadth*, about that of six large barleycorns joined in the thickest part, Jer. 52. 21.
- Hand-breadth*, or *Palm*, the breadth of a man's hand; about four inches, Exod. 25. 25; Ezek. 40. 5.
- Mill*, so called from *mille*, a thousand, because the Roman mile consisted of a thousand paces. About one-fifth more than an English mile, Matt. 5. 41.
- Reed*, a measure of about ten feet ten inches, and was so called because made of a reed, Ezek. 40. 3; 42. 16—19; Rev. 21. 15.
- Sabbath day's journey*, a mile, Acts 1. 12.
- Span*, a measure from the thumb to the little finger expanded; about ten or eleven inches, Exod. 25. 16; 1 Sam. 17. 4.

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- Bath*, a measure for liquids, containing about seven gallons and two quarts, 1 Kings 7. 26; 2 Chron. 2. 10; 4. 5; Ezra 7. 22; Ezek. 45. 10, 14.
- Cab*, a measure of about three pints. It would contain twenty-four eggs.
- Cor*, a measure chiefly for liquids, of about seventy-five gallons, Ezek. 40. 14.
- Ephah*, a dry measure, nearly a bushel English.
- Firkin*, a Grecian measure, about the size of the Hebrew *Bath*, which see above.
- Hin*, a liquid measure, of about a gallon and a half English, Exod. 29. 40; 30. 24, &c.
- Homer*, or *Omer*, a measure of dry things, about six pints. There was also a liquid Homer, called *Cor*. See *Cor*, as above, Numb. 11. 32; Ezek. 45. 11—14.

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Log, the smallest liquid measure; it would contain the contents of six egg-shells, Lev. 14. 10.
Measures. The *Batos*. Luke 16. 6, was of like capacity with the Ephah. The *Chamiz*, called "measure," Rev. 6. 6, was a Grecian dry measure, about a quart English corn measure.
Omer, see *Romer*, above.
Pei, or *Sextarius*, a small dry measure, Mark 7. 4.

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. Hebrew Coins were originally *Weights*.

Dehah, Hebrew coin; a half Shekel; four pennyweights, thirteen and a half grains. Value one shilling and three halfpence, Exod. 38. 26.
Farthing, a Roman brass coin, called the *Assarium*, or *As*; value about the tenth part of a Roman penny, or three farthings English, Matt. 10. 29.
Maneh, in gold, about one hundred shekels; or 3 lbs. 9 oz. 1 dwt. 3 grs. about 190*l*.; in silver, sixty shekels weight, and coined, worth about 5*l*. 1*4s*., Ezek. 45. 12.
Mite, the smallest coin used by the Jews, Greeks, and Romans, equal to about three-eighths of a farthing, Mark 12. 42.
Penny, the Roman denarius, or Greek drachma; value about sevenpence halfpenny of our money, Mat. 20. 2, 13.
Piece of Money. The *Stater*, so translated, Matt. 17. 27, was a Grecian coin of about two shillings and sevenpence value.
Piece of Silver, 1 Sam. 2. 35. This was the Hebrew *Gerah*, about eleven grains, and was worth about five farthings. The Greek *Drachma* is also so rendered, Luke 15. 8, but this was equal in value to the Roman Penny. See above, Penny.
Shekel, a silver Hebrew coin, computed worth about two shillings and threepence to three shillings. Its weight was nearly half an ounce, and being the most ancient standard, money was weighed by it before the practice of coining, Gen. 23. 15, 16; 24. 22; Ezek. 4. 10. The king's weight and that of the sanctuary somewhat differed, Exod. 30. 13; 2 Sam. 14. 25.
Talent, a Hebrew weight of 3000 Shekels. This was about 114 lbs. 15 dwts., Exod. 25. 39; 38. 25, 26; 2 Sam. 12. 30. The value of the Talent is variously reckoned. In silver, about 375*l*.; in gold, about 5,250*l*.
Tribute Money, the didrachma or double drachm of the Romans; value about one shilling and three-pence halfpenny, Matt. 17. 24.

TIME.

Year.—The Jewish civil year commenced at the autumnal equinox, in memory of the creation; but the ecclesiastical year from the spring equinox, in memory of the redemption from Egypt, Exod. 12. 2. As the year consisted of twelve lunar months, amounting to 354 days, and this occasioned an error in fixing the times of the feasts, an intercalary month was added to the ecclesiastical year, after the month Adar, which was called *Ve-adar*. Subsequently further alterations were made by astronomical calculations and cycles, which are still in use.

Month.—The months of the Hebrews were lunar ones, which they made to consist alternately of twenty-nine and thirty days, according as the new moon appeared sooner or later.

		HARVEST MONTHS.		SACRED YEAR.	CIVIL YEAR.
				YEAR.	YEAR.
Abib, or Nisan	Ex. 12. 2, 18; 13. 4; Es. 3. 7, nearly corresponds with our	March	1st Month.	7th Month.	
Zif, or Iyar	1 Kings 6. 1.	April	2nd ..	8th ..	
Sivan	Esth. 8. 9.	May	3rd ..	9th ..	
SUMMER.					
Tammuz	Ezek. 8. 14.	June	4th ..	10th ..	
Ab		July	5th ..	11th ..	
HOT SEASON.					
Elul	Neh. 6. 15.	August	6th ..	12th ..	
Chashan, or Tisri	1 Kings 8. 2.	Sept.	7th ..	1st ..	
SEED TIME.					
Chesvan or Bul	1 Kings 6. 38.	Oct.	8th ..	2nd ..	
Chisleu	Zech. 7. 1.	Nov.	9th ..	3rd ..	
Shebeth	Esther 2. 16.	Dec.	10th ..	4th ..	
Shebat	Zech. 1. 7.	Jan.	11th ..	5th ..	
Adar	Esther 3. 7.	Feb.	12th ..	6th ..	

Adar, or Second Adar, added here as an intercalary month, when needed.

Week.—This consisted of seven natural days.

Day.—Consisting of twelve hours, computed from six in the morning, till six in the evening: the first hour corresponding to our seven o'clock, the second to our eight, &c. In the time of Nehemiah the day was divided into four parts; prior to that period there were only morning, noon, and evening, Psalm 55. 17. The Jews reckoned two evenings, the former beginning at the ninth hour of the day, or three o'clock in the afternoon; and the latter at the eleventh hour, or five o'clock at night. This was anciently divided into three parts or watches, Psa. 63. 6; 90. 4. They were called the beginning of the watches, Lam. 2. 19; the middle watch, Judg. 7. 19; and the morning watch, Exod. 14. 24. But in our Lord's time there was a division of four watches, the last having been introduced by the Romans, who derived it from the Greeks. The first watch was from six till nine; the second, (Luke 12. 38.) from nine till twelve; the third from twelve to three; and the fourth, (Matt. 14. 25.) from three till six: see Mark 13. 35.

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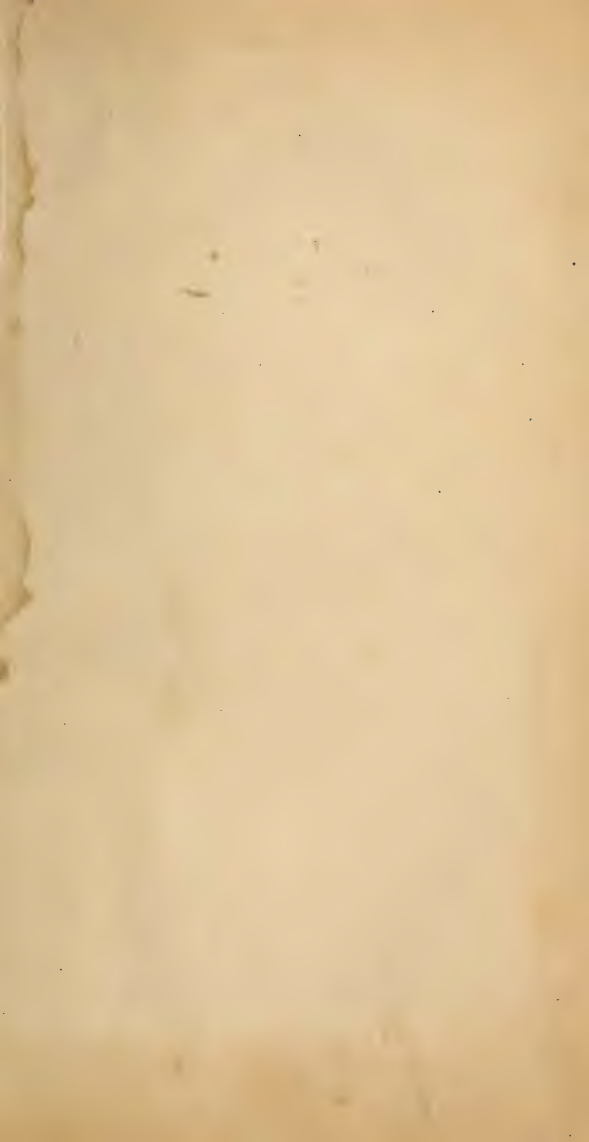
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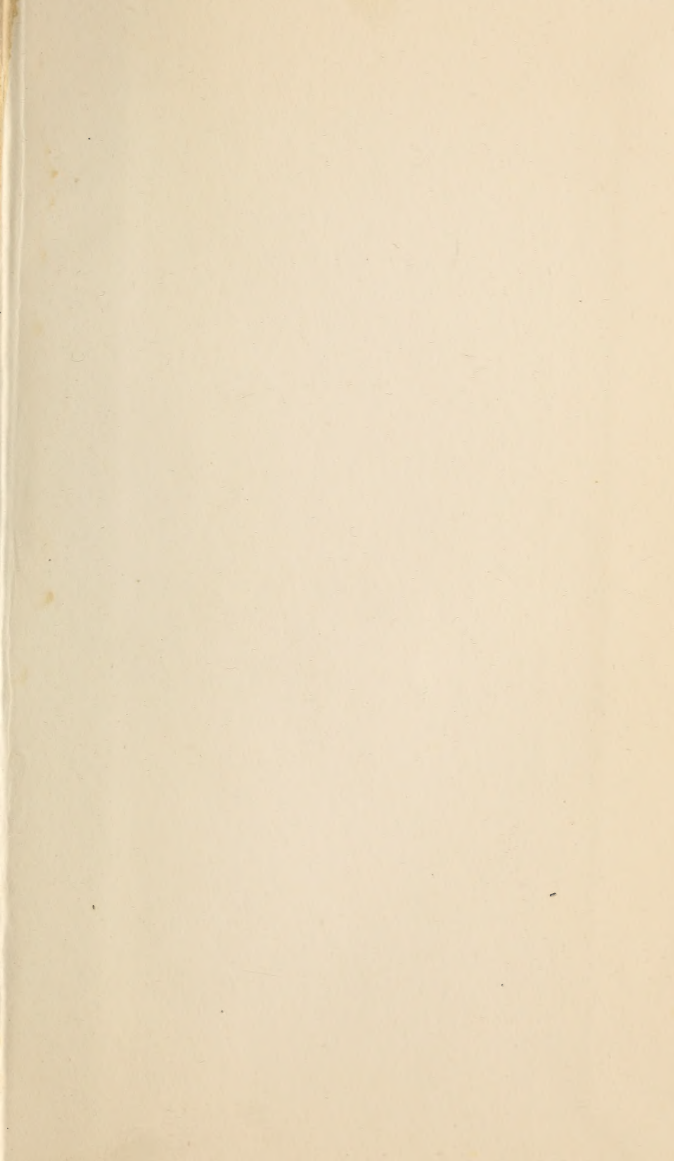
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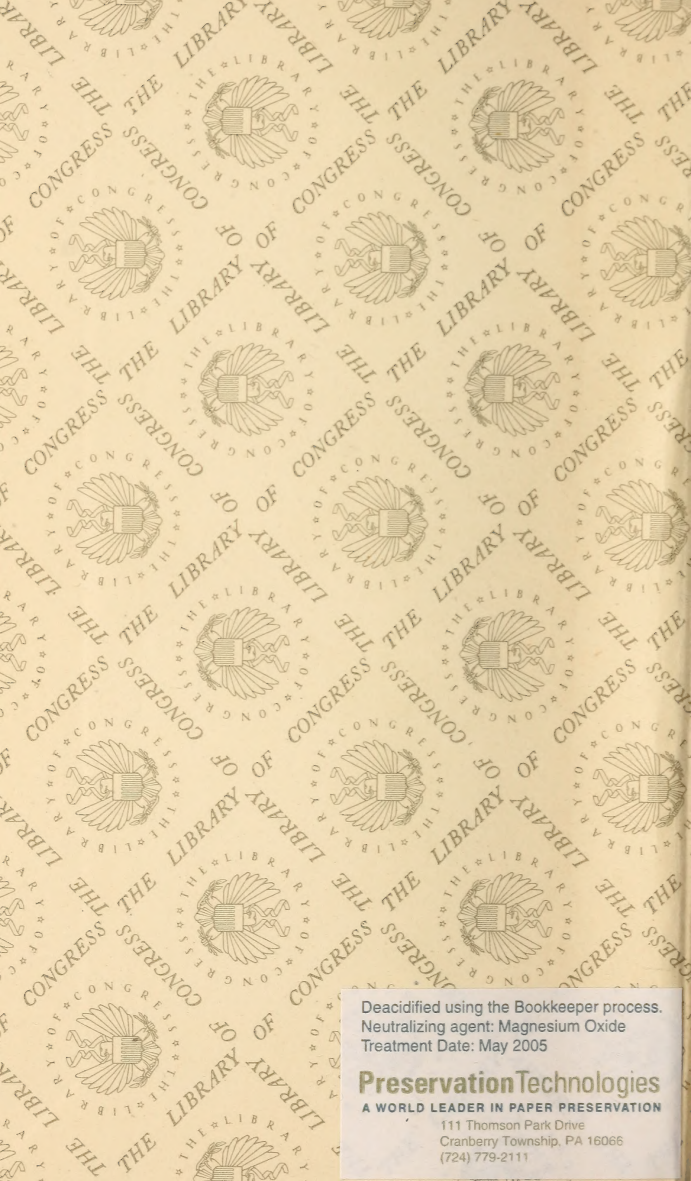
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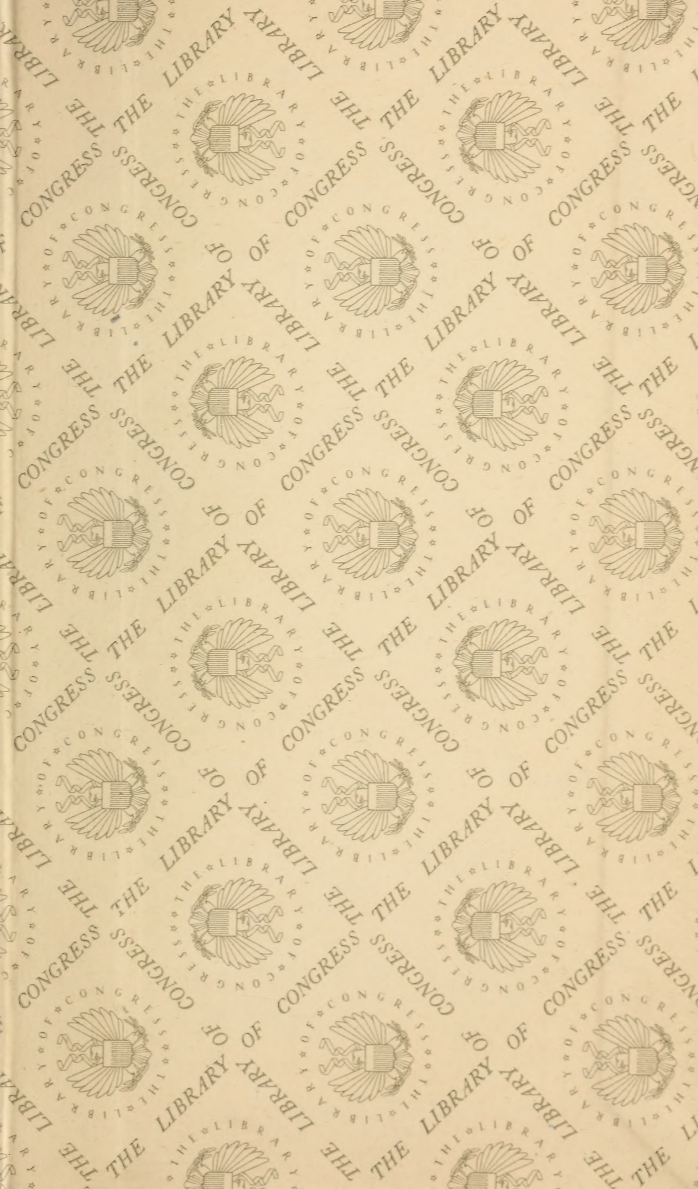


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